



U.S. Department of Justice

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
Washington, D.C. 20535

December 3, 2021

MR. JOHN R. GREENEWALD JR.  
SUITE 1203  
27305 WEST LIVE OAK ROAD  
CASTAIC, CA 91384-4520

FOIPA Request No.: 1509948-000  
Subject: ALBERTSON, WILLIAM

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

The enclosed 487 pages of records were determined to be responsive to your subject and were previously processed and released pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Please see the selected paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request as well as the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.

- ☒ In an effort to provide you with responsive records as expeditiously as possible, we are releasing documents from previous requests regarding your subject. We consider your request fulfilled. Since we relied on previous results, additional records potentially responsive to your subject may exist. If this release of previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you may request an additional search for records. Submit your request by mail to **Initial Processing Operations Unit, 200 Constitution Drive, Winchester, VA 22602, or by fax to (540) 868-4997**. Please cite the FOIPA Request Number in your correspondence.
- ☐ Please be advised that additional records responsive to your subject exist. If this release of previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you must advise us that you want the additional records processed. Please submit your response within thirty (30) days by mail to **Initial Processing Operations Unit, 200 Constitution Drive, Winchester, VA 22602, or by fax to (540) 868-4997**. Please cite the FOIPA Request Number in your correspondence. **If we do not receive your decision within thirty (30) days of the date of this notification, your request will be closed.**
- ☐ One or more of the enclosed records were transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Although we retained a version of the records previously processed pursuant to the FOIA, the original records are no longer in our possession.

If this release of the previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you may file a FOIPA request with NARA at the following address:

National Archives and Records Administration  
Special Access and FOIA  
8601 Adelphi Road, Room 5500  
College Park, MD 20740-6001

- ☐ Records potentially responsive to your request were transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), and they were not previously processed pursuant to the FOIA. You may file a request with NARA using the address above.



- ☐ One or more of the enclosed records were destroyed. Although we retained a version of the records previously processed pursuant to the FOIA, the original records are no longer in our possession. Record retention and disposal is carried out under supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) , Title 44, United States Code, Section 3301 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1228; Title 44, United States Code, Section 3310 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1229.10.
- ☐ Records potentially responsive to your request were destroyed. Since this material could not be reviewed, it is not known if it was responsive to your request. Record retention and disposal is carried out under supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) according to Title 44 United States Code Section 3301, Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Chapter 12 Sub-chapter B Part 1228, and 36 CFR 1229.10.
- ☐ Documents or information referred to other Government agencies were not included in this release.

Please refer to the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for additional standard responses applicable to your request. **“Part 1”** of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. **“Part 2”** includes additional standard responses that apply to all requests for records about yourself or any third party individuals. **“Part 3”** includes general information about FBI records that you may find useful. Also enclosed is our Explanation of Exemptions.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the [www.fbi.gov/foia](http://www.fbi.gov/foia) website under “Contact Us.” The FOIPA Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.

Please be advised that if you are seeking a new search for records, you may wish to narrow the scope of your request based on material that you have already received, e.g., timeframe or locality. Additionally, be advised that “unusual circumstances” may apply. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(6)(B)(iii). These “unusual circumstances” will delay our ability to make a determination on your request within 20 days. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(6)(B). Additionally, the payment of pertinent fees may apply to your request. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(4)(A)(viii). The application of “unusual circumstances” is not a determination of how the FBI will respond to your substantive request.

If you are not satisfied with the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP’s FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP’s website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked “Freedom of Information Act Appeal.” Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. Alternatively, you may contact the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison by emailing [foipaquestions@fbi.gov](mailto:foipaquestions@fbi.gov). If you submit your dispute resolution correspondence by email, the subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. G. Seidel", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael G. Seidel  
Section Chief  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section  
Information Management Division

Enclosure(s)

## FBI FOIPA Addendum

As referenced in our letter responding to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, the FBI FOIPA Addendum provides information applicable to your request. Part 1 of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. Part 2 includes standard responses that apply to requests for records about individuals to the extent your request seeks the listed information. Part 3 includes general information about FBI records, searches, and programs.

### Part 1: The standard responses below apply to all requests:

- (i) **5 U.S.C. § 552(c).** Congress excluded three categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIPA [5 U.S.C. § 552(c)]. FBI responses are limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIPA. Additional information about the FBI and the FOIPA can be found on the [www.fbi.gov/foia](http://www.fbi.gov/foia) website.
- (ii) **Intelligence Records.** To the extent your request seeks records of intelligence sources, methods, or activities, the FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and as applicable to requests for records about individuals, PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(1), (b)(3), and (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself a classified fact protected by FOIA exemption (b)(1) and/or would reveal intelligence sources, methods, or activities protected by exemption (b)(3) [50 USC § 3024(i)(1)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that any such records do or do not exist.

### Part 2: The standard responses below apply to all requests for records on individuals:

- (i) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Watch Lists.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of any individual's name on a watch list pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that watch list records do or do not exist.
- (ii) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Witness Security Program Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could identify any participant in the Witness Security Program pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(3) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(3), 18 U.S.C. 3521, and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.
- (iii) **Requests for Records for Incarcerated Individuals.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any incarcerated individual pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F), and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F), and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.

### Part 3: General Information:

- (i) **Record Searches.** The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for reasonably described records by searching systems or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. A standard search normally consists of a search for main files in the Central Records System (CRS), an extensive system of records consisting of applicant, investigative, intelligence, personnel, administrative, and general files compiled by the FBI per its law enforcement, intelligence, and administrative functions. The CRS spans the entire FBI organization, comprising records of FBI Headquarters, FBI Field Offices, and FBI Legal Attaché Offices (Legats) worldwide; Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) records are included in the CRS. Unless specifically requested, a standard search does not include references, administrative records of previous FOIPA requests, or civil litigation files. For additional information about our record searches, visit [www.fbi.gov/services/information-management/foipa/requesting-fbi-records](http://www.fbi.gov/services/information-management/foipa/requesting-fbi-records).
- (ii) **FBI Records.** Founded in 1908, the FBI carries out a dual law enforcement and national security mission. As part of this dual mission, the FBI creates and maintains records on various subjects; however, the FBI does not maintain records on every person, subject, or entity.
- (iii) **Requests for Criminal History Records or Rap Sheets.** The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division provides Identity History Summary Checks – often referred to as a criminal history record or rap sheet. These criminal history records are not the same as material in an investigative “FBI file.” An Identity History Summary Check is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization, or military service. For a fee, individuals can request a copy of their Identity History Summary Check. Forms and directions can be accessed at [www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks](http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks). Additionally, requests can be submitted electronically at [www.edo.cjis.gov](http://www.edo.cjis.gov). For additional information, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590.
- (iv) **National Name Check Program (NNCP).** The mission of NNCP is to analyze and report information in response to name check requests received from federal agencies, for the purpose of protecting the United States from foreign and domestic threats to national security. Please be advised that this is a service provided to other federal agencies. Private Citizens cannot request a name check.

## **EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS**

### **SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552**

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information ( A ) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, ( B ) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, ( C ) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, ( D ) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, ( E ) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or ( F ) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

### **SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a**

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK CITY**

NY FILE NO. **65-5604 AFW**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK CITY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11/7/41</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/18, 20/41</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. K. RAMSEY</b>
TITLE  <b>WILLIAM ALBERTSON</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**WILLIAM ALBERTSON**, 59 West End Avenue, Manhattan Beach, New York, born on May 7, 1910, in Russia, naturalized at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1921. Subject is married, has two children, and is presently employed as a waiter at the Havana-Madrid Night Club, 1650 Broadway, New York City. Investigation by the New York Police Department reflects **ALBERTSON** former candidate for several offices on the Communist Party ticket, including congressman in 1934 election, and is now registered with the American Labor Party. A custodial detention memorandum is being prepared on **WILLIAM ALBERTSON**.

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**DETAILS:**

This investigation is predicated upon information furnished to the New York Field Division by an anonymous source on July 5, 1940, to the effect that **WILLIAM ALBERTSON** had received a large quantity of mail from Russia. On October 29, 1940, a preliminary investigation was requested of the New York Police Department, the results of which were reported by letter dated December 4, 1940, as follows:

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<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p> <p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT 5- Bureau 2- New York 2- Pittsburgh</p>	<p>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <p style="text-align: right;">11-13-79</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em;">NOV 10 1941</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FIVE</p>
<p>RECEIVED NOV 13 1941</p>	<p>RECORDED INDEXED</p>

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"  
December 4, 1940  
From:- Commanding Officer, Special Squad #1  
To: Special Agent in Charge, F. B. I.  
Subject: F.B.I. #65-5604 WILLIAM ALBERTSON

1. Det. Edward Basch, #1245, 60th Squad, assigned to this investigation, reports that WILLIAM ALBERTSON has resided since June 1940, at 59 West End Avenue, Manhattan Beach, with his wife and two children. He is 5' 8", 145 lbs., slight build, has blue eyes, brown hair, and wears glasses. Born in Russia thirty years ago, he received his citizenship papers in 1921 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Board of Election records show that he has been in this state for the past ten years and is enrolled with the American Labor Party.

2. At present he is employed as a waiter at the Havana-Madrid, 1650 Broadway, Manhattan. He was formerly Secretary of Local #16 of the Waiters & Bartenders Union, 752 Eighth Avenue, Manhattan; also affiliated with the now defunct Food Workers Industrial Union, Local #119. In 1935 he was a member of the Retail Clerks Protective Association, affiliated with the A.F. of L.

4. According to the records of this Department, subject has been a candidate for several offices on the Communist Party ticket, including Congressman in the 1934 Election.

5. Previous address of subject : 107 A Hampton Ave., Manhattan Beach; and 1872 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn.

6. There is no further record of him in the files of this department.

/s/ George P. Mitchell  
Captain

Confidential Informant A, advised that subject was registered under Selective Service & Training Act, Serial #20785, Order #80. According to the registration records, ALBERTSON was born in Russia on May 7, 1910 and was naturalized in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1921. He was reported to reside at 59 West End Avenue, Manhattan Beach, Brooklyn, New York and to be employed as a waiter at the Havana-Madrid Corporation, 1650 Broadway, New York City. A description of subject as obtained from Confidential Informant A is as follows:



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Age	31
Height	5' 8"
Weight	154 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Gray
Complexion	Dark
Marks and scars	None apparent

Mr. P. WALDEMAN, superintendent, 59 West End Avenue Brooklyn, New York, advised that ALBERTSON had leased Apartment 1-B at the above address during 1940 for a period of two years at a monthly rental of \$55.00. He said that ALBERTSON is a very desirable tenant, although he could furnish little information regarding his activities and business connections. The identity of the writer was not made known to Mr. WALDEMAN.

Other inquiries at 59 West End Avenue and the immediate vicinity disclosed no additional information regarding ALBERTSON.

It may be noted that the Havana-Madrid Corporation at 1650 Broadway is a small dine and dance club. Discreet telephonic inquiry disclosed that ALBERTSON is presently employed there as a waiter.

A custodial detention memorandum is being prepared on WILLIAM ALBERTSON.

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PITTSBURGH FIELD DIVISION

AT PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, will contact appropriate officials of the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization and obtain all available information concerning naturalization of WILLIAM ALBERTSON. It may be noted that ALBERTSON is said to have been born in Russia on May 7, 1910 and to have been naturalized in Pittsburgh sometime during the year 1921.

Will obtain reproduction of the photograph of ALBERTSON and furnish the New York Field Division with three copies of the same in the event it is available.

It is requested that the above lead be expedited in order that the Bureau will have the benefit of this information in considering subject for custodial detention.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT A mentioned in report of  
Special Agent R. K. Ramsey dated November 7, 1941 is  
MRS. C. SCHIELKE, Local Draft Board #144, 1716 Voorhies  
Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK CITY**

FILE NO. **65-749**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Pittsburgh, Pa.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-10-42</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-3, 5, 8, 11-41</b>	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
TITLE  <b>WILLIAM ALBERTSON</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ESPIONAGE (R)</b>

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** No record subject having been naturalized in Pittsburgh in 1921. Mrs. **ESTHER ALBERTSON**, formerly **ESTHER ABRAMSKI**, born in Russia, naturalized in Pittsburgh, June 29, 1927, has son, **WILLIAM ALBERTSON** residing 1133 Broadway, New York City, who is employed by Citizens Committee to free **EARL BROWDER**. No photograph available.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent R. K. **RAMSEY** dated November 7, 1941 at New York City.

**DETAILS:** AT **PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA**

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Miss G. J. **ELWOOD**, Clerk of the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization, New Post Office Building, furnished records of that office covering the naturalization of persons at Pittsburgh from the year 1906 to the present time. A thorough search of the indices of these records failed to reveal any record of naturalization of subject at Pittsburgh in the year 1921 or at any other date within the period covered by the files. The files did, however, contain the records of the naturalization of Mrs. **ESTHER ALBERTSON**, formerly **ABRAMSKI**, indicating that she was born in Bratzlav, Russia, March 15, 1884; that Mrs. **ALBERTSON** arrived at Philadelphia from Bremen, Germany on the Steamer **CHEMNITZ** February 10, 1911; that she declared her intention to become a citizen January 6, 1922 at Pittsburgh; that her final petition for citizenship number 71893 was filed March 30, 1927 and that final order of admission to citizenship was issued June 29, 1927; that at the time of her entrance into this country, Mrs. **ALBERTSON**

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<p>3 <b>JAN 9 1942</b></p> <p>COPIES DESTROYED</p> <p>5 <b>SEP 29 1960</b></p> <p>3 New York City</p> <p>2 Pittsburgh</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">IN FILE</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">265-38100-2</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">JAN 15 1942</p> <p style="text-align: right;">RECORDED INDEXED</p>

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brought with her one child, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, born May 7, 1910 in Russia and that he was residing with her in Pittsburgh at the time of the petition. The final of admission by the U. S. Court also authorized the name to be changed from ESTHER ABRAMSKI to ESTHER ALBERTSON. Miss ELWOOD stated that there were no photographs in the file available either of Mrs. ALBERTSON or of her son, WILLIAM, inasmuch as the practice of photographing applicants for citizenship was not commenced until 1929 in this office.

The R. L. Polk and Company Directories of the City of Pittsburgh for the years 1922 to 1927 inclusive list Mrs. ESTHER ALBERTSON variously as social worker, nurse, and masseuse. The current 1940 Polk City Directory lists Mrs. ESTHER ALBERTSON as a masseuse employed by the Young Men and Women's Hebrew Association at 350 Bellefield Avenue and gives her residence as 745 Linden Avenue.

Mr. HERMAN PASSAMANECK, Executive Director of the Young Men and Women's Hebrew Association, 315 Bellefield Avenue, stated that Mrs. ESTHER ALBERTSON is employed by the association as a masseuse and had been so employed by them since approximately 1927; that he regarded her as a satisfactory employee, although some years ago she had been characterized as "pink" in her ideas. Through Mr. PASSAMANECK, writer endeavored to secure from Mrs. ALBERTSON a picture of her son, WILLIAM, but was advised that none was available. Writer was informed however, at this time, that the son of Mrs. ALBERTSON, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, resided at present at 1133 Broadway, New York City, and was employed by the Citizens Committee to free EARL BROWDER. No further information concerning the naturalization of WILLIAM ALBERTSON was available.

Mr. LEO DUMONT, of the Bertillon Division of the Pittsburgh Police, and Mr. EDMUND BISHOP, of the Division of Identification of the Allegheny County Detective Bureau, after a thorough search of the files in their respective offices advised that they could find no record of the criminal arrest of anyone by the name of WILLIAM ALBERTSON, ESTHER ALBERTSON, or ESTHER ABRAMSKI.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

New York, New York      April 28, 1942  
(Field Office)                      (Date)

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65-5604

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: WILLIAM ALBERTSON  
ESPIONAGE (R)

Dear Sir:

This case was received August 1, 1940.  
(Date)

The source or complainant:

Anonymous

(Name)

(Address)

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11-13-79

\*Summary of Complaint: Report of Special Agent R. K. Ramsey,  
dated November 7, 1941 at New York; report of Special Agent  
                     dated January 10, 1942 at Pittsburgh, Pa.

This case after due consideration has been placed  
in a deferred status. It will receive appropriate attention  
immediately when personnel is available.

Very truly yours,

P. E. Foxworth  
P. E. FOXWORTH  
Assistant Director  
Special Agent in Charge

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\*(If Bureau files contain information in field office files,  
list Bureau file number or refer to agent's report.)

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9-3-42  
L.H. Tupper  
W.H.

WEH:MES  
65-38100

September 3, 1942

Special Agent in Charge  
New York, New York

Re: WILLIAM ALBERTSON  
ESPIONAGE - R

Dear Sir:

It is requested that an effort be made to  
give this case attention within the near future in order  
that it may be brought to a logical conclusion.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Glegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Kramer
- Mr. McGuire
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

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W. H.



WEH:EMT  
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Date:

January 1, 1943

To:

SAC, New York

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject:

WILLIAM ALBERTSON;  
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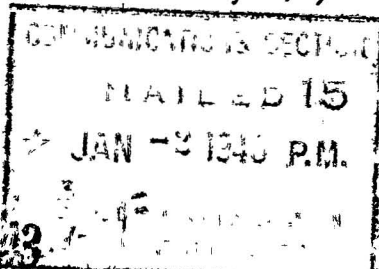
Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

You are requested to advise when a report

may be expected in this case.

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

NY FILE NO. **65-5604**

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TITLE <b>WILLIAM ALBERTSON</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE - R</b>

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject is presently Secretary and General Organizer of the Waiters, Waitresses and Bartenders Union, Local 16, A.F. of L. Has recently been cooperating as a trade union leader in the activities of various Communist front organizations, including the Committee to Free Earl Browder, the Soviet-Jewish anti-Fascist Committee and a Labor Committee for the Election of Israel Amter, Communist Candidate for Governor.

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REASON - FCIM II, 1-2.4.2...  
DATE OF REVIEW... **3/17/90**

**REFERENCE:**

Bureau file 65-38100.

Report of Special Agent  dated January 10, 1942 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**DETAILS:**

(U) AT NEW YORK.

(U) [On April 30, 1942] Confidential Informant [N] whose identity is known to the Bureau, reported that subject was elected the General Organizer of the Waiters & Waitresses Union, Local 16, A.F. of L. on April 24, 1942. He was described as being generally recognized as a Communist.

(U) [On August 13, 1942] Informant [N] reported that subject is among the A.F. of L. Communists advocating the affiliation of American labor with the Anglo-Soviet Trade Union Council. The informant reported that

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subject was connected with the American League of Peace and Democracy and the International Labor Defense. It was also stated that he had been trade union secretary of the committee to Free Earl Browder. He had also been connected with the now defunct trade union unity league, Food Workers Union, and is reported to have been active in the Young Communist League in Pittsburgh and New York.

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[On February 15, 1942] he attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the District Bureau of the Illinois, Indiana Communist Party held at Chicago, Illinois.

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[On September 24, 1942] Informant [N] reported that subject, the general organizer of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, Local #16, A.F.of L. was a speaker at a second-front rally in New York City on September 10, 1942 which rally was sponsored by a Communist Committee made up of 40 A.F.of L. leaders.

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[On October 13, 1942] Informant [N] reported that subject had been a sponsor of the Jewish anti-Fascist Committee's appeal in August 1942 for 1000 tanks and 500 bombers for the Russian Army. According to the informant, this groups' activities were completely under Communist auspices.

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[On October 23, 1942] informant [N] reported that the Daily Worker of October 9, 1942 listed subject as one of the 54 outstanding New York trade Unionists who formed the Labor Committee for the Election of ISRAEL ANTER, Communist Candidate for Governor. He was described as Secretary and General Organizer of the Waiters, Waitresses and Bartenders Union, Local #16, A.F.of L.

A review of instant file reflects all outstanding leads to have been covered. In view of this, no further investigation is being conducted and the case is being closed.

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**KEY FIGURE**

Subject formerly General Secretary and Treasurer, **HOTEL & RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES UNION, Local 16, NYC**; now Labor Secretary **STATE COMMITTEE, COMMUNIST PARTY of New York**. Subject served as **YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE District Organizer** in **Pittsburgh and Anthracite** region in 1932. Subject has taken active part in food unions since 1933. Confidential informants of NY Office state subject has been a teacher in the **WORKERS SCHOOL** of the **COMMUNIST PARTY**; has acted as an assistant to **ROSE WORTIS**, in charge of trade union work of **COMMUNIST PARTY**; subject sent letters to 300 Union Leaders of NYC, 12/43, requesting them to direct letters to the President to cancel the deportation order against **MRS. EARL BROWDER**. The Dies Committee report disclosed subject has been a member of the **COMMUNIST PARTY** since 1924. Numerous references to the subject in the **DAILY WORKER**. Residence address - 1980 East 12th Street, Brooklyn. Selective Service classification - 1-A; accepted by Army 3/6/44. **U**

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REASON: FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2  
DATE OF REVIEW **3/17/90**

**DETAILS:**

Investigation was initiated in instant case, inasmuch as subject is considered a key figure in the New York Field Division. **U**

At New York City:

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At Local Board 144, 1714 Voorhies Avenue, Brooklyn, the Selective Service records of the subject disclosed that the report of the physical examination and induction order dated March 3, 1944 disclosed that the subject at that time was residing at 1980 East 12th Street, Brooklyn. This report revealed that the subject stated that he was presently employed as Labor Secretary of the NEW YORK STATE COMMITTEE of the COMMUNIST PARTY, and has been employed in this position since November 8, 1943. This report further revealed that the subject was accepted by the United States Army on March 6, 1944, and his induction had been postponed until the latter part of May, 1944. u

The supplemental affidavit Family Status Form of the subject maintained in his Selective Service File, dated November 27, 1943, set out the following information: u

Social Security	113-12-4679
Born	5/7/10.
Citizenship	USA
Religion	Hebrew
Education	Two years' college
Marital Status	Married; two children.
Wife's name	FRANCINE
Former occupation	Labor Union Official, HOTEL & RESTAURANT WORKERS UNION, Local 16, AFL, NYC.
Present occupation	Labor Secretary, NEW YORK STATE COMMITTEE, CP, USA.
Average earnings	\$223.12 per month.
Employed at such position since	11/8/43.

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Informant [T-1] advised that the subject, who is an official of the HOTEL AND RESTAURANT WORKERS UNION, New York City, is one of the comparative new comers to the YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE, since he joined in 1928. This informant went on to say that the subject has held every imaginable kind of job, such as soda jerker, waiter, newsboy, grocery clerk, and packer. This informant further stated that at the age of 18, the subject organized his first strike in the HERMES ICE CREAM PLANT, and this was the year in which he was kicked out of the University of Pittsburgh for expressing his opinion about the frame up of TOM MOONEY. This informant further related that later on, the subject became the National Secretary of the WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA LABOR SPORTS UNION, and also editor of the "WORKERS' SPORTS"; and then served a period as the YOUNG COMMUNIST District Organizer in Pittsburgh and the anthracite coal region. This informant also advised that in 1932, the subject became a member of the

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FOOD WORKERS INDUSTRIAL UNION, Editor of the FOOD WORKER, and head of the NEW YORK TRADE UNION CITY COUNCIL; and then, with the development of a unified trade union movement, the subject became an organizer in the HOTEL AND RESTAURANT WORKERS UNION, Local 119, and since that time has played an active part in food unions.

(U) Informant [T-2] advised that on December 24, 1943, the subject  
(U) had a conference with FERDINAND SMITH, Vice-President of the National  
(U) Maritime Union, discussing a new BROWDER campaign. This informant related that in regards to this matter, the subject advised SMITH that he had gotten up a letter to be directed to President Roosevelt, requesting that the deportation order against MRS. EARL BROWDER be cancelled immediately; which would be mailed to about 300 Union Leaders in this city requesting them to pass such a resolution.

(U) Informant [T-3] advised that the subject had written an article in the June 7, 1930 issue of the DAILY WORKER entitled "WORKERS' DEFENSE COURSE". In this article the subject discusses the formation of Workers' Defense Course as a mass Party "auxiliary", the functioning COMMUNIST factions therein. ALBERTSON describes the main function of such Workers' Defense Course as defending the workers in their struggle against the forces of Capitalism on the picket lines at demonstrations. He states that it is not a Red front fighters organization, nor is it a labor sports union; but rather that the basis of the organization must be in the mills, mines, shops, and factories; and that it is based also on the new unions of the minorities in the AFL locals and shop committees. He stated that wherever there is a shop nucleus of the Party or League, there must be built the Workers' Defense Course. He concluded his article by stating, "The Party must begin immediately to follow up its agitators' work with real organizational work in the building of the Workers' Defense Course into a broad, mass working class organization."

(U) Informant [T-3] further related that Confidential Informant  
(U) [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, has advised that the subject has been a member of the STATE COMMITTEE of the COMMUNIST PARTY; a teacher in the WORKERS SCHOOL of the COMMUNIST PARTY; and has acted as an assistant to ROSE WORTIS, in charge of the trade union work of the COMMUNIST PARTY.

(U) Informant [T-3] further related that the Dies Committee reports reflect that JOSEPH SACK testified before the Dies Committee that the subject had been a member of the COMMUNIST PARTY since 1924, and that these reports also reflected that the subject was on the Reorganization Committee of the AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR PEACE & DEMOCRACY.

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Informant [T-3] also related that BENJAMIN GITLOW testified that WILLIAM ALBERTSON, a member of the Executive Committee of the I.L.B., was a Communist.

A review of the Daily Worker indices of the New York Office disclosed the following references to the subject: u

In the Daily Worker dated January 29, 1943, at page 4, column 3, the subject's name appears as one of the supporters for "the TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION in its effort to settle the transit dispute by arbitration". u

In the Daily Worker dated March 25, 1943, page 2, column 6, the subject's name appears with a hundred other Union Leaders as one of the officials protesting the anti-Soviet Campaign in the Alter Erlich Case. u

In the Daily Worker dated June 6, 1943, page 5, column 7, the subject's name appears as one of the hundred Union Leaders who endorsed the Workers' Financial Drive. u

In the Daily Worker dated July 3, 1943, page 2, column 4, the subject's name appears with a hundred other AFL leaders who sent greetings to the Soviet Labor Party in Russia. u

In the Daily Worker dated July 6, 1943, page 5, column 6, the subject's name appears as one of the sponsors for the Working People's Trade Unions mass meetings to be held July 8, 1943. u

In the Daily Worker, September 10, 1943, page 1, column 2, the subject's name appears with forty Union Leaders who have organized a non-partisan Labor Committee to reelect Councilman PETER CACCHIONE, Brooklyn Communist. u

In the Daily Worker dated November 22, 1943, page 3, column 1, the subject's name appears as one of the speakers in the memorial meeting to honor ABRAHAM MARKOFF at the WORKERS SCHOOL on November 24, 1943. u

The following is a description of the subject which was obtained from the Selective Service files of the subject: u

Name	WILLIAM ALBERTSON
Address	1980 East 12th St., Brooklyn.
Occupation	Labor Secretary, STATE COMMITTEE, COMMUNIST PARTY of New York.
Marital Status	Married, two children.

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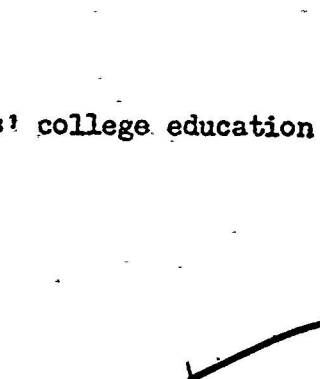
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Age	33
Born	5/7/10
Citizenship	USA
Education	Two years' college education
Height	5'8"
Weight	154
Eyes	Grey
Hair	Black
Complexion	Dark
Race	White
Religion	Hebrew
Scars, marks	None



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NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York, N.Y.:

Will contact Local Board 144, 1714 Voorhies Avenue, Brooklyn, to ascertain the date of the subject's induction into the Army. u

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The confidential informants mentioned in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 12, 1944 at New York City, are identified as follows:

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[T-1:] 1937 year book of the YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE in the section entitled "ALUMNI TINTYPES", which is maintained in the New York Office.

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[T-2:] Report of [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, dated December 24, 1943, maintained in New York File [100-26603] 6

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[T-3:] Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated August 4, 1943, at New York City, entitled COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF HOTEL & RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE & BARTENDERS INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE OF AMERICA, AFL, at page 12 & 13 respectively.

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January 18, 1944

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Special Agent in Charge

New York, New York

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Local 16, A.F.L.  
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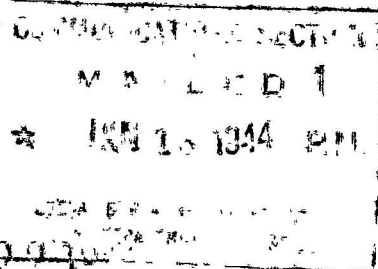
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Director



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**United States Department of Justice**  
New York, New York

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June 23, 1944

Director, FBI

Re: WILLIAM ALBERTSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
(Bureau file #65-38100)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted]  
[redacted] dated May 12, 1944 concerning the above captioned  
subject.

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Handwriting specimens of the subject have been submitted  
to the Bureau and a picture of the subject is being obtained  
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Inasmuch as investigation of this case is completed as  
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a pending inactive status.

Very truly yours,

*E. E. Conroy*

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June 23, 1944

Director, FBI

Re: WILLIAM ALBERTSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Attention: F.B.I. Laboratory

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the Bureau Key Figure Program, I am transmitting herewith photostatic copies of handwriting specimens of the above captioned subject for the National Security Handwriting File.

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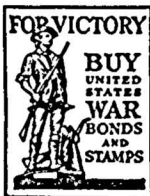
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TO:

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FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON  
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Bureau File 65-38100

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TO :

Director, FBI

DATE: February 21, 1945.

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON, wa;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

There is enclosed herewith copies of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated February 21, 1945 at New York City in the above-captioned matter.

The Bureau's attention is directed to the information appearing therein reflecting that the subject was classified 2A by Local Draft Board Number 144, New York City, on the basis of a request filed by the Brooklyn Communist Political Association.

A photographic copy of this form will be obtained through liaison channels and forwarded to the Bureau.

No further action is contemplated by this Office.

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TITLE CHANGED: <b>WILLIAM ALBERTSON, with Bill Albertson</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>KEY FIGURE</b></p> <p>Subject is presently serving as Vice-President of the Kings County C.P.A. and is member of the N.Y. State Committee, C.P.A. A request for subject's deferment was filed with LDB #144, NYC, by the Brooklyn C.P.A. on Dec. 18, 1944, and the subject was subsequently classified 2A on Dec. 28, 1944. Subject has long been active in C.P. activities and has been in frequent contact with leading Communists in NYC such as EARL BROWDER, ISRAEL AMTER, and ROY HUDSON. Subject was active in political campaigns of ISRAEL AMTER and PETER V. CACCHIONE who ran on the Communist Party ticket. Subject was also considered one of the leaders of the Communist element in trade union circles during his affiliation with the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, A.F. of L. (C) (U)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><del>DECLASSIFIED BY 8160 DD/RHR</del> <del>1-11-80</del> - P -</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Bureau File Number 65-38100. Report of Special Agent <div></div> New York City, May 12, 1944. (U)</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> The title of this case is being marked "changed" to reflect the addition of the subject's alias BILL ALBERTSON. (U)</p> <p>The records of Local Draft Board Number 144, 1714 Voorhies Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, reflect that the subject was accepted for general military service after a pre-induction physical examination on March 14, 1944. The subject's file contains a request dated March 15, 1944 directed by him to MAR 1 CLASS. EXT. BY. 8160/144</p> <p>REASON FOR EXT. BY. 8160/144 DATE OF REVIEW 8/14/50</p> <p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>E.E. Dwyer</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p> <p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT 5 - Bureau <b>COPIES DESTROYED</b> 4 - New York <b>R87800 20 100</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CONFIDENTIAL</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><del>5-12-79</del> <b>6080</b> <b>9-1</b></p> <p>RECORDED &amp; INDEXED</p>			

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the Board asking that his induction be stayed until June 1944 because he would have difficulty in finding a replacement on his job and arranging financial support for his family. On March 24, 1944 the Board advised the subject that his induction had been postponed until May of 1944 and that they wished to advise that no further deferment could be granted in connection with his case. *u*

The files of the Draft Board reflect that on June 2, 1944 the subject was reclassified to 2A until December 1, 1944 by a vote of the Local Board. The file fails to reflect that any request for deferment was submitted by the subject's employer. The clerk of the Local Board advised the reporting agent that this action on the part of the Board was probably due to the fact that the Board was very lenient in classifying men over twenty-six years of age during the months of April, May, and June, 1944. *u*

The subject's file contains a request for deferment, Form 42B, which was filed on December 18, 1944 by JOSEPH ROBERTS, Executive Secretary of the Brooklyn Communist Political Association. This form sets out that the subject is employed by the Brooklyn Communist Political Association, 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York, as a vice-president and his duties are described as being executive and administrative and indicated that he is in charge of educational activity. On December 28, 1944 a letter was directed by the Local Board to the Brooklyn Communist Political Association advising that the subject was being continued in Classification 2A until July 1, 1945. A vote of the Local Board on the request for the subject's deferment was four to nothing. *u*

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Confidential Informant [T-1] advised on March 5, 1944 that the records of the Kings County Communist Party lists the subject as a qualified speaker and that during the first part of 1944 he was scheduled to speak before the Coney Island Communist Party Club in Brooklyn, New York. He was subsequently assigned to appear as a speaker before this club on June 24, 1944. The records of the Speaker's Bureau indicated that the subject was to speak on the subject "Social Democracy" before a gathering on March 4, 1944 and had still a further assignment as a speaker before a Communist Party sponsored forum on March 26, 1944. *(S) (u)*

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Confidential Informant [T-1] further advised that the subject signed a pledge, "I pledge to recruit at least three new members by March 26, 1944". According to the informant this paper bore the signatures of other members of the Brighton Beach Club, 2d Assembly District, Kings County Communist Party. *(S) (u)*

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[T-1] advised that the subject's name appeared on an organizational chart of the County Communist Party as a member of the Executive Committee with the title of Labor Secretary. This chart further reflected that the subject was a member of the Kings County Labor Department which meets the second Friday of each month and that the subject is also connected with the trade union and community council committee. The informant advised that in connection with the subject's activities as Labor Secretary, one document in the offices of the County Headquarters was very interesting. It was set out as follows: "With the dissolution of the shop and industrial branches and the transfer of their members to the Community Club the post of Labor Secretary, according to county officials, assumes great importance".

(U) [T-1] advised that the files of the County Headquarters also contain a typewritten form letter from the Kings County Communist Party, 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York, prepared for the subject's signature under the closing "Fraternally yours, William Albertson, Labor Secretary". The body of this letter concerned a meeting of the Kings County Labor Committee scheduled for Saturday, March 1, in Room 1903, 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York, at which time a discussion was to be held regarding the situation in Long Shore and the World Labor Congress scheduled for June 1944 at London, England.

Confidential Informant [T-13] furnished a copy of a report delivered by the subject at the first conference of the Brooklyn Communist Political Association on June 29, 1944. This report by the subject first discusses the power of the voting population of Brooklyn and then carries into the reasons for all-out support for the Administration in the National Elections to be held in November 1944. According to the report, now that the Allies are exerting such pressure both from the east and west on HITLER and due to the successes in the Pacific, the reactionary and Fascist forces at home are working overtime to rob us of the political and economic fruits of that military victory. According to the report, the reactionary forces hope through division, disruption and defeatism to weaken the home front to such an extent that they will be in a position to force our nation into a negotiated peace which will mean the resurgence of Fascism in Europe and reaction in the saddle in the United States. The report states that almost all the important reactionary and Fascist forces have grouped themselves around DEWEY, BRICKER, and the Republican Party.

In opposition to this faction, the report states, is the vast majority of the progressive and conservative elements in the country who want the complete destruction of Fascism, a real world family of nations guaranteeing peace for generations, and political democracy for all our people.

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The report states that the results of the National Election in November will determine which of the two roads the country will take. The report outlines the plan of attack for mobilization of force behind the win-the-war candidates. According to the report, now that the Communist Party has been dissolved and has been succeeded by the non-partisan Communist Political Association, the contribution by this group throughout the nation is to build and strengthen those forces standing behind the Teheran Pact and isolate and destroy those against. The duty of the Communist Political Association is to stimulate and deepen the thinking of the people; to lead and guide them not by control, not by fractions, not by boring from within, but by equal participation with them in their organizations and communities in the mass movement. The Communist Political Association must merge with but not dissolve amongst the masses. There must be no issuance of commands, no independent action unless no other course is open. Through the Marxist understanding, the Communist Political Association must clarify and educate the people in the trade unions as well as the other people's organizations. Through them the course and development of the whole labor movement can be influenced. U

ALBERTSON states that the historic isolation of the American Communists can be smashed in this period and recognition as to the indispensability of Communists can be recognized only to the extent that we show in action that the interests and aims of the Communists are those of labor and the people. U

The report continues with the thought that inasmuch as the role of the Communist Political Association is that of an educational organization, the task can best be met through the circulation of the "Daily Worker". The Club Executive Secretary is charged with the full and complete details of press activity. The report sets out that there is now in the process of being worked out a series of proposals for Marxist education including some full-time Borough training schools, leadership classes, and club classes. Some of the suggestions offered for avenue of approach through which different peoples might be reached by the educational facilities of the C.P.A. are the enlargement of the club bulletin in order that it might not be of interest only to club members, the use of the established publications in the Borough which could be utilized by a proper approach, a program of open club meetings to which non-association community leaders might be invited for symposia, and the recruitment of persons for attendance at the Jefferson School. U

Lastly, the report concerns the job of enlarging the membership of the C.P.A. According to the report, in the last recruiting campaign U

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the goal of 2750 members was achieved in Kings County making a Communist Party of approximately 8800 members. The report suggests that such a membership involved in mass work active amongst the people is in a position to influence the vast majority of the Borough's population in election campaigns and that, therefore, the enrollment of these 8800 into the Communist Political Association is an immediate political task which is the concern of every Club Executive Committee. In view of the above information, ALBERTSON states that one of the vice presidents to be elected at the meeting would have responsibility on a full-time basis for the mobilization of the Borough membership. u

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Confidential Informant T-1 advised on the same date that the subject's Federal Income Tax Form indicated that the subject received the sum of \$2570 during the year 1943 as a result of his employment by the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, New York City, and that he received the sum of \$415 from the Communist Party's New York State Committee.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted]

[redacted] 155 West End Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, advised that she and her husband, [redacted] were the owners of the building located at 59 West End Avenue, Brooklyn, from 1941 to March 1942 and that the subject had previously resided at that address as one of their tenants. [redacted] stated that at the time the subject was living in her home he was employed as a waiter and subsequently by a labor union. [redacted] stated that the subject frequently told her that he was a member of the Communist Party and on one or two occasions had invited her to join. u

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[redacted] further stated that in March of 1944 the subject thought that he was going to be inducted into the Army and that a party was held in his honor by the Brighton Beach Club located on Coney Island Avenue. [redacted] advised that she attended the party and that the subject gave a speech suggesting that the members buy more war bonds and donate more blood for the war effort. According to [redacted] from all outward appearances it would seem that the Communists were good loyal Americans and that they were supporting the war effort, but she believed they had an ulterior motive inasmuch as their support for the United States meant support for Russia. u

[redacted] 77 West End Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, advised that he purchased the apartment building located at 59 West End Avenue during March 1942 and that the subject had formerly lived at that address. [redacted] was unable to furnish any information concerning the subject other than that he had been a very satisfactory tenant. u

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[redacted] and [redacted] 59 West End Avenue, Brooklyn, were both contacted but were unable to furnish any information concerning the subject's activity. u

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A review of the files of this Office reflects that the subject has been extremely active in the activities of the Kings County Communist Party and its successor, the Communist Political Association. u

(U) Confidential Informant [T-2] advised on [April 25, 1944] that the subject was contacted by [BILL LAWRENCE] of the New York State Headquarters of the Communist Political Association concerning the dissolution of the industrial branches of the Party in Kings County. According to the informant, the subject stated that there were at that time two industrial branches made up of bakers and that they were being liquidated and the members would be sent to the neighborhood clubs. The informant advised that the subject stated that the doctors and teachers sections were to be dissolved right after the convention.

3 (U) [T-2] advised on [July 12, 1944] that in a conference between [WILLIAM LAWRENCE] and [JOSEPH ROBERTS], Executive Secretary of the Kings County C.P.A., it was mentioned that the subject was drawing a salary of \$52.52 per week and that it was planned that he would be raised to \$55 per week.

(U) Confidential Informant [T-3] advised on September 17, 1943 that the subject contacted [FERDINAND SMITH] of the National Maritime Union in an effort to have him appear at a mass meeting to be held in Brooklyn during the week following that date along with [EARL BROWDER]. According to the informant, the purpose of the mass meeting was a peace movement.

The "Daily Worker", August 3, 1944, carried a column signed by the subject as vice-president of the Brooklyn C.P.A. concerning the responsibility of club secretaries for the distribution of the "Daily Worker" and the "Worker". According to the subject's article, this responsibility was placed on the secretary because the "Daily Worker" was one of the most effective methods of educating the people and this field of education was the duty of the club secretary. The article set out a plan for increasing the distribution of the "Daily Worker" and a notation that the plan, which had to do with personal contact on the part of the club secretary, was already in force in Brooklyn. In addition, the article made mention of the coming election in November of 1944 and reminded the club officials that the largest possible vote must be mustered in the National Election. u

The "Daily Worker" of September 10, 1944 carried a large ad announcing meetings of all C.P.A. clubs on September 12, 1944 for the purpose

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of reviewing the activity of the last three months since the National convention and the change from the Communist Party to the Communist Political Association. In the list of club meetings to be held on that date and the speakers assigned to each, the subject's name appeared as the speaker for the Borough Park Club meeting to be held at 4903 12th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. *u*

The "Daily Worker" of November 26, 1944 in the events for the coming week lists a lecture by the subject described as the Vice-President of the Kings County Communist Political Association and the subject as "Economic Problems and the Post-War Period", to be held Tuesday, November 28, 1944 at the East Flatbush Club, 1124 Clarkson Avenue. *u*

(U) The subject's community club affiliation, according to Confidential Informant [T-1] is the Brighton Beach Club of the Second Assembly District Section, Kings County Communist Political Association.

(U) Confidential Informant [T-4] advised that the account of the Kings County C.P.A. maintained at the Manufacturers Trust Company, Borough Hall Branch, 209 Montague Street, Brooklyn, New York, lists the subject as Vice-President of the organization. [T-4] advised that Check Number 84, drawn on the above account and dated October 12, 1944, was made out to the subject. This check amounted to \$25, was endorsed by the subject and the Freedom of Press, Inc., and deposited in the Amalgamated Bank.

(U) Confidential Informant [T-2] advised on July 14, 1944 in connection with the subject's affiliation with the Kings County Executive Committee he contacted SARAH SCHERER, who was acting as EARL BROWDER's secretary, concerning a request made to BROWDER that he appear at a meeting of the U.E.R.M.W.A., CIO, in Brooklyn on September 21st. According to the informant, SCHERER advised the subject that BROWDER had accepted his invitation and he might advise the union that BROWDER would appear.

Prior to the subject's association with the Kings County C.P.A., he was for several years connected with the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, Local 16, affiliated with the A.F. of L. The subject served this Local as secretary and later as general organizer. A review of the files of this Office reflects that during the time the subject was associated with this Union he was a leader of the Communist element in the A.F. of L. *u*

(U) Confidential Informant [ ] advised January 1941 that the National Food Fraction of the Communist Party decided to take over the New York Local Joint Executive Board made up of all the local unions in the food industry. All the non-Party members were defeated for election and Party

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members and sympathizers were put in their places. The informant advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON, a Communist, was elected recording secretary. ALBERTSON's union affiliation identifies him as the subject. ~~U~~

An article appearing in the "Daily Worker" on April 1, 1941 indicated that the subject, who was former secretary of Local 16, Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, A.F. of L., was running for the post of general organizer on the Square Deal Ticket. This article characterized the opponents of the Square Deal slate as Right Wing Socialists and the Red-baiting element within the union. (U)

On April 10, 1941 the "Daily Worker" carried an article indicating that the subject was short sixteen votes in this campaign for the above-mentioned post and the forces opposing the subject were said to have resorted largely to Red baiting in the fight against the subject and the others running on his ticket. (U)

On June 27, 1941 the "Daily Worker" published the text of a resolution put before the membership of Local 16, the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, at a meeting held at the Hotel Diplomat on June 26, 1941. This resolution called for all-out aid to Great Britain and the Soviet Union in the fight to crush Fascism. (U)

Confidential Informant [T-5] reported on July 23, 1942 on Communist activity in the Hotel Trades Council, Edison Hotel Annex, that the subject, who was secretary of the Hotel Union, Local 16, acted as instructor in Communism at shop meetings. ~~U~~

(U) Confidential Informant [T-6] advised on May 19, 1943 that a meeting was held at Manhattan Center on May 14, 1943 under the auspices of the New York State Communist Party for the purpose of affording trade union members who are members of the Communist Party, the opportunity of hearing the Party line on the miners' strike. The subject acted as chairman of this meeting and among the speakers were EARL BROWDER and GIL GREEN, State Chairman of the Communist Party. [T-6] stated that the subject opened the meeting with the statement, "We are now in the throes of a people's war". According to the informant, EARL BROWDER in his speech stated that the responsibility for the break in relations between Russia and Poland lay with those who were involved in the labor strike against the United States Government. (U)

Confidential Informant [T-2] advised on June 30, 1943 that a conference was held between ROSE WORTIS, Trade Union Director of the New York State Communist Party, and JOHNNY GOODMAN, Secretary-Treasurer of the Hotel. ~~U~~

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Front Service Employees Union. According to the informant, WORTIS advised GOODMAN that the subject was responsible to see that the A.F. of L. unions got out a delegation to go to Washington and approach members of Congress on subsidy and roll-back legislation. According to the informant, WORTIS advised that a statement must be obtained for the delegation even if it is signed "only by our own people". (S) (u)

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[T-2] advised that on August 17, 1943 the subject contacted SI GERSON, New York State Headquarters of the Communist Party, at which time the subject was questioned by GERSON as to whether or not the Union machinery might be used not only for propaganda purposes but also in a sort of semi-coercive way to force members to register for the coming elections. According to the informant, the subject advised GERSON that this would be possible only in a small union with a political prospective where the members had been worked on for sometime. The informant further advised that it was the subject's opinion that the union could only be used in the usual way, that is, urging the members to get out and register and through education.

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Confidential Informant [T-7] advised on September 23, 1943 that the subject had a conference with SHIRLEY FIELDS of the Industrial Section, Communist Party, concerning the endorsement of JOE HANLEY by the State A.F. of L. in his race for the office of Lieutenant-Governor. According to the informant, FIELDS was not in favor of HANLEY but the subject believed that HANLEY had a good labor record.

Confidential Informant [T-8] in reporting on a series of meetings of Communist Party functionaries in September 1943 concerning the coming elections furnished information concerning a speech made by the subject on September 25, 1943. This speech was made by the subject at a meeting of various individuals identified as Communist Party members of the A.F. of L. The subject, introduced as Comrade ALBERTSON, stressed the importance of labor registering for the coming elections. According to the informant, ALBERTSON stated that inasmuch as the State A.F. of L. had endorsed JOE HANLEY for Lieutenant-Governor, it would be necessary to support General HASKELL his Democratic opponent. According to ALBERTSON, HASKELL was pro-ROOSEVELT in a win-the-war campaign whereas HANLEY was a DENEY reactionary who was receiving the support of DAVID DUBINSKY and his reactionary forces. According to ALBERTSON, this makes it necessary for the comrades to clarify for the union the stand to be taken and the endorsement of HANLEY's defeat so that progressive labor forces may prevail. ALBERTSON stated that it must be shown that the action of the State Convention in supporting HANLEY was not representative of the sentiment of the majority of the workers.

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In connection with the New York City Council race, ALBERTSON stated he was active in the re-election campaign of PETER V. CACCHIONE and that it would be necessary for everyone to act in order to assure his re-election. ALBERTSON also advocated all-out support for MICHAEL QUILL and EUGENE P. CONNOLLY as the election of these men will be a blow to the Red baiters in the State A.F. of L. ALBERTSON explained that the Party had a committee of forty prominent labor leaders working already, but that it was necessary to obtain an additional five hundred names of union officials in connection with speaking and contact assignment. ALBERTSON also discussed the use of the names in a letter campaign such as was used for ISRAEL AMTER when he ran for Congress and polled over one hundred thousand. U

(U) It is to be noted that the information furnished by Confidential Informant T-8 concerning the subject's stand on JOE HANLEY's campaign for Lieutenant-Governor differs from information furnished by Confidential Informant T-7 on the same subject just two days previous.

(U) Confidential Informant T-2 advised on October 18, 1943 that in a conference between SHIRLEY FIELDS and ROSE WORTIS, the matter of the subject's resignation of his union position was discussed. According to the informant, FIELDS advised ROSE WORTIS that the subject had resigned his position but did not know who told him to do it and stated that there was no agreement that he should. FIELDS advised that the subject left "under fire" and that he did not show up for the Borough meeting with "our people", in order to give his reasons for resigning. FIELDS stated that the membership was under the impression that the Administration had forced him to resign. According to the informant, FIELDS had called another Borough meeting and the subject was advised by telegram to attend. FIELDS also requested that WORTIS attend the proposed meeting.

The "Daily Worker" of October 8, 1942 in an article concerning the candidacy of ISRAEL AMTER for the Governorship of the State of New York listed the subject as secretary of the Labor Committee for the election of AMTER as Governor. This article reflected that fifty-four city A.F. of L. and CIO leaders were listed on the Committee. U

A leaflet "Trade Unionist--A Vote for Amter is a Vote for Labor", published by the Trade Union Committee for the Election of ISRAEL AMTER, listed the subject as business agent of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union and as being a member of the Membership Committee. U

On November 3, 1942 the Bureau furnished a list of persons obtained from an outside source which was captioned, "Labor Committee for the

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Election of ISRAEL AMTER". This source indicated that the list was made up of Communist labor leaders and the subject, identified as general organizer of the Waiters, Waitresses and Bartenders Union, Local 16, A.F. of L., was listed as Secretary of the Committee. u

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that a mass rally of Communist trade unionists was held on August 7, 1942 to elect the win-the-war candidates. This meeting was held at the Odd Fellows Temple, 105 East 106th Street, and the subject was listed as a speaker. The informant described the subject as a member of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party and former secretary of the H.R.W.U., Local 16, A.F. of L. According to the informant, the purpose of the meeting was to purge the anti-Communist members of the State Legislature and especially to defeat HAMILTON FISH for re-election to Congress and to support the candidacy of VITO MARCANTONIO.

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In addition to the political activity engaged in by the subject during his association with the A.F. of L., the subject also assisted in the Communist-sponsored drive for trade union collaboration among the workers of Great Britain, the Soviet Union, and the United States. u

The "Daily Worker" on April 1, 1943 listed the subject as a sponsor of the "Labor for Unity and Victory Committee" which was planning a May Day demonstration May 2, 1943 at Yankee Stadium in New York City. u

The "Daily Worker" of May 1, 1943 carried an article which was made of May Day greetings by various trade union leaders and contained an article by the subject signed as General Organizer, H.R.W.U., Local 16, A.F. of L. The subject's message called the war a people's crusade to wipe out Fascism and called for unity of the United Nations in the post-war world. The message called upon the leaders of the A.F. of L. to over-ride the few Soviet-baiting appeasers in the Federation who stand in the way of Anglo-American Soviet trade unity which will be a guarantee of victory. u

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On July 6, 1943 Confidential Informant [T-7] advised that in a conference with SHIRLEY FIELDS the subject discussed the matter of courses at the Workers School for new members and according to the informant, one course was to be entitled, "Principles of Communism". The informant stated that FIELDS mentioned that any new member might attend the course free of charge.

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Information was furnished by Confidential Informant [T-6] on November 29, 1943 that the subject was a speaker at a meeting on November [redacted] u

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(U) ~~C~~ 24, 1943 sponsored by the Workers School in honor of ABRAHAM MARKOFF, formerly Director of the School, who died in 1939. The informant stated that ROBERT MINOR, the National Committee of the Communist Party, was the principal speaker.

The subject has also been affiliated with the International Labor Defense and a pamphlet, "For Equality of Military Justice", published by the organization in connection with the FISHER - LOURY case, listed the subject as a member of the National Committee. In September 1944 a pamphlet entitled "Equal Justice and Democracy in the Service of Victory", published by the I.L.D., a tribute to ANNA DAMON, former secretary of the organization, listed the subject as a member of the National Committee. u

In December 1942 a letterhead furnished to the Oklahoma City Field Division by a confidential source listed the membership of the Labor Committee on the Oklahoma criminal syndicalism cases. The address of this Committee was Room 204, 112 East 19th Street, New York City. The subject is listed as a member of this committee and is shown to be affiliated with Local 16 of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Alliance and Bartenders International League of America, A.F. of L, as general organizer. u

4 (U) ~~C~~ A highly confidential source advised this office that the personal effects of REA SEILER contained a list of Communist Trade Union leaders which was headed "11/27, Friday Night". Among those names listed was that of the subject. SEILER, Clerk of the Board of Education of the City of New York, was a principal in another investigation involving a possible Communist courier system between the United States and Mexico and was, according to this same confidential source, active in collecting funds for the defense of MORRIS SCHAPPES. (S) (S)

(U) On July 17, 1941 Confidential Informant [ ] furnished the Washington Field Office with a list of American concerns and individuals indicated as having received contributions from the AMTORG TRADING CORPORATION. The informant could not vouch for the authenticity of the list nor could he furnish any further information which might lead to the conclusive proof of its authenticity because of its source. (S) X

A portion of this list concerning the CIO stated that it had been tightly tied into the Communist Party in the United States but even more closely to the source of all Communist funds in the United States which is AMTORG. The list allegedly emits from the files of the Economics and Propaganda Division of AMTORG and indicates that close to five million dollars has been paid into the CIO coffers. According to the information, contributions have always been carefully concealed so that their source may

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appear innocent. The report states that the files of AMTORG reveal the names listed are those of AMTORG agents within the CIO who received the listed amount. This list contains the names of one WILLIAM ALBERTSON of New York City with the notation that he received \$16,000. According to the report, the AMTORG records do not indicate whether the sums are payments to the people named or moneys to be used for propaganda purposes. The list on which the name ALBERTSON appears is for the fiscal year ending June 1938. (U) E

(U) Confidential Informant [T-7] advised on June 28, 1943 that the subject conferred with SHIRLEY FIELDS concerning an expression of unity to be sent to Soviet Trade Unionists by the members of unions in the United States. According to the informant, the subject advised that he had obtained some important signers, namely, JOSEPH BELSKY (ph.), "a Social Democrat", and JOHN J. WALSH, "a reactionary", to sign the message with him. According to the informant, ALBERTSON was to send a message directly to Russian War Relief who was to forward the messages to the Soviet. (U) (S) (L)

In the fall of 1943 information was furnished by various informants reflecting that the subject was active in the re-election campaign of Councilman PETER V. CACCHIONE. It appears from the information available that after the subject's resignation from his union position, he was engaged full time in the CACCHIONE campaign. (U) (L)

(U) On September 28, 1943 Confidential Informant [T-2] advised that GIL GREEN, the State Headquarters of the Communist Party, and JOE ROBERTS, the Brooklyn organizer of the Party, in a direction concerning CACCHIONE's possibility for re-election decided that the staff in Brooklyn needed enlargement and the subject was considered for a position. According to the informant, GREEN felt that because of the difficulty the subject was experiencing in his union position, he would not be available at that time. (U) (S) (L)

On the same date the informant advised of a conference between GREEN and CACCHIONE at which time CACCHIONE asked that the services of the subject be made available to him during the campaign. The informant advised that GREEN stated that the subject could not be released from his union duties to devote time to the campaign because "we do not control the union" but conceded that the subject might work full time on the campaign and still maintain his union affiliation by going to the executive meetings of the union. GREEN advised that the subject will not run again for office in the union and that they will put another man of the subject's political complexion in his place. According to GREEN, it was not deemed feasible to ask for a leave of absence for the subject because it was felt his opponents in the union might believe that the office of organizer was not essential. According to the informant, CACCHIONE was not agreeable to this arrangement and felt that the (U) (S) (L)

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✓ subject should give full time to the campaign. Further, CACCHIONE stated that he did not trust JAY RUBIN, President of the Hotel Trades Council, who was the subject's superior. (c) (u)

The "Daily Worker" of September 30, 1943 carried an article in which the subject was listed as secretary of the Labor Division of the Citizens Committee to Re-elect Councilman PETER V. CACCHIONE, Communist candidate for the New York City Council. (u)

(U) Confidential Informant [T-2] advised on October 14, 1943 that CACCHIONE contacted SI GERSON of the State Headquarters of the Communist Party at which time GERSON advised CACCHIONE that the letter was all prepared and that he should get three signatures for it. According to the informant, the subject was to be one of the signers of the letter which was eventually an endorsement of CACCHIONE for re-election by union officials. (c) (u)

(U) (U) Confidential Informant [T-6] advised on [October 14, 1943] that at a membership meeting of the Kings County Communist Party on October 5, 1943 the subject appeared as a speaker. This informant advised that the purpose of the meeting was to promote the re-election campaign of CACCHIONE and that EARL BROWDER spoke. The subject, described as secretary of the Labor Division of the Citizens Committee for the Re-election of CACCHIONE, acted as Chairman and said, "We Communist here tonight should learn our part in re-electing PETE". Evidently during the time that the Communist Party line was directed in an all-out effort toward effecting the opening of a second front, the subject was extremely active in promoting this aspect of the Party line according to information furnished to this office by various confidential informants.

(U) Confidential Informant [T-9] advised that a mass meeting was held on September 10, 1942 at the Cosmopolitan Opera House urging the opening of the second front. Among the speakers identified by the informant as members or sympathizers with the Communist Party was the subject. According to the informant, the meeting was sponsored by thirty-five A.F. of L. Trade Unions and District Councils. (c) (u)

(U) Confidential Informant [T-10] advised on September 24, 1942 that a mass meeting was held in Union Square for the purpose of urging the second front. The informant advised that among the speakers were EARL BROWDER, ROBERT MINOR, WILLIAM G. FOSTER, GILL GREEN, ISRAEL AMTER, BEN GOLD, and the subject, WILLIAM ALBERTSON. In addition to the plea that the United States immediately open a second front to relieve the pressure on Soviet forces, the matter of racial discrimination in national defense industries, (c) (u)

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✓ the Indian question, and Jim Crowism were discussed by the speakers. (S) (U) (X)

The "Daily Worker" issues of September 22 and 23, 1942 in articles concerning the Union Square rally listed the subject as a speaker and the September 27, 1942 issue of the "Sunday Worker" carried a picture of the subject and the text of his speech made at the rally in which he called for the opening of a second front. (U)

✓ Confidential informants close to the activity of the headquarters of the Communist Party furnished considerable information concerning contact by the subject with the leading members of the Party concerning matters other than those related to the activity within the union which he represented. (S) (U)

(U) Confidential Informant T-2 advised on August 7, 1945 that the subject contacted ROY HUDSON at the National Headquarters of the Party at which time he was invited and urged to attend a committee meeting to be held at the Party headquarters on August 8, 1941. Subsequent information furnished by this informant reflected that this was to be a meeting of the Citizens Committee to Free EARL BROWDER. (S) (U)

(U) Confidential Informant T-11 advised the Detroit Office on January 21, 1942 that the effects of ELMER JOHNSON, then State Chairman of the Communist Party in the Detroit area, contained a copy of a letter dated October 31, 1941 signed by LOUIS WEINSTOCK and addressed, "Dear Friend". The body of the letter reflected that the Citizens Committee to Free EARL BROWDER was touring WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Trade Union Secretary of the Committee, for the succeeding three-week period. The letter reflected that the subject would be in Detroit Friday through Wednesday, November 14th to 19th, and the District Organizer in that area was to take steps to see that the most use possible was made of Mr. ALBERTSON's stay and the State Chairman was requested to check on this matter which was considered of great importance. (U)

(U) Confidential Informant D-2 in reporting to the Detroit Office on April 25, 1942 concerning the Citizens Committee to Free EARL BROWDER gave the following information concerning the subject. The informant advised that the subject, who was Trade Union Secretary of the Committee, had during November 1938 broadcast over the radio from New York City under the auspices of the Communist Party of New York State. In addition, the informant advised that the subject was a member of the Citizens Committee for the Election of ISRAEL AMTER to Congress on the Communist Party ticket in 1938 and had signed a petition for EARL BROWDER's freedom in 1942. (S) (U)

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(U) On February 19, 1943 Confidential Informant T-2 advised that the subject was contacted by MAE COLLINS, secretary to GIL GREEN at Communist Party Headquarters, and advised of a meeting to be held on February 23, 1943 at "JAY's" place. The informant identified JAY as being V. J. JEROME through mention of his wife, ALICE EVANS. The informant advised that in addition to the scheduled meeting, the message was also transmitted to the subject that ROSE WORTIS desired that the subject go to Connecticut on February 28, 1943 to attend a meeting there. The nature of the meeting was not disclosed by the informant. (U) (C) (H)

(U) The same informant advised on August 9, 1943 that the subject was again contacted by MAE COLLINS concerning a meeting to be held in Room 1717 at Steinway Hall concerning the elections. The informant advised that BELLA DODD and EUGENE CONNOLLY were instructed to attend the meeting by COLLINS. (U) (C) (H)

(U) Confidential Informant T-2 advised on August 16, 1943 that the subject was contacted by ROSE WORTIS and advised of a meeting, made up of the steering committee, at which time ROY HUDSON would be present. According to the informant, the subject advised WORTIS that he had invited SAUL, believed to be SAUL MILLS, the Greater New York CIO Industrial Council, JOHN GOODMAN, and two other persons. The informant stated that WORTIS had invited JAY and LOUIS, believed to be J. RUBIN and LOUIS WEINSTOCK. The informant advised that the subject was instructed by WORTIS to obtain a hotel room as ROY should not be seen going to his, ALBERTSON's, office. Informant subsequently furnished information that the meeting would be held at GOODMAN's house and that the subject asked that WORTIS advise ROY and SAUL of the meeting place. (U) (C) (H)

(U) Confidential Informant T-2 advised on November 9, 1943 that the subject was again contacted by MAE COLLINS at which time the subject was advised that a meeting of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party was to be held on November 12, 1943 at Academy Hall. The informant advised that the meeting, according to COLLINS, was for the purpose of discussing the outcome of the recent New York City Council elections. (U) (C) (H)

(U) On April 28, 1944 T-2 advised that the subject was contacted by ROY HUDSON for the purpose of arranging a meeting of the two on that day. (U) (C) (H)

(U) T-2 advised on May 1, 1944 that the subject was contacted by MAE COLLINS and directed to attend a meeting to be held in the office of BELLA DODD at 25 West 43d Street, New York City. The informant advised that in addition to the subject, MORRIS GAINOR and LOUIS WEINSTOCK would be present at the meeting. (U) (C) (H)

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(U) Confidential Informant T-2 advised on May 11, 1944 that MAE COLLINS conferred with the subject concerning an assignment given to her by ROSE WORTIS which required her to get fraternal delegates from the trade unions for the New York State Communist Party Convention. According to the informant, COLLINS requested the subject to obtain for her a list of Brooklyn labor leaders from various CIO and A.F. of L. Unions. According to the informant, the subject advised her that he would arrange for the Brooklyn delegates with the exception of the CIO Shipbuilding Union which would have to be contacted through the central office. ~~CC~~

(U) The Convention of the New York State Communist Party for 1944 was held in two sessions, the first on May 14, 1944 and the second on June 10th and 11th, 1944. According to information furnished by Confidential Informant T-6, this division was made in order that the convention might be in session to act upon the decisions of the National Convention of the Communist Party which was scheduled for the first part of June 1944. According to this informant, the subject was a member of the Resolutions Committee and was elected to the State Committee.

(U) Prior to the subject's affiliation with the Kings County Communist Party in the fall of 1943 considerable information was furnished concerning his contacts with the leaders of the Industrial Section of the Communist Party. It is believed that much of the subject's contacts with these individuals was prompted by his affiliation with a trade union. It is believed that possibly the subject was formerly a member of an industrial section of the Party. ~~u~~

(U) Confidential Informant T-7 advised on July 7, 1943 that the subject was advised of a branch organizers meeting to be held at the Westside Workers Center on the following Monday at which time the discussion would be centered around the Daily Worker Fund Drive. ~~CC~~

(U) On May 24, 1943 the same informant advised that the subject had a conference with SHIRLEY FIELDS of the Industrial Section of the Party at which time the pending dissolution and the matter of scholarships to the Workers Schools were discussed. The informant also advised that the subject was to arrange for expressions of sympathy with the Soviet workers to be sent to the Soviet around June 22d which was the anniversary of the attack on the Soviet Union. According to the informant, FIELDS felt that the subject might obtain the signatures of one or two others--Right Wingers--to sponsor the greetings to the Soviet food workers.

The subject's mother, ESTHER ALBERTSON, was born in Bratshaw, Russia, on March 15, 1884 and came to the United States in February 1911. She was naturalized in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on June 29, 1927 and the subject derives his citizenship from her. ESTHER ALBERTSON is active in Communist affairs in Pittsburgh and is Chairman of the Entertainment Committee of the Hill Club of the Communist Political Association, Pittsburgh. ~~CC~~

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(U) The subject's wife, FRANCINE ALBERTSON, was born August 20, 1911 and attended Pittsburgh University. FRANCINE ALBERTSON was reported by Confidential Informant T-1 to be a member of the Brighton Beach Club of the Kings County Communist Political Association. She is not employed and resides with the subject at 1980 East 12th Street.

(U) Confidential Informant T-2 advised on June 8, 1943 that in a conference between the subject and SI GERSON of the State Headquarters of the Communist Party the matter of the subject's being appointed a member of the County Committee was discussed. According to the informant, GERSON believed that it was feasible for the subject to accept such a position but it was believed that his wife, FRANCINE, might run for the office. There was no further information available indicating that FRANCINE ALBERTSON ran for or was elected to the Communist Party County Committee.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION:

At New York, New York. u

Will maintain contact with confidential informants and will follow and report the subject's activity in the Communist Political Association. u

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated February 21, 1945 at New York City are as follows: (U)

(U) [T-1] (C) A highly confidential and reliable source having access to the records of the Kings County Communist Party, 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York, on March 5, 1944 who made this information available to Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] (U) (C)

(U) [T-2] (C) [redacted] (U) (C) CONF. INFT.

(U) [T-3] (C) [redacted] (U) (C)

(U) [T-4] (C) [redacted] (U) (C)

Manufacturers Trust Company,  
Borough Hall Branch.

(Confidential because of nature of information divulged.) (U) (C) (U)

(U) [T-5] (C) [redacted] (U) (C)  
(Confidential at his request) (U)

(U) [T-6] (C) Confidential Informant A (U) (C)

(U) [T-7] (C) [redacted] (U) (C)

(U) [T-8] (C) [redacted] (U) (C)

(U) [T-9] (C) Confidential Informant [redacted] (U) (C)

(U) [T-10] (C) Confidential Informant [redacted] (U) (C)

(U) [T-11] (C) A highly confidential source having access to the records of ELMER JOHNSON, State Chairman, Communist Party, in Michigan, on January 21, 1942. (U) (C)

(U) [T-12] (C) A highly confidential and reliable source having access to the personal records maintained by REA SEILER. (U) (C)

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A highly confidential source, having access to the apartment of [redacted] 800 Greenwood Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, who made available the information to Special Agent [redacted] on January 4, 1945. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Director, FBI

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DATE: April 12, 1945

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON, wa  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Attention: FBI Laboratory

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(U) There are transmitted herewith photographic copies of subject's handwriting. It is requested that these specimens be placed in the National Security File maintained by the Bureau for future reference.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK

NY FILE NO. 65-5604 BHB

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 5/31/46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/8,9,16,21,23/46	REPORT MADE BY JOHN V. BARNES
TITLE WILLIAM ALBERTSON wa. Bill Albertson u			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C u
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Subject presently resides at 1980 E. 12th Street, Brooklyn, NY and employed as Organizational Secretary, Kings County, CP and is also a member of the New York State Committee of the CP. Subject, who is white, is a naturalized U. S. citizen having been born in Odessa, Russia 5/7/10. He was naturalized on his mother's papers 6/29/27 in Pittsburgh, Pas. His mother, Mrs. ESTHER ALBERTSON, formerly ABRAMSKI, was born at Bratzlav, Russia, 3/15/84. The subject is active in Communist activities in this area. u</p> <p>- P* -</p>			
REFERENCES: <p>Bureau File #65-38100. u Report of Special Agent [redacted] New York City, 2/21/45. u SAC Letter #28, Series 1946, 3/12/46. u</p>			
DETAILS: <p><del>UNCLASSIFIED</del> <del>ORIGINAL FILE</del> Under suitable pretext it was ascertained from Mrs. WILLIAM S. GOLDSTEIN, owner of the premises at 1980 East 12th Street, Brooklyn, New York, that the subject continues to reside there with his wife and two children. u</p> <p>(U) Confidential Informant [T-1] advised on May 1, 1946 that the subject is Organization Secretary of Kings County of the Communist Party and Confidential Informant [T-2] advised that the subject was elected as a member of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party.</p> <p>(U) The records of Local Board 144, located at 1716 Voorhies</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [Signature]	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 65-38100-13 RECORDED INDEXED EX-63	
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Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, reflected that the subject was born in Odessa, Russia on May 7, 1910. The records further reflected that the subject was married in Brooklyn, New York on June 17, 1932. *u*

The records of the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization, Post Office Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, contained the records of the naturalization of one Mrs. ESTHER ALBERTSON, formerly ABRAMSKI. These records reflected that she was born in Bratzlav, Russia on March 15, 1884 and that she arrived at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from Bremen, Germany on the SS CHEMNITZ on February 10, 1911. The records reflect that she declared her intention of becoming a citizen on January 6, 1922 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and that her final petition for citizenship #71893 was filed on March 30, 1927 and the final order of admission to citizenship was issued June 29, 1927. These records further reflect that at the time of her entrance into this country, Mrs. ALBERTSON brought with her one child, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, born May 7, 1910 in Russia and that he was residing with her in Pittsburgh at the time of the petition. The final admission by the United States court authorized the name to be changed from ESTHER ABRAMSKI to ESTHER ALBERTSON. *u*

(U) Confidential Informant [T-2] advised on November 2, 1945 of a conference between JOSEPH ROBERTS, New York State Committee of the Communist Party, ISRAEL AMTER, National Committee of the Communist Party and ROBERT THOMPSON, National Board of the Communist Party. During this conference according to the informant it was indicated that the subject of the Kings County, Communist Party, was being considered for the position of Educational Director of New York State.

(U) Confidential Informant [T-3] advised that at the special National Convention of the CPA, held at the Fraternal Club House, New York City, from July 26 to 29, 1945, the subject was a member of the Credentials Committee. The same informant advised that on July 28, 1945 the subject was nominated for the National Committee from New York City.

(U) Confidential Informant [T-4] on March 19, 1946 advised of a conference between CHARLES KRUMBEIN and the subject from Kings County in which they discussed the arrangements being made for a \$100 plate dinner to be held to raise funds for the Communist Party. During the conversation, according to the informant, they stated that they were trying to get at least 20 dentists, 10 doctors and 10 lawyers to come to this dinner.

(U) Confidential Informant [T-1] advised on February 27, 1945 of a conversation between the subject and WILLIAM LAWRENCE, Secretary of the New York State Communist Party. According to the informant, they discussed an article in that day's Daily Worker which stated that the investigation of the War Department's

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(U) policy towards Communists by the House Military Affairs Sub-Committee would open with a public hearing on February 28th. The subject suggested that ROBERT THOMPSON, National Vice President and member of the National Board of the CPA and the National Committee of the CPA, and others with distinguished service crosses go to Washington. According to the informant, LAWRENCE advised the subject that he would take the matter up with the "ninth floor." It is to be noted that the "ninth floor" is the National Headquarters of the CPA. ]c

(U) The same informant advised on [October 5, 1945] that the subject contacted EVE LAPIN, who was at that time serving as secretary to ROBERT THOMPSON, who is a member of the National Board as well as the National Secretariat. According to the informant, LAPIN stated that she was interested in lining up some material on the question of "what does a returning veteran expect of a public official and what will Mr. Cacchione do in his behalf." She advised the subject that THOMPSON had drawn that question to discuss on a radio forum program. According to the informant, the subject stated that THOMPSON could include the party's program on the veteran and that the only thing that he knew of that CACCHIONE was involved in was legislation which he, meaning CACCHIONE, and BEN DAVIS were jointly sponsoring in the New York City Council. He also informed her that CACCHIONE was the leader of the New York contingent of the bonus march to Washington and was also head of the Workers, Ex-Servicemen.

(U) From a highly confidential source known to the San Francisco Field Division it was learned that on December 24, 1944, in a conference between STEVEN NELSON, well known West Coast Communist and Private ROBERT KLONSKY, reference was made to the subject and KLONSKY stated that he had been in contact with the subject and that the subject was very active in New York City. c

(U) Confidential Informant [T-1] advised of a conference between REBECCA GRETCH at the CPA Headquarters and the subject, held on March 24 and 26, 1946, in which they discussed speakers who were to be assigned to various meetings to be held throughout the New York City on May 1, 1945. c

(U) Confidential Informant [ND-391] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that at the Lenin Memorial Meeting sponsored by the New York State Committee of the CPA held in Madison Square Garden, New York City, on January 15, 1945, the subject was honored by the presentation of a pen and pencil set for leading his borough (Kings) with the largest number of subscriptions obtained during the drive for the "Worker."

(U) Confidential Informant [T-1] advised on [January 22, 1945] that the subject advised a Mr. MILLER of the Commodore Hotel, New York City, that he was chairman of a dinner to be given in honor of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and wanted accommodations for a testimonial banquet to be given in honor of FOSTER.

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Confidential Informant [T-2] advised that at the special State Convention of the CPA held at Manhattan Center, 34th Street and 8th Avenue, New York City, at the third convention session on July 21, 1945, the subject made several announcements at the convention. The informant stated that the subject represented the Credentials Committee.

The same informant advised that on August 11, 1945 the subject as Chairman of the Credentials Committee made the final report of that committee advising that a total of 1,074 were elected as participants in the convention. U

The same informant advised that on August 12, 1945 the subject was nominated as a member of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party and was elected as a member of the New York State Committee receiving 380 votes. U

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York, New York:

Will follow and report the Communist activities of the subject. *u*

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Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of Special Agent John V. Barnes, dated May 31, 1946, at New York, New York, are as follows: u

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
 Attention: FBI Laboratory

FROM : *C. J.* SAC, New York

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON, with alias  
 INTERNAL SECURITY (C)

DATE: March 21st, 1947

The above captioned Subject is a Key Figure of the New York Field Division. In the past, he has been vice president of the Communist Political Association, Kings County, and has been organizational secretary of the Communist Party, Kings County.

On or about November 23rd, 1946, Subject was appointed assistant national labor secretary of the Communist Party by a vote of the National Board of the Communist Party.

Enclosed herewith are photographic copies of Subject's handwriting appearing in Subject's Selective Service file maintained by Local Board 144. This material is being submitted for your information.

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March 31, 1947

SAC, New York

Re: WILLIAM ALBERTSON, with alias  
INTERNAL SECURITY (C)  
(65-5604)

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication  
dated March 18, 1947, regarding the following:

WILLIAM ALBERTSON

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In reply thereto, please be advised that from  
the information furnished it has not been possible to  
locate any criminal information in the files of the  
Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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DATE MAR 7 8 1980 BY *[signature]*

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 18th, 1947

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON, with alias  
INTERNAL SECURITY (C)  
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Subject is considered a Key Figure in the New York Field Division.

It is requested that you examine your records and report any criminal record of the Subject.

There are being enclosed herewith five copies of the current report on Subject of Special Agent John A. Harrington, dated March 18th, 1947, at New York.

The following is a description of Subject as obtained from his Selective Service file:

Name	WILLIAM ALBERTSON aka <u>Bill Albertson</u>
Age	36 years
Born	May 7th, 1910, Odessa, Russia
Height	5 feet, 5 3/4 inches
Weight	159 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Ruddy
Nationality	American citizen (derivative from mother, <u>ESTHER</u> <u>ALBERTSON</u> , formerly <u>ABRAMSKI</u> , nee <u>ESTHER DASHEVSKY</u> )
Marital Status	Married
Wife	<u>FRANCENE SCHNEEBERG</u>
Children	
Relatives	Father, <u>SOLOMON ABRAMSKI</u> (not determined whether he is alive or dead) Mother, <u>ESTHER ALBERTSON</u> (see above)
Social Security No.	113-12-4679
Occupation	Assistant National Labor Secretary, Communist Party, U.S.A.
Residence	1980 East 12th Street Brooklyn, New York

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

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N. Y. FILE NO. 65-5604

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>MAR 18 1947</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/10,14;12/30/46; 1/3,6,9,10,16,21, 22,24,25,27,28; 2/3,10/47</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JOHN A. HARRINGTON</b>
TITLE <b>WILLIAM ALBERTSON, with alias Bill Albertson</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY (C) u</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject was formerly organizational secretary of the Kings County Communist Party. In November, 1946, he was appointed assistant national labor secretary of the Communist Party, U.S.A. He is a member of the New York State Committee of the C.P. Reported a member of C.P. for more than 17 years. Married FRANCES SCHNEEBERG in Brooklyn, New York City, 6/19/32. He has two children. He registered with Local Board 144, Brooklyn, New York, classified 4-A. He lives at 1980 East 12th Street, Brooklyn. Subject's father SOLOMON was born in Russia. His mother, ESTHER ALBERTSON, formerly ABRAMSKI, nee ESTHER DASHEVSKY, born in Russia. Wife's father ADOLF SCHNEEBERG and mother SALI GLANZ, both born in Austria. Subject continues in C. P. activities. Selective Service file reviewed and set forth. u

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Reference: Bureau File 65-38100  
Report of Special Agent John V. Barnes, New York, 5/31/46 u

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Details: Special Employee Investigator [ ] checked the Marriage Records of the City of New York, and reported a marriage certificate #9306 filed in the Hall of Records, Brooklyn, New York, which reflected the Subject's marriage. u

This certificate was issued on June 15th, 1932, and reflected the marriage of Subject under the name of WILLIAM ALBERTSON to FRANCENE SCHNEEBERG on June 19th, 1932, at Brooklyn, by Rabbi S. Weiss, 171 Van Buren Street. The witnesses were L. SCHWARTZ and J. BLOSERSTEIN. u

Subject stated that he was 22 years of age, and that it was his first marriage; that he resided at 107 East 10th Street, New York City; that he was a salesman; that he was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He further stated that his father SOLOMON was born in Russia, and that his mother ESTHER DASHEVSKY, was also born in Russia. The bride, FRANCENE SCHNEEBERG, stated that she was 21 years of age, and that this was her first marriage. She stated she was born in Brooklyn, and now resided there at 872 Bedford Avenue. She stated that her father ADOLF SCHNEEBERG and her mother SALLY GLANZ were both born in Austria. u

Special Employee Investigator [ ] further reported that he checked the records of the Board of Health at Brooklyn, but could find no record of the birth of FRANCENE SCHNEEBERG for the years 1907-1912. u

The writer examined the records of Local Board 144, Brooklyn, New York, and found a registration for Subject under the name WILLIAM ALBERTSON. Mr. JAMES FRENCH, Coordinator of Local Board 144, produced the Subject's Selective Service file which reflected that he registered on October 16th, 1940, and was assigned order number 780. u

At the time of registration, he resided at 59 West End Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, and later moved to 602 Banner Avenue, Brooklyn on April 13th, 1943. On April 4th, 1944, Subject moved to 1980 East 12th Street. Subject stated that he was born in Russia on May 7th, 1910; that his wife was FRANCENE ALBERTSON, and was employed by the HAVANA AND MADRID CORPORATION, 1560 Broadway, New York, New York. u

Subject's Selective Service Questionnaire was examined, and under the section "Identification", Subject stated that his Social Security Number was 113-12-4679. Under "Physical Condition", Subject stated that he had flat feet, varicose veins, sinus and hemorrhoids. u

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Under "education", Subject stated that he had completed eight years of elementary school, four years of high school, and two years at the University of Pittsburgh, where he took a general academic course. u

Under "Occupation or Activities", Subject stated that he was a waiter and served food and drinks to a cabaret's patrons; that he had been engaged in this work for nine months, and that he earned \$30 per week. He listed his employer as the HAVANA MADRID CORPORATION, 1640 Broadway. u

Under "Other Occupational Experience", Subject stated that he was employed as a labor union official in an executive capacity from 1932 to 1940. u

Under "Dependency", Subject stated that he was married; that he married his wife June 17th, 1932, at Brooklyn, New York; that he had two children, a son [redacted] born [redacted] and a son [redacted] born [redacted]. Subject stated that his income during the year was \$1680; that he paid \$55 a month rent. u

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Under "Citizenship", Subject stated that he was born in Odessa, Russia, May 7th, 1910; that he was white and a citizen of the United States. Subject stated that he had not been convicted of treason or felony and had no previous military service. u

The records of the Local Board reflected that after being classified 3-A, he was reclassified 1-A, January 27th, 1944, and was sent for induction on March 6th, 1944, and was accepted for general military service. He was reclassified 2-A on June 22nd, 1944, and continued in 2-A until he was reclassified 4-A on October 4th, 1945. u

The Subject filed DSS Form 41, which reflected his family status and dependents. This form repeated the information above set forth and further reflected Subject's mother ESTHER ALBERTSON was residing at 481 Robertson Court, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. u

It was further reflected that Subject's wife had been last employed in 1935 as a waitress at the STARLIGHT RESTAURANT. Subject stated that he was then employed as a labor union official and general organizer. He stated his work consisted of administrative and executive work, organizing workers, negotiating contracts, and representing employees before Government boards. u

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He stated that he was employed by the Hotel and Restaurant Workers' Union, Local 16, A. F. L., 752 8th Avenue, New York City, and that he had been employed in that capacity since May 4th, 1942, at \$55 per week. u

In a supplemental affidavit to DSS form 41 submitted to the Board on December 6th, 1943, Subject repeated the foregoing information and added that SALL SCHNEEBERG, age 77, was his mother-in-law and resided at 872 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn; that JOE SCHNEEBERG was his wife's brother, that he was 48 years of age and resided at 68-37 108th Street, Forest Hills, New York; and that CLARA SCHWARTZ, age 52, is his wife's sister and resided at 1772 East 15th Street, Brooklyn, New York. u

Under employment status of registrant, Subject stated his monthly wage was \$223.12; that he was employed by the New York State Committee, Communist Party of U.S.A.; that his employer's business was a political party; and that he was the Kings County labor secretary and had entered his present job on November 8th, 1943. u

A Selective Service form DSS 42 B was submitted December 18th, 1944, by the Brooklyn Communist Political Association under the signature of JOSEPH ROBERTS, executive secretary. This form advised Local Board 144 that Subject was employed by the Brooklyn C. P. A. at 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, as vice president, and that his duties were executive and administrative; that he was in charge of educational activities and was employed full-time. u

On July 19th, 1945, the said Brooklyn C. P. A. under signature of the aforementioned JOSEPH ROBERTS submitted DSS Form 42-A to Local Board 144. In this form ROBERTS certified that Subject was employed as vice president of the Brooklyn C. P. A.; that he was an executive and in charge of education of membership and general propaganda work; that he was employed on September 1st, 1943; entered his present job on November, 1943; received \$55 per week; that his prior experience was as a waiter, and a food clerk and newspaper editorial work; that his educational background was two years at the University of Pittsburgh; and that it would take 30 days to replace him. JOSEPH ROBERTS certified that he was executive secretary of the Brooklyn C. P. A. and that the foregoing statements were true to the best of his knowledge and belief. u

The records of the Subject's Selective Service file further reflected that he was sent up for physical examination on March 6th, 1944, and that he was accepted for general military service in the Army. The records further reflected that on June 2, 1944, Subject was reclassified. u

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2-A and he was never inducted. Subject's Selective Service Occupational Questionnaire reflected that Subject had Social Security No. 113-12-4679; that he was married and had attended two years at a university. It reflected his employment as a labor union official and his experience in newspaper ad-writing and make-up. It contained nothing else of interest. *u*

(U) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Informant [ ] reported that Subject attended [ ] and addressed a conference of the Eastern Seaboard National Press Conference at the Fraternal Clubhouse in New York on November 19th, 1944. Subject discussed the increase in the Sunday Worker subscriptions, and stated that he would organize A.F.L. press committees. *u*

(U) Confidential Informant [ ] reported that Subject was elected chairman of the New York State Communist Political Association at the convention held on August 11th, 1945.

(U) Confidential Informant [ ] reported that Subject advised on August 6th, 1945, that he had been a member of the Communist Party for the past 17 years.

(U) Confidential Informant [ ] reported on October 9th, 1945, that Subject had a conference with ALBERTO MOREAU concerning the candidate that Subject was sending to the National Industrial School which began October 9th, 1946. Subject stated that he had not picked his candidate until the present time. *u*

(U) The same informant reported a conference between WILLIAM NORMAN and the Subject, in which NORMAN requested that Subject prepare a memorandum on the activities and status of the Communist Party in Brooklyn which would show its political work and influence.

(U) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Informant [ ] reported on September 3rd, 1946, that Subject was listed as a member on the Committee on Vacancies in the Communist Party Nominating Petition in the 1946 New York State Elections. Subject's residence was listed as 1980 East 12th Street, Brooklyn. *u*

(U) Confidential Informant [ ] reported that on September 19th, 1946, JOHN WILLIAMSON, National Labor Secretary of the Communist Party, U.S.A., advised ALBERTSON that he was proposing him as assistant labor secretary of the Communist Party to have special responsibility for Communist work in the American Federation of Labor.

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The DAILY WORKER in its issue of October 13th, 1946, *u*

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listed the Subject as a speaker at the Regional Communist Party Membership Meeting at Brooklyn on October 15th, 1946. Subject was listed to address the Bensonhurst Section of the Communist Party at the IWO Center, 2078 86th Street, Brooklyn, New York. These meetings were sponsored by the Kings County Committee of the Communist Party. u

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Confidential Informant T-4 thereafter advised that Subject was assisting JOHN WILLIAMSON, National Communist Party Labor Secretary, and had his office at the National Headquarters at 35 East 12th Street, New York City.

The same Informant reported that Subject was sent to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and to Ohio in connection with the miners' strike. u

The DAILY WORKER in its issue of August 3, 1945, page 9, column 1, listed Subject as a member of the Citizens' Committee for the Re-election of PETER CACCHIONE, Communist Councilman of the City of New York, and identified Subject as vice president of the Brooklyn Communist Political Association. u

The DAILY WORKER in its issue of April 9th, 1946, page 7, column 3, listed Subject as a speaker for the Kings County Communist Party at a special series of meetings of 300 Communist clubs, at which Subject spoke on the subject, "The Struggle for Peace and Building the Communist Party." u

The DAILY WORKER in its issue of November 24th, 1946, reported that the "Brooklyn County Committee of the Communist Party has released WILLIAM (BILL) ALBERTSON from his post as County Organizational Secretary to become assistant national labor secretary of the Party, the Communist Party National Board announced yesterday. ALBERTSON will assist JOHN WILLIAMSON, National Labor Secretary". u

Since Subject has become Assistant National Labor Secretary of the Communist Party, Informants of the New York Field Division have reported that Subject has been traveling to various sections of the county on labor matters for the Communist Party. He has assisted JOHN WILLIAMSON and on occasion has taken WILLIAMSON's place at labor discussions of the Party. u

On the 18th day of March, 1947, a letter advising of Subject's appointment as assistant national labor secretary was sent to u

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Boston	New Orleans
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Cincinnati	Pittsburgh
Cleveland	Portland
Detroit	St. Louis
Indianapolis	San Francisco
Kansas City	Springfield
Los Angeles	Salt Lake City
Milwaukee	San Diego
	Seattle

This letter requested the field divisions to report the activities of the Subject in the event that his duties should bring him into their respective jurisdictions. u

During the month of January, 1947, the writer verified the fact that Subject was still residing at 1980 East 12th Street, and that his telephone number was ESplanade 5-3778. u

Special Employee Investigator [redacted] reported that the CREDIT BUREAU OF GREATER NEW YORK had no record of the Subject, and Special Agent [redacted] checked the records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification of the New York City Police Department and reported no record of the Subject. u

By letter dated March 18th, the Identification Division was requested to submit any criminal record of Subject. u

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PITTSBURGH FIELD DIVISION

Will check the records of the University of Pittsburgh, and report all information concerning Subject contained therein, noting Subject stated that he attended the University of Pittsburgh for two years. *u*

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

Will follow and report Subject's Communist activities. *u*

Will obtain and report the date and place of birth of Subject's wife. *u*

Will report any criminal record received from the Bureau. *u*

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants referred to in the report of Special Agent John A. Harrington made at New York City, dated March 18th, 1947, are identified as follows:

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T-2 is a highly confidential source which made available to Special Agent CONFIDENTIAL of the Syracuse Field Division a special delivery letter addressed to RUTH JOHNSON, acting organizer of the Southern Tier Section of the Communist Political Association, Binghamton, New York. This letter bore return address of Room 500, 35 East 12th Street, and advised JOHNSON to call a meeting of her section and pick new committee members for the State Committee. This letter also contained a partial list of the old State Committee and included the name of Subject, stating his time in the Communist Party was 17 years, and that he was a Communist Political Association functionary of Kings County.

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SAC, New York

May 12, 1947

Director, FBI

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, was.  
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(65-5604)

Bourlet April 27, 1947. Pursuant to your suggestion the Bureau approved the designation of the subject as a top functionary. In view of this he should be the subject of continuous active and vigorous investigation of your office. The case should remain pending at all times and reports should be submitted to the Bureau on a periodic basis.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: April 29, 1947

*WMM* FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: <sup>0</sup> WILLIAM ALBERTSON, was.,  
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(Bur. File 65-38100)

Re SAC Letter #44, Series 1947, dated April 14, 1947.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON is a member of the New York State Committee, CP, and Assistant Labor Secretary, CP, USA. In this latter post, ALBERTSON travels frequently and extensively throughout the United States on party business. Since his elevation to this position, he has attended all plenums of the National Committee.

In view of the foregoing important positions held by ALBERTSON, the New York Office considers him to be a top functionary in the Communist Party, therefore necessitating that continuous active investigative attention be given this case.

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TO : Director, FBI

-DATE: June 9, 1947

FROM : SAC, Chicago

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON, wa  
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Reference is made to teletype from the New York Office directed to the Bureau and Chicago Office dated June 2, indicating that the above named individual, who is Assistant National Labor Secretary of the Communist Party, USA, was to be in Chicago on June 8 for a conference.

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On June 3, [redacted] reported that JOHN SCHMIES, who is currently acting as an organizer for the Communist Party in Chicago among the various AF of L unions, was making arrangements for a meeting to be held on June 8. SCHMIES requested that SARA HAYDEN, who has been active in Communist Party affairs on the West side of Chicago, to furnish two carpenters for a meeting scheduled at 10 A.M. on Sunday, June 8, at the Finnish Workers Hall. SCHMIES indicated that it was to be a national conference.

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It was not possible for the Chicago Office to cover the above meeting by informants or otherwise. However, on June 8, [redacted] reported that WILLIAM ALBERTSON arrived in Chicago on June 7. This informant reported that he was staying at the Midland Hotel in Chicago. It was also stated that he spent the better part of Saturday, June 7, working with an individual named OTTO. It is believed that OTTO is OTTO LANGERIN, who is the National Organizer for the Communist Party in the railroad industry. This informant also reported that ALBERTSON plans to be in Chicago on June 21, where a meeting will be held among the Communist Party members who are in the newspaper industry. It was indicated that no place for the meeting had been arranged for as yet but that it was scheduled for 11 A.M. on the 21st.

The above is being submitted to the Bureau and New York for information. In the event this office is able to obtain additional information concerning either the meeting held June 8 or the meeting scheduled June 21, it will be submitted.

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June 21, 1947

Director, FBI

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By letter dated April 29, 1947, you indicated to the Bureau that the subject was being designated as a top functionary in your office. The Bureau approved this designation and indicated to you in a letter to your office on May 12, 1947, that Albertson should be the subject of continuous active and vigorous investigation.

In line with the Bureau's program in connection with the top functionaries pursuant to the instructions set forth in SAC letter #56, series of 1947, dated May 12, 1947, you are requested to forward to the Bureau a summary report setting forth all of the legally admissible evidence appearing in your files tending to prove (1) the subject's membership in or affiliation with the Communist Party and (2) the subject's knowledge of the revolutionary aims and purposes of that group.

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## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ALBERTSON attended University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa. 1927-29 taking a pre-medical course, dismissed by Chancellor, 4/19/29 for activities in connection with "Liberal Club," a Communist organization. Subject attended meeting of National Mining Commission of the CP at Pittsburgh, 5/15/47. u

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## REFERENCES:

Bureau file #65-33100  
Report of SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON, New York, 3/18/47 u  
New York letter, 5/12/47

## DETAILS:

AT PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Mrs. CAROLYN EYSELL, Registrar's Office, University of Pittsburgh, furnished Subject's file which reflected he was born May 7, 1910 at Odessa, Russia. His parent guardian is ESTHER ALBERTSON. ALBERTSON graduated from Schenley High School, Pittsburgh, June 29, 1927 in the upper one-fifth of his class. He attended the University from 1927 to 1929 taking a pre-medical course and averaging "B." The following faculty action was taken: u

"May 2, 1929 → dismissed by order of the Chancellor for activities in connection with the 'Liberal Club' on and after 4/19/29."

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(U) According to Mrs. EYSELL, the "Liberal Club" was a Communist club at the University and ALBERTSON was dismissed for causing unrest on the campus. u

~~Conf. Info~~ [redacted] informed on May 15, 1947, that the National Mining Commission of the CP held a meeting at GEORGE DIETZ' Music Studio, 440 Wood Street from 12:30 PM until 9:30 PM. The following were in attendance:

GABE KISH, Chairman of the meeting and Chairman of the Washington County Section of the CP, Washington, Pa., and member of the National Mining Commission;

TED ALLEN, West Virginia State Chairman of the CP;

ROY HUDSON, Chairman of District #5, CP;

ANTHONY KRCHMAREK, Bellaire, Ohio;

FRANK MUCCI from Illinois;

NED RASOVICH of Bentleyville, Pa.;

WILLIAM ALBERTSON of the CP National Office, New York City;

PETE KARPA, District Organizer for District #5 of the CP.

The first part of the meeting involved a discussion of a document submitted by TED ALLEN. KRCHMAREK discussed the document involving the entire program of the CP in the mining industry and stated it is too complicated and not fit for public distribution but is a good start. KRCHMAREK thinks there is a necessity for greater intervention by the state in the mining industry than in any other industry. During the past twenty-five years there has been a constant increase in the intervention of the state between the miners and the companies - this reflects the weakness of the corporations and that they have to rely on state intervention to force the miners back from concessions they would otherwise obtain. He said further that if mining is to be nationalized, it can't be done under the present administration because the administration does not serve the interests of the people but that of capital. u

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ALBERTSON in discussing ALLEN'S document said that it will enable the miners to know the position of the CP in regard to the miners and what they plan to do to eliminate these problems. The basic weakness of this document is that it is not a sufficiently well-rounded out program covering social and economic problems of the miners for an immediate and future program. He stressed that they should develop this program and tie it to the political situation for the development of a third party. He suggested that ALLEN be instructed to work on this document to round it out, and that the comrades should have another discussion on it within a short time, and that it be sent to the national leadership for approval so that they could later publicize it among the miners. u

The second part of the meeting was taken up with a discussion of the Party concentration in mining. This was led by KISH and all those present spoke. ALBERTSON said that the National Office is planning meetings with the IWO, the rank groups and other leftist mass organizations to get them to concentrate in the same areas where the Party is concentrating. They also plan after the public school term ends in New York City to get school teachers, who are experienced in Marxist teachings, to go out to various concentration cities to conduct classes, however, this is still tentative as they will have a hard time getting the teachers. There will be some speakers available for the mining areas. The National Office is also willing to go along on mass distribution of leaflets and pamphlets, however, they will have to decide who will take the responsibility in coordinating this material. He pointed out that the Party is not showing itself sufficiently as a political force. A mine branch is not just like a shop branch, but is rather a community branch, and instead of just dealing with union problems and influencing locals, they should also speak out on general social problems, such as sanitation. u

The third part of the meeting was a discussion around the negotiations between the miners and operators starting at 7:45 P.M., and KARPA was not present at this time. u

HUDSON pointed out that all must prepare for a strike of the coal miners on July 1st, and with this in view they must strengthen the UMWA'S position. A big problem is how to publicize the demands of the miners to win public support for a strike. He indicated that the Party should attend to activities in the fight against the anti-labor legislation now pending in Congress. u

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KRCHEMAREK felt that the Party push must be given for the thirty-five hour week. Before the war the basic week was thirty-five hours. This was given up only to help the war effort. As a point of information, he advised that in the last negotiations JOHN L. LEWIS was ready to settle for a forty-five hour week, but HUDSON went on to say that no matter what the final settlement is, the Party must adopt the basic slogan, "Thirty-five hour week with no reduction in pay." U

ALBERTSON pointed out that if there is a strike on July 1st and the Taft Bill is then law, the miners will have to accept many compromises. Also on the question of separate negotiations, he said that sometime ago some of the AFL leaders saw President TRUMAN and in return for a promise of veto by TRUMAN, the AFL leaders agreed to accept the special negotiation between the miners and the northern and southern coal operators. He also stated that they have tentative plans for a special edition of the WORKER for about June 29th concerning the mines. It was planned that ALLEN and KISH would submit articles for the WORKER concerning the mines. U

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: July 24, 1947

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA DISTRICT #4  
INTERNAL SECURITY C

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Confidential informant [redacted] advised that on July 19, 1947 he attended a meeting of the District Committee CP, which was held at 1019 West North Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, and that there were approximately 39 individuals present, including PHIL FRANKFELD, District #4 Chairman, and WILLIAM C. TAYLOR, D. C. Chairman.

Informant stated that it was brought out during the meeting by FRANKFELD and TAYLOR that during recent weeks WHITEY GOODFRIEND of Baltimore had started rumors concerning the leadership, particularly of PHIL FRANKFELD at District #4. Seventeen members of the party were involved and it was stated that all were leaders in their respective Union Shops. A complaint was made to the District Board, which in turn formed a trial commission. As a result of the findings of this commission, WHITEY GOODFRIEND was penalized by being dropped from the party for one year. Another involved was HERB HALL, and he in turn was dropped from the District Board for his participation. According to informant, his understandings of the affair show that GOODFRIEND began criticizing FRANKFELD, and comparing his leadership with that of AL LANNON, former District #4 Chairman. It appears that GOOD FRIEND had sometime during the several weeks prior to the formation of the trial commission gone to New York and filed a complaint with the National Office. It was stated that he had pointed out to others involved that the National Office had sent BETTY GANNETT and ALBERTSON down to District #4 to investigate. TAYLOR referred to the matter at the meeting as a "vicious functionary, which was under the direction of WHITEY".

This informant has further advised that he attended a City Committee Meeting in Washington recently, and that GANNETT and ALBERTSON were present and that it appeared to him that they were in Washington to find out if the local members of the party were satisfied with the leadership and also to ascertain why the party had not spent more time concentrating on the recruiting of negroes in Washington.

Informant finally stated that in his opinion the local members of the party were not satisfied with the local leadership, informant having in mind particularly BILL TAYLOR, negro Chairman.

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An examination of the files at the Bureau reflects that the last report submitted by your office in connection with the subject was the report of Special Agent John A. Harrington, New York City, dated March 18, 1947. The Bureau files reflect that on April 29, 1947, you recommended that the subject be designated as a top functionary. On May 12, 1947, the Bureau approved this recommendation and pointed out to you that this case should remain pending at all times and reports should be submitted to the Bureau on a periodic basis.

In view of the length of time that has elapsed since the last report was submitted by you, you are directed to submit another report bringing the subject's activities up-to-date.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/27/47</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/26; 8/5, 7, 12, 13, 15, 18, 19/47</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[Redacted]</b>
TITLE <b>WILLIAM ALBERTSON, wa</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY</b>	
<p>ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.</p> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Subject continues activities as Asst. Natl. Labor Secretary of CP, USA concentrating on AFL work. ALBERTSON held a series of conferences with CP AFL organizers throughout the country to strengthen the Party's position in AFL Unions by setting up AFL concentrations in the Party to infiltrate the ranks and undermine the policy of top executives in AFL. Subject held National AFL conference in Chicago 6/8/47. Conducted inspection tour of Baltimore CP Headquarters with PETER V. CACCHIONE. Was present at CP, USA plenum of the National Committee on 12/4/46 reading the speech of PETER V. CACCHIONE. Attended meeting of National Mining Commission of CP at Pittsburgh on 12/5/46. Listed as speaker at meeting of Fort Green Branch of CP on 3/27/47. Confidential Informant [Redacted] on 4/20/47 reported a portion of subject's activities while Organizational Secretary of Brooklyn CP. CP activities from 1942 to 1946 as received from NYPD set out. ALBERTSON was listed as instructor at Kings County CP Training School. No record of subject at Identification Division. Residence remains unchanged. u</p>			
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Chicago letter 5/28/47  
Bureau letters 3/31 and 5/12/47  
Detroit letter 4/15/47

DETAILS:

NATIONAL COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES

Confidential Informant [T-1] advised on December 4, 1946 that a plenum of the National Committee of the Communist Party U.S.A. was held in the Roof Room of the Hotel Diplomat, 108 West 43rd Street, New York City, on December 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1946. On Wednesday afternoon, December 4, 1946, WILLIAM ALBERTSON read the speech of Communist Councilman PETER V. CACCHIONE who was unable to attend. At the Thursday morning session JOHN WILLIAMSON, National Labor Secretary, delivered a report on Party work in the AFL and quoted as an excerpt from his speech pertaining to his subject: "This decisive change in Party participation and work among AFL workers cannot be done alone by the Trade Union Department even though we have Comrade Bill Albertson assigned to concentrate on AFL work."

Pittsburgh Confidential Informant [redacted] on December 15, 1946 advised that the NATIONAL MINING COMMISSION of the Communist Party held an afternoon conference at 440 Woods Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. STEVE NELSON, Chairman of the NATIONAL GROUPS COMMISSION, and the subject, as Assistant Labor Secretary, were representatives of the National Communist Party Headquarters in New York City and were among those present at the meeting. Others were listed as FRANK MUCCI, Communist Party organizer of District #8, Chicago, Illinois; ANTHONY KNCHEMAREK, Ohio Valley Communist Party Organizer; TED ALLEN, former West Virginia State Communist Party Chairman; ROY HUDSON, Chairman of District #5, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and GABOR KISH, member of the NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

At this meeting the subject reported on various proposals discussed by the "Center" on the coal strike at that time. He indicated that WILLIAM FOSTER would write an eight page pamphlet on mining directed to the miners which would contain a Christmas greeting to them from the Communist Party. The "Center" also proposed that the possibility of establishing a "National Mining Paper" would be considered. The first edition was to have 10,000 copies for distribution to the miners.

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ALBERTSON indicated that before April 1, 1947 the Communists must see that the demands of the electrical workers were necessary to secure their contemplated wage demands. The three unions should urge the strike at the same time. He continued by stating that in view of the fact that miners take April 1st as a holiday the other three unions above mentioned should declare April 1st a holiday also. u

In connection with the meeting of the NATIONAL MINING COMMISSION on December 15, 1946 the National "Center" of the Communist Party planned a discussion on the results of the inspection of District No. 5 on the Monday following the return of NELSON and ALBERTSON to New York. In this regard Pittsburgh Confidential Informant [ ] advised that ROY HUDSON, DAVE GRANT, TOM FITZPATRICK, GABE KISH and BEN CARREATHERS appeared before the National Board of the Communist Party at New York City on Monday, December 30, 1946, to discuss the results of the "inspection" of District #5 of the Communist Party.

The informant related that at a District Buro meeting held at Party Headquarters on the evening of January 8, 1947 a report was given to the members of the Buro on the meeting held in New York City. The meeting at New York City was opened at Noon by a report given by ROY HUDSON which was followed by a question period by members of the National Board. Then BILL ALBERTSON and STEVE NELSON gave a report on their visit to Pittsburgh. This was followed by a resume of the weaknesses in District 5 by members of the National Board JACK STACHEL, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, EUGENE DENNIS and WILLIAM FOSTER. u

Baltimore Confidential Informant [ ] furnished this office with a letter dated December 11, 1946 addressed to PHILIP FRANKFELD, Chairman of Communist Party District 4, by WILLIAM ALBERTSON. This letter noted that in line with the decisions made by the recent plenum based on Comrade WILLIAMSON's Special Trade Union Report, the subject [ ] would be in Baltimore from Sunday, January 19th to Tuesday, January 21st. The letter stated that it would be good if a conference on a district-wide scale of leading Comrades in AFL work be organized for one of these days, the remainder of the time to be spent with leading people in respective industries, especially the concentration industries. (S) (u)

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[5] On December 23, 1944, according to Baltimore Confidential Informant [redacted] a telegram was directed to the subject stating that arrangements had been completed for him to be in Baltimore as set out above. #

On December 24, 1946, the same informant reported that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was not known at 35 East 12th Street whereupon instructions were given for the telegram to be sent in care of JOHN WILLIAMSON at the Communist Party Headquarters on the 9th floor. On January 18, 1947, the informant related that JOHN WILLIAMSON had wired the local Party Headquarters at Baltimore stating that "ALBERTSON VERY SICK. UNABLE TO GET SUBSTITUTE. YOU MUST HANDLE YOURS." #

Confidential Informant ND-426 on April 28, 1947 furnished an undated rough draft letter by WILLIAM ALBERTSON which was addressed to ROY HUDSON, Chairman of District 5, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, commenting that HUDSON's instructions had been received and ALBERTSON considered that a two day meeting on the 10th and 11th should go through even though he alone could attend. They must come to conclusions on what should be done concretely in the everyday concentration work and not only when a special situation develops. ALBERTSON urged that they have this meeting to finalize some questions. #

Confidential Informant [redacted] on December 26, 1946, advised that the subject was among a group from the Communist Party National Headquarters who were making a tour through Ohio and were to be in Akron, Youngstown and Toledo between January 12th and 15th, 1947. #

By letter dated January 30, 1947 the Cleveland office related that Confidential Informants [redacted] and [redacted] by reports dated January 12, 1947 advised the Cleveland office of the activities occurring at a meeting of the AFE Club of the Communist Party of Summit County held at the Akron CP Headquarters on January 12th at which meeting WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Assistant National Labor Secretary, was present. Confidential Informant [redacted] reported that ALBERTSON made a speech emphasizing the mistake the Party had made in neglecting to build Party Clubs in the AFL while it had been making progress in the CIO. ALBERTSON was quoted by [redacted] as stating that although the top executives of the AFL are reactionary in their thinking there were plenty of progressives in the lower levels of the local forces and in the rank and file members. #

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ALBERTSON continued by declaring that the new policy of the Communist Party is to infiltrate the ranks of the AFL and to seek to undermine the policy of its top executives and to achieve a unity with the CIO in "the fight against the forces of big business and reaction represented by the new Congress", to crush the progressive movement, smash the unions and establish American Fascism preparatory to following an American imperialistic line abroad. *ll*

Confidential Informant *el* [redacted] provided substantially the same information as [redacted] regarding this meeting but further quoted ALBERTSON as stating that there are 10,000 Communists in the AFL Unions in this country and that the Party must concentrate their efforts for AFL members in the coming months.

*X* Confidential Informant *el* [redacted] on January 14, 1947 reported that on that date an American Federation of Labor meeting was held at the Ohio State Communist Party Headquarters, 2056 East 4th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. The chief speaker was William Albertson who was introduced by GUS HALL, Chairman of Cuyahoga County CP, as Assistant Labor Secretary of the National Communist Party. ALBERTSON in his remarks asserted that the CP National Committee had decided that work in the AFL was at a low ebb as not a single Communist was a delegate to the last AFL convention. Hence, in the future the Party must concentrate its efforts on this labor organization. ALBERTSON said there were only 10,000 Communists in the AFL and therefore (they) would not be in a position for sometime to change the top leadership. However, possibly the outlook of the locals could be modified to encourage a more progressive policy this year. Thousands of AFL members, ALBERTSON said, were no less progressive than CIO members who followed the ROOSEVELT-WALLACE foreign policy. These individuals now lack leadership and were lost. The Communist Party must establish in these locals a program which was "not Left Wing but progressive" and move these thousands against present policies of the AFL. In this connection ALBERTSON pointed out that the Communist Party AFL Labor Conference to formulate a definite program in this connection had been already scheduled.

Washington Confidential Informant *el* [redacted] on March 31, 1947 made available a letter dated March 13, 1947 on the letterhead of the Communist Party U.S.A. addressed "To All Districts" and signed "ALBERTSON". This letter related that "they" were calling a meeting "of our Comrades employed in the industry referred to. This meeting will take place in Cleveland, Ohio on Sunday, April 20th at 10:00 A.M." This letter continued by noting that the meeting was assuming great importance because of the AFL convention and its powerful influence on the labor movement. The conference in another industry which was originally scheduled for Milwaukee on April 12, 1947 had been postponed.

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Confidential Informant ND-426 furnished SA [ ] and Special Employee [ ] an undated letter signed "Comradely, ALBERTSON" which was addressed to GUS HALL at Cleveland. This letter related that the subject was to have been in Cleveland on Friday morning, June 20, 1947 and was desirous to meet for an hour or so with MAC STEREO. ALBERTSON also expected to meet with the people in Cleveland who were active in AFL affairs. *ft*

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San Francisco Confidential Informant SF-1433 on February 26, 1947 furnished the San Francisco office with a letter written by ALBERTSON on stationery of the CP National Headquarters concerning the 13 districts in San Francisco and Los Angeles sending representatives to the Machinists' Conference in Chicago on March 2, 1947. *ft*

On March 8, 1947 at 11:20 A.M. Special Agents [ ] and [ ] were in the vicinity of the CP National Headquarters at 35 East 12th Street, New York City. At 1:05 P.M. they noted that the subject left the National Headquarters in the company of JOHN WILLIAMSON and EUGENE DENNIS. *W*

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Confidential Informant T-2 advised that AL ROTHBART, Organizer of the Waterfront Section of the CP, on March 12, 1947 had requested the subject at the CP National Headquarters to outline a special Section meeting of the Waterfront Section March 16, 1947 inasmuch as JOHN WILLIAMSON was unavailable. *ft*

By letter dated April 15, 1947 the Detroit office indicated that according to Detroit Confidential Informant DE-127 the subject appeared in Detroit, Michigan on April 10, 1947 and was scheduled to attend a meeting at Cleveland, Ohio on April 11th. *ft*

On April 11, 1947 Confidential Informant DE-140 reported that BILLY ALLAN, District seven CP Daily Worker correspondent and in charge of organizing CP activity within the American Federation of Labor in the Detroit area, stated that he had met with BILL ALBERTSON and others on April 10, 1947 and they had decided to hold a conference of American Federation of Labor CP comrades on the 27th of April. It was indicated that word of this conference would spread by word of mouth and those attending were warned not to mention the conference over the phone and not to talk about it around strangers. ALLAN stated that the last time ALBERTSON had been in Detroit he was against the forming of such a unit but that since that time ALBERTSON had changed his mind. *ft*

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On April 28, 1947 Seattle Confidential Informant [SE-323] furnished SA [ ] with a typewritten letter on Communist Party U.S.A. letterhead dated February 3, 1947 bearing the typewritten signature of the subject and addressed to HENRY HUFF of Seattle. This letter requested that they be informed as soon as possible whether or not "we have any contacts, the character of these contacts and their names and addresses, of the following Jewelry Union, Local 61, Bremerton". [This letter bore the handwritten notation that there were no contacts in this local.] It is noted that HENRY HUFF is the Chairman of the Northwest District CP. ~~(C) (U)~~

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By letter dated May 12, 1947 this office advised Chicago that the subject was to fly there on American Airlines plane leaving New York at 7 A.M. and arriving at 9:20 A.M. on Flight 15. He also had reservations to return the same day, May 24th, leaving Chicago on Flight 274 at 9 P.M. and arriving at New York at 1:25 A.M. ~~U~~

On May 24, 1947 WILLIAM ALBERTSON, according to information furnished by Chicago Confidential Informant [CGO 5021], arrived in Chicago. The subject then contacted JOHN SCHMIES at the headquarters of the Communist Party for District #8, Chicago. It was indicated by the informant that there were persons in Chicago from New York, Cleveland, and St. Louis to attend a meeting which was believed to have been originally scheduled to be held in Communist Party headquarters. Informant reported that it was decided to hold the meeting elsewhere at an unknown meeting place. It seemed that ALBERTSON appeared to be in Chicago to confer with JOHN SCHMIES. SCHMIES is the Communist Party organizer in the AFL in the Chicago area. ~~(C) (U)~~

By teletype dated July 2, 1947 this office advised Detroit and Chicago that Confidential Informant [ ] reported that BILL ALBERTSON, Assistant National Labor Secretary, CP, USA, wired the following Party Offices to send delegates to a conference to be held at 10 A.M. in Chicago Sunday, June 8, 1947: Baltimore, Cleveland, Detroit, Minneapolis, Seattle, Newark, Bridgeport, and Milwaukee. The informant also reported that ALBERTSON wired WILLIAM ALLEN, 902 Lawyers Building, Detroit, Michigan, that DAVE CARPENTER, member of the NATIONAL REVIEW COMMISSION, would be in Chicago on June 8th. ~~(C) (U)~~

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Confidential Informant [T-3] advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was to arrive in Chicago on Saturday morning, June 7, 1947, and had advised JOHN SCHMIES of Chicago to make arrangements for a conference on June 8th. He was scheduled to leave Chicago on Sunday night, June 8th, for New York. H

Confidential Informant [ND-426] in this connection had furnished a form letter dated April 23, 1947 on CP, USA letterhead addressed "To All Districts" and bearing the name "ALBERTSON" as the writer. This letter noted that due to insufficient response from districts concerning the sending of representatives to a special industry conference on May 4th at Chicago, the conference was to have been postponed to Sunday, June 8th, 10 A.M., at Chicago, Illinois. H

On May 27, 1947 Confidential Informant [ND-426] made available to SA [ ] and Special Employee [ ] a letter by the subject addressed to MANNY BLUM of Boston stating that it would be impossible for ALBERTSON to be in Boston on June 14th and suggested that June 8th be taken instead. The letter stated that ALBERTSON had arranged for a representative from Boston for Chicago on Sunday, June 8th, and that he was to go to the District Office there at 10 A.M. H

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The informant, also on that date, furnished an undated letter by ALBERTSON to JOHN SCHMIES of Chicago which related that "We are going through with the conference on Sunday, June 8th. I suggest you get a place for it. I will come in Saturday morning, June 7th, to spend some time with you and Otto. If you think it advisable to organize any meetings or conferences for Saturday Okay. I will have to leave Chicago Sunday night (to return to New York)." H

The informant made available a letter in this connection signed "Comradely, ALBERTSON" addressed to JOE KUNZMAN which stated that "Your delegate should be at the Chicago District office on Sunday, June 8th at 10 A.M. On the longshore business we asked that you arrange a meeting of your staff, secretariat or board with some of the local people involved for a discussion of this work. We will send someone from here to that meeting. It is now possible for us to give some minimum help to develop the work locally." H

On June 3, 1946 Chicago Confidential Informant [CGO-5358] reported that JOHN SCHMIES, who is currently acting as an organizer for the Communist Party in Chicago among the various AFL unions, was making arrangements for

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a meeting to be held on June 8th. SCHMIES requested that SARA HAYDEN, who has been active in Communist Party affairs on the West Side of Chicago, to furnish two carpenters for a meeting scheduled at 10 A.M. on Sunday, June 8th, at the Finnish Workers Hall. SCHMIES indicated that it was to be a national conference. ~~///~~

It was not possible for the Chicago office to cover the above meeting by informants or otherwise. However, on June 8th Confidential Informant CGO-5407 reported that WILLIAM ALBERTSON arrived in Chicago on June 7th. This informant reported that he was staying at the Midland Hotel in Chicago. It was also stated that he spent the better part of Saturday, June 7th, working with an individual named OTTO. It is believed that OTTO is OTTO WANGERIN, who is the National Organizer for the Communist Party in the railroad industry. This informant also reported that ALBERTSON plans to be in Chicago on June 21st where a meeting will be held among the Communist Party members who are in the newspaper industry. It was indicated that no place for the meeting had been arranged but that it was scheduled for 11 A.M. on the 21st. ~~///~~

In connection with the above meeting on June 21st Confidential Informant ND-426 made available to SA [redacted] and Special Employee [redacted] on June 17, 1947 an undated letter signed "ALBERTSON" directed to JOHN SCHMIES, Chicago, and ELMER JOHNSON of Indiana. This letter related that ALBERTSON expected to be in Chicago on Saturday, June 21st, and Sunday, June 22nd. He requested SCHMIES and JOHNSON to contact his friend, ELMER PREIST, and have him come to Chicago on Sunday morning at 10 A.M. to spend an hour or two with him. At that time the subject was to have stayed at the Midland Hotel. ~~///~~

On June 13, 1947 Confidential Informant ND-426 made available a copy of a letter dated June 3, 1947 addressed to "Dear Comrade" by BETTY, believed to be BETTY GANNETT. This letter noted that the main point on the agenda at the meeting of the organizational department on June 10, 1947 at 10:30 A.M. was to have been a report on a series of 40 AFL conferences by Comrade ALBERTSON. ~~///~~

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The Los Angeles office by letter advised that BEN DOBBS, Labor Chairman of the Los Angeles County Communist Party, received a wire relayed from ARCHIE BROWN, Communist Party functionary at San Francisco, on June 18, 1947. The wire stated that "ALBERTSON WANTS TO MEET MR. GUILD, CHICAGO, SATURDAY MORNING 11". u

A similar wire was sent BROWN by ALBERTSON on the same date. Mr. GUILD is possibly ROBERT W. KENNEY, former State Attorney General and National President of the Lawyers Guild and at the present time a Southern California PCA Chairman. u

Washington Confidential Informant [Z] on June 6, 1947 furnished a letter dated June 2, 1947 on the letterhead of the CP, USA addressed "To All Districts" from "ALBERTSON". This letter in particular made reference to the fact that there was being arranged a National Conference of Communist forces in New York City on Saturday, August 16th, at 10 A.M. The letter requested that this be attended to and all arrangements necessary for representation from each district be arranged. u

By teletype dated July 8, 1947 the Baltimore office advised that Baltimore Confidential Informant [ ] reported that on that date BETTY GANNETT and an individual believed to be WILLIAM ALBERTSON were proceeding from Baltimore to Washington and had been in Baltimore for several days on what was believed to be an inspection tour as they had been interviewing numerous Communist Party members there and obtaining from them any criticisms they may have to make. The purpose of their trip to Washington was unknown to this informant. b2 b7D

Confidential Informant [T-3 on August 15, 1947] advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in charge while JOHN WILLIAMSON was on vacation from August 18th to September 8th. This informant advised that ALBERTSON had made reservations to Chicago on August 23, 1947 to leave New York at 7 A.M. [The informant likewise had a reservation with Northwest Airlines on their flight from Chicago to St. Paul on August 23rd at 8:15 P.M. [According to the informant the subject had scheduled a conference in Chicago and was endeavoring to get a HARRY RICH to accompany him there. The purpose of the visit to St. Paul was unknown to the informant. u

By letters dated August 18th and 19th, 1947 the St. Paul and Chicago offices respectively were advised of the subject's proposed trip. u

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NEW YORK COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES

On March 4, 1947, Confidential Informant T-3 advised that BILL ALBERTSON, at the National Headquarters, had a conference with LORETTA POSTEK regarding the meeting of the ROSA LUXEMBOURG SECTION at which AL LANNON and TERRY PENMAN were to attend. ALBERTSON was to make the necessary arrangements for this meeting and was to advise her of a definite date.

The DAILY WORKER dated March 9, 1947 carried an announcement that the WILLIAMSBURG SECTION of the Communist Party was to have WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Communist Party Labor Secretary, to answer questions on trade unions that day at a meeting to have been held at 13 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn.

On March 28, 1947, Confidential Informant [redacted] furnished Special Agents John A. Harrington and Joseph H. Brennan a flier announcing a meeting at P.S. 67 St. Edwards Street, Brooklyn, on March 27, 1947 sponsored by the Fort Greene Communist Party of 26 Court Street, Brooklyn. The subject, BILL ALBERTSON, Assistant National Labor Secretary of the CP, USA, was listed as one of the speakers at this meeting held in protest of TRUMAN's foreign policy, anti-labor legislation and attempts to ban the Communist Party.

Confidential Informant ND-426 on April 28, 1947 furnished a rough draft letter in the handwriting of the subject addressed to PHIL BARTH of Philadelphia requesting BARTH to arrange a special board, staff or secretariat meeting for a full discussion of work that week. ALBERTSON noted that a few things could be done in preparation for the convention (AFL) as well as some organization.

Confidential Informant [redacted] furnished SA John A. Harrington on May 14, 1947 an outline of the Brooklyn County CP Evening School scheduled from May 5th to 26th, 1947, at 190 Tompkins Avenue, Brooklyn. This schedule indicated that BILL ALBERTSON was to handle the sessions on Party Policy, CP, USA on May 21st and 23rd. On Monday, May 26th, a session with BILL ALBERTSON was to deal with the organizational aspects of the Party.

The DAILY WORKER for June 2, 1947 carried an announcement of a Bath Beach-Bensonhurst Section Membership Meeting for June 3, 1947 at IWO Center, 2075 86th Street, with WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Assistant National Labor Secretary of the Communist Party, as speaker on the topic "A Third Party For 48".

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Confidential Informant [redacted] furnished Special Agents John A. Harrington and [redacted] on March 20, 1947 with "A Report by WILLIAM ALBERTSON delivered at the first conference of the Brooklyn Communist Political Association on June 29, 1944". Excerpts from this six page address are as follows: *u*

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"1. Now that the Communist Party has been dissolved and the non-partisan Communist Political Association has been established, we may well ask ourselves how will our Communist club function? That may be best answered by discussion of our present day role." *u*

"2. Our contribution to the nation is to build and strengthen those forces for Teheran and to isolate those against. We must stimulate and deepen the thinking of our people. We leading, guide them, not by control, not by fractions, not by boring from within, but by equal participation with them in their organizations - communities, and mass movements. We merge with, but do not dissolve amongst the masses. We issue no comments, we take no independent action, unless no other course is open. Instead we work for full collaboration and organization of real united action, drawing in ever larger and larger numbers of people. Through our Marxist understanding we clarify and educate the people in the trade unions as well as the other peoples organizations. Through them we influence the course and development of the whole labor movement." *u*

"We are now in the period when the historic isolation of the American Communists can be smashed. We can win recognition as to the indispensability of the Communists only to the extent that we Communists show in action that the interests and aims of the Communists are those of labor and the people. To that extent we will deepen their political understanding." *u*

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Confidential Informant [redacted] also furnished the above named agents a carbon copy of a letter dated April 23, 1946 addressed to STEVE NELSON by the subject which suggested that at the Membership Meeting on April 29, 1946 NELSON should speak on the importance of Party building among national groups, especially Italians. *S*

[A similar letter was addressed by ALBERTSON to BETTY GANNETT regarding this Membership Meeting] asking her to speak for five minutes on the importance of organization and follow through with Party recruiting. *u*

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[A letter was also directed to CHARLES ~~MRUMBEIN~~ in which the subject requested him to speak for five minutes on the progress of the Party in the South and the importance of recruiting Negro workers into the Party. ~~sk~~

[Another individual who was to receive one of these letters was BILL ~~NORMAN~~ and he was requested to speak for five minutes on the importance of building the Party in the shops and the trade unions. ~~sk~~

Confidential Informant [ ] also furnished these agents a mimeographed letter dated April 20, 1946 over the signature of WILLIAM ALBERTSON which stated that each Section Station was to be held on May 2nd and a report made to County Station on May 3rd. The letter further requested an up to date report be made to the County Station by April 25, 1946 on the recruiting and fund drives. ~~sk~~

The informant furnished a form letter dated May 2, 1946 to "Dear Comrade" and concluded "Comradely yours, WILLIAM ALBERTSON" which was an announcement of an Organizational Department meeting on May 13th at the County office to discuss the question of transferring members to the Bedford-Stuyvesant Section of the Kings County Communist Party. ~~sk u~~

The informant furnished a letter dated July 18, 1946 addressed "To All Section Organizers" and concluded "Comradely yours, WILLIAM ALBERTSON" which announced a Section Organizers meeting for Thursday, July 25, 1946, at 260 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York. ~~sk~~

On March 20, 1947 [ ] furnished the above named agents with an undated mimeographed letter addressed to "Dear Comrade" and bore as authors of the same WILLIAM ALBERTSON, DAVID AMARIGLIO and SYDNEY BROOKS. This letter announced a meeting of all Section Organizational Secretaries, Membership Secretaries and Treasurers on July 18, 1946 at 260 Fulton Street, Brooklyn. The purpose of the meeting was to evaluate the results of the Party building campaign and the next tasks in Party organization. ~~sk~~

[ ] also furnished a letter dated September 4, 1946 by WILLIAM ALBERTSON addressed to GENE DENNIS requesting him to speak on the recent plenum at the open Brownsville Section Membership Meeting on Wednesday, October 2, 1946. ~~sk~~

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On March 27, 1947 Confidential Informant [redacted] furnished Special Agents John A. Harrington and [redacted] a mimeographed letter headed "Kings County Committee, Communist Party, 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York" which was dated October 10, 1946 and addressed to "All Section Organizational Secretaries, Membership Secretaries and Treasurers". This letter which was over the names of WILLIAM ALBERTSON, DAVE AMARIGLIO and SYDNEY BROOKS stated that a meeting to discuss registration plans for 1947 Party Registration Campaign was to have been held on October 17, 1946 at 260 Fulton Street, Brooklyn. *st*

[redacted] also furnished on March 20, 1947 a mimeographed letter "To all Kings County Branch Organizers" and was closed "Comradely yours, WILLIAM ALBERTSON". This letter stated that the New York State Committee was preparing to place a full Communist Party ticket in the gubernatorial election and to do so signatures on Communist Party petitions were required throughout the State. Brooklyn had been given the responsibility for 13 Counties in and around Albany. In view of this the letter requested as many members as possible to volunteer for this task. Organizers were to discuss this matter at club meetings, outlining the plan as set forth in the letter. *st*

The following information was received from Special Squad One of the New York City Police Department: *st*

In 1939 ALBERTSON was a member of the National Committee of the International Labor Defense. He was the General Organizer of the Waiters, Waitresses and Bartenders Local #16, AFL. *st*

On the evening of February 25, 1942 WILLIAM ALBERTSON attended a testimonial dinner given in honor of EARL BROWDER held at the Aldine Club, 200 Fifth Avenue, New York City. ALBERTSON was also listed as the Trade Union Secretary of the CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO FREE EARL BROWDER and signed a call to free EARL BROWDER as shown by a card of the CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO FREE EARL BROWDER dated February 17, 1942. The subject was a speaker at the Second Front Rally held at Union Square September 24, 1942 under the auspices of the Communist Party. He was the Business Delegate of Local 16, Waiters and Waitresses Union, AFL and also the Recording Secretary of the Joint Board of Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Alliance. *st*

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Confidential Informant [T-4] personally attended the following rallies to Free EARL BROWDER held under the auspices of the Communist Party. He noted the following activity and attendance on the part of the subject:

Hotel Diplomat, 108 West 43rd Street, New York City on February 18, 1942 at which the subject acted as Chairman.  
Casa D'Amor, 2912 West 31st Street, Brooklyn, on March 10, 1942 at which subject was a speaker.  
Chateau D'Or, Ocean Avenue and Avenue U, Brooklyn, March 5, 1942 at which subject was a speaker.

Confidential Informant [T-5] attended the following "FREE EARL BROWDER RALLIES" held under the auspices of the Communist Party and noted the subject's activities and attendance thereof:

St. Philips Church, 2606 Deane Street, Brooklyn on March 12, 1942 at which the subject was a speaker.  
Pel Park Palace, 708 Lydig Avenue, Bronx, March 4, 1942 at which the subject was a speaker.

Confidential Informant [T-5] also reported ALBERTSON as having been the Chairman of a Communist Party meeting held at the Hotel Diplomat on October 28, 1942.

Confidential Informant [T-4] reported the subject as having been the Chairman at a Communist Party meeting held on May 14, 1943 at Manhattan Center, New York City. In addition the subject was a speaker at an election rally and "Opening of the Second Front" rally held under the auspices of the Kings County Election Campaign Committee for the Communist Party held at Menorah Temple, 14th Avenue and 50th Street, Brooklyn on September 23, 1943.

Confidential Informant [T-6] related that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was the Chairman of the CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE of the New York State Special Convention of the Communist Party held at Manhattan Center on August 10, 1945.

[T-4] reported that the subject was Chairman at an Election Rally for PETER V. CACCHIONE held under the auspices of the Executive Committee of the Kings County Communist Party on October 5, 1943 at the St. George Hotel, Brooklyn, New York.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON was a member of the RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE, New York State Communist Party Convention, held at Manhattan Center on May 14, 1944. *u*

The subject's photograph bearing the title of Labor Secretary of the Communist Party of Brooklyn appeared in the PETER V. CACCHIONE ASSOCIATION JOURNAL issued on the occasion of the Third Annual Ball and Victory Celebration held at the St. George Hotel, Brooklyn on the evening of April 1, 1944 wherein the Kings County Council of the Communist Party extended its greetings to this association. This Journal is maintained in the files of the New York City Police Department. *u*

On November 3, 1942 the subject was the Secretary of the Labor Committee for the election of ISRAEL AMTER, 11 West 42nd Street, New York City which was sponsoring Communist candidate AMTER for Governor on this ticket. The subject was one of the signers of a Communist Party Nominating Petition for Councilman PETER V. CACCHIONE in 1945 at Brooklyn, New York. *u*

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By letter dated March 31, 1947 the Identification Division advised that it was unable to locate any criminal information in its files regarding the subject. *u*

An attempt was made to verify the birth record of the subject's wife FRANCINE SCHNEEBERG, reported born on August 20, 1911 at Brooklyn, New York, by Special Employee [redacted] who caused a check of the birth records for the boroughs of Manhattan, Queens and Brooklyn between the years 1909 and 1913 with negative results. *u*

The records of the Department of Health, Brooklyn, under Birth Certificate 13699 reflect that the subject's son [redacted] was born [redacted]. The father was given as WILLIAM, age 26, born, Russia; occupation, Secretarial Manager of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union for six years. The mother was given as FRANCINE SCHNEEBERG, age 26, born United States. *u*

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Another son of the subject, [redacted], under Birth Certificate [redacted] was born on [redacted]. This birth certificate indicated that the mother, FRANCINE SCHNEEBERG, was born in the United States and was then 22 years of age. *W*

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Discreet inquiry in the vicinity of 1980 East 12th Street, Brooklyn, New York indicated that the subject and his wife continue to maintain their residence at that address. *W*

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AT NEW YORK CITY:

Will contact Confidential Informants for any information concerning the subject's Communist activities and report same.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA [ ]  
[ ] dated August 27, 1947 at New York, New York are:

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Microphone installation by the New York City Police  
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[ ] and [ ] Bureau of  
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Department. This microphone was installed with the  
permission of the management and ALBERTSON was introduced  
as Chairman of the Credentials Committee and made a report  
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September 10, 1947

Director, FBI

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, with aliases  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
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Rebulet June 21, 1947. The Bureau files do not reflect this matter has received your attention as yet. You are requested to place it in line for attention at an early date.

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Re: WILLIAM ALBERTSON, wa.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
Bureau file 65-38100

Dear Sir:

DECLASSIFIED BY 6050  
ON 3/23/77

(U) On September 11, 1947 Confidential Informant [redacted] reported that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was leaving New York City with his family. u

On September 25, 1947 [redacted] made available an undated rough draft letter addressed to ROY HUDSON, Chairman of District # 5 CPUSA, Pittsburgh, Pa., from WILLIAM ALBERTSON who has been acting as assistant National Labor Secretary of the Party. u

This letter indicated that ALBERTSON desired to raise the question of his salary prior to his move to Pittsburgh, desiring more than \$45.00 as net pay, as this amount would be nineteen dollars less than he is presently receiving. u

The informant also reported that ALBERTSON received two letters from Pittsburgh, Pa., postmarked September 11 and 13, 1947 with the return address of the party headquarters, 426 Bakewell Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa. The contents of these letters were not known to the informant. u

Confidential Informant [redacted] has reported that ALBERTSON has reservations with Pennsylvania Railroad for October 4 to Pittsburgh and return reservation from Pittsburgh to N.Y. on October 5, 9PM with TWA airlines, flight 380. u

Upon the receipt of information from Confidential Informant [redacted] of this office noting that ALBERTSON has left New York, the Pittsburgh office will be requested to verify the subject's presence in Pittsburgh so that the office of origin of this case may be changed. u

Very truly yours,

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON, wa.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
Bureau File #65-38100

DATE: October 31, 1947

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Informant [ ] (U) has advised that the subject arrived in Pittsburgh, Pa. on October 27, 1947 to take over his duties as the new Secretary of District 5 of the Communist Party.

On October 30, 1947, the same informant advised that the subject is residing at 1121 Courtland Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. *7*

The New York Office is requested to forward pertinent serials regarding the subject to the Pittsburgh Office as enclosures with Form Letter #128.

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cc - New York (65-5604)

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TITLE: WILLIAM ALBERTSON, with aliases Bill Albertson			CHARACTER OF CASE: INTERNAL SECURITY - C 3/20/68

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SUMMARY REPORT  
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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, generally referred to as BILL ALBERTSON, has been Secretary of District #5 of the Communist Party At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania since October 1947, having been transferred to this position from the National Headquarters of the Communist Party, USA, where he held the position of Assistant National Labor Secretary of the CP concentrating on Communist activities in the American Federation of Labor since December 1946. He has served as a member of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party since 1944 and was Vice President of the Kings County Communist Political Association from 1944 to 1945. In 1946 he was the Organizational Secretary of the Kings County CP. He has been a candidate on the Communist Party ticket, including Congressman in 1934. He was a member of the Young Communist League in 1929, and shortly thereafter, became associated with the Communist Party. u

ALBERTSON has resided at 1980 East 12 Street, Brooklyn, New York, since April 1944. He is 37 years of age, born May 7, 1910, at Odessa, Russia, and obtained derivative citizenship through his mother, ESTHER ALBERTSON, formerly ESTHER ABRAMSKI, on June 29, 1927, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He attended the University of Pennsylvania from 1927 to 1929 when he was expelled. He married FRANCINE SCHNEIBERG at Brooklyn in June 1932, and has two sons, [redacted] and [redacted] ages [redacted] and [redacted] respectively. ALBERTSON presently resides at 1121 Portland Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. u

The following legally admissible evidence tends to prove the subject's membership in, or affiliation with the Communist Party and subject's knowledge of the revolutionary aims and purposes of the same: u

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: Edward [redacted]	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
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~~BENJAMIN GITLOW~~  
5 West 91 Street  
New York, New York

Can testify that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was a member of the Executive Committee of the International Labor Defense and was a Communist associated with the Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Alliance. ~~u~~

Daily Worker - June 7, 1950  
Published by Freedom of the Press, Inc.  
50 East 13 Street, New York City

This issue contains an article by WILLIAM ALBERTSON entitled, "Workers Defense Course". In this article, ALBERTSON discusses the formation of a workers defense course as a mass party "auxiliary" of the functioning Communist factions therein. He describes the main function of such a workers defense course as defending the workers in their struggle against the forces of capitalism on the picket lines and at demonstrations. He states that it is not a Red front fighters organization nor is it a labor sports union; but rather, that the basis of the organization must be in the mills, mines, shops and factories, and that it is based also on the new unions of the minorities in the AFL locals and shop committees. He stated that wherever there is a shop nucleus of the Party or league, there must be built the workers defense course. ~~u~~

He concluded his article with the following:

"The Party must be given immediately to follow up its agitator's work with real organizational work in the building of the workers defense course and to a broad mass working class organization." ~~u~~

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Can testify that WILLIAM ALBERTSON came from the Young Communist League into the Communist Party, and that he was an active leader in the Young Communist League for a number of years and just before the Food Workers Industrial Union was broken up, he was made organizer along with MIKE OBERMEIER of Local 119 of the Hotel Workers Union which had its office at 8th Avenue near 54th Street. He became secretary of Local 16 serving in that capacity for several years. He was a member of the State Committee of the Communist Party and was considered the favorite of ROSE WORTIS of the Trade Union Commission of the New York State Committee. ~~u~~

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Informant can testify that he attended a fraction meeting of the leaders of the Communist Party in the culinary industry in the spring of 1940 at the Hotel Edison Annex. WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at this meeting and was known to him as a member of the State Committee of the CP, a teacher in the Workers School, and an assistant to ROSE WORTIS. *u*

Can testify that in January 1941, the National Food Fraction of the Communist Party decided to take over the New York Joint Executive Board made up of all the local unions and food industry. All non-Communist Party members were defeated for election, and were replaced by Communist Party members and sympathizers. WILLIAM ALBERTSON, a Communist, was elected Recording Secretary of the New York Joint Executive Board. *u*

Can testify that a mass rally of trade unionists was held on August 7, 1942 to elect "win the war candidates". This meeting was held at the Odd Fellows Temple, 105 East 165th Street, New York City, and WILLIAM ALBERTSON was one of the speakers. The purpose of this meeting was to purge the anti-Communist members of the state legislature. *u*

Can testify that in addition to the political activity engaged in by WILLIAM ALBERTSON, during his association with the AFL he assisted in the Communist sponsored drive for trade union collaboration among the workers of Great Britain, the Soviet Union, and the United States. *u*

Can testify that in February of 1944 ALBERTSON had been a member of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party in 1944, a teacher in the Workers School of the Communist Party, and came from the Young Communist League into the Communist Party having been an active leader in the Young Communist League for a number of years. *u*

Confidential Informant [T-1] *u* (U)  
New York Office

Can testify that in July 1942 he knew WILLIAM ALBERTSON as the Secretary of the Hotel Trade Union Local #16, and who was an instructor in Communism at shop meetings. He knew ALBERTSON, a union member under JAY RUBIN, President of the Hotel Trades Council, Edison Hotel Annex, as a Communist through his activities. *u*

THE WORKER - September 27, 1942  
Page 2, Column 1, Section I  
Published by Freedom of the Press, Inc.  
50 East 13 Street, New York City *u*

This issue carries an article by WILLIAM ALBERTSON entitled, "Ready for All Sacrifices" which gives the highlights of a speech delivered *u*

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by ALBERTSON at the Union Square Section front rally. ALBERTSON states that tens of thousands of members of the American Federation of Labor in the City of New York are for the opening of a second front in Western Europe. The article continued by stating that all arguments against immediate opening of the second front in Europe only strengthened Hitler's war machine by giving him more time. *u*

Confidential Informant [T-2] ~~(U)~~  
New York Office

Can testify that he attended a Communist Party meeting held at the Hotel Diplomat, 108 West 43 Street, New York City on October 28, 1942 at which meeting WILLIAM ALBERTSON acted as Chairman. *u*

Can testify that he attended a Free EARL BROWDER Rally held at St. Philip's Church, 2606 Deane Street, Brooklyn, New York, on March 12, 1942, and that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was a speaker at this rally. *u*

Can testify that on March 4, 1942, he attended a Free EARL BROWDER Rally held at Pel Park Palace, 708 Lydig Avenue, Bronx, New York, held under the auspices of the Communist Party with WILLIAM ALBERTSON as a speaker. *u*

Can testify that he attended an open-air meeting under the auspices of the Communist Party at Union Square, New York City on September 24, 1942, which was a second front rally with WILLIAM ALBERTSON as one of the speakers. *u*

Confidential Informant [T-3] ~~(U)~~  
New York Office

Can testify that he attended an EARL BROWDER Rally held at the Diplomat Hotel, 108 West 43 Street, New York City on February 18, 1942. WILLIAM ALBERTSON was the chairman of this meeting. *u*

Can testify that he attended a Free EARL BROWDER Rally held at the Casa D'Amos, 2912 West 31 Street, Brooklyn, New York, on March 30, 1942. He noted that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was one of the speakers. *u*

*u* Can testify that he attended a Communist Party meeting held on May 14, 1943 at Manhattan Center, 8th Avenue and 34th Street, New York City, and that WILLIAM ALBERTSON acted as the chairman of the meeting. *u*

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Can testify he attended a Communist Party, Free EARL BROWDER Rally held at Chateau D'Or, Ocean Avenue and Avenue U, Brooklyn, New York on March 5, 1942 at which meeting WILLIAM ALBERTSON was one of the speakers. *u*

Can testify that he attended an election rally and "Opening of the Western Front" held under the auspices of the Kings County Communist Party Election Campaign Committee held at the Menorah Temple, 14th Avenue and 50th Street, Brooklyn, New York on September 23, 1943. WILLIAM ALBERTSON was one of the speakers at this rally. *u*

Can testify that he attended an election rally for Communist candidate for City Councilman, PETER V. CACCHIONE, held under the auspices of the Kings County Executive Committee of the CP on October 3, 1943 at the St. George Hotel, Brooklyn. WILLIAM ALBERTSON was the chairman of the rally. *u*

Confidential Informant [T-4] *u* (U)  
New York Office

Can testify that WILLIAM ALBERTSON of New York City was elected a member of the New York State Committee of the Communist Political Association of New York State at a convention held in Manhattan Center, New York City on June 10th and 11th, 1944, at which time the Communist Party of New York State was dissolved and the Communist Political Association of New York State was formed. *u*

Confidential Informant [T-5] *u* (U)  
New York Office

Can testify that WILLIAM ALBERTSON of New York City was a member of the Resolutions Committee from the Kings County CP at the New York State CPA Convention held at Manhattan Center, 8th Avenue and 34th Street, New York City on June 10th and 11th, 1944. *u*

Confidential Informant [T-6] *u* (U)  
New York Office

Can testify that as of June 16, 1941 he was one of the owners of the building located at 59 West End Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, from 1941 to March 1942, and that WILLIAM ALBERTSON had previously been one of his tenants. At the time he was living at that address, ALBERTSON was employed as a waiter and subsequently by a labor union. *u*

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Can testify that ALBERTSON frequently told her that he was a member of the Communist Party and on one or two occasions had asked her to join the Party but had never insisted. Approximately three months prior to this time ALBERTSON considered that he was to be inducted into the U. S. Army and as a result, the Brighton Beach Club of the CP located at Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, held a party for him. The informant attended this party at which ALBERTSON and his wife were present as guests of honor. *uk*

                     Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
New York City *u*

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Can testify that on July 11th, 1944, WILLIAM ALBERTSON appeared at the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Foley Square, at 3:20 P.M., at which time ALBERTSON advised he was residing at 1980 East 12th Street, Brooklyn, New York. He stated that he was at that time employed on a full-time basis as Vice President of the Brooklyn Unit of the Communist Political Association. He gave his business address as Room 1903, 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York, which address is the headquarters of the Kings County Communist Party. *uk*

MATTHEW M. DWYER  
Office of Selective Service  
516 West 34 Street  
New York City *u*

Can introduce the Selective Service file on WILLIAM ALBERTSON containing a supplemental affidavit to DSS Form 41 submitted to Local Board #144 on December 6, 1943 at Brooklyn, New York. *u*

Under employment status of registrant, Subject stated his monthly wage was \$223.12; that he was employed by the New York State Committee, Communist Party, USA; that his employer's business was a political party; and that he was the Kings County labor secretary and had entered his present job on November 8th, 1943. *u*

A Selective Service Form DSS 42 B was submitted December 18th, 1944, by the Brooklyn Communist Political Association under the signature of JOSEPH ROBERTS, Executive Secretary. This form advised Local Board #144 that subject was employed by the Brooklyn CPA at 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, as Vice President, and that his duties were executive and administrative, that he was in charge of educational activities and was employed full time. *u*

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On July 19, 1945, the said Brooklyn CPA under signature of the aforementioned JOSEPH ROBERTS submitted DSS Form 42-A to Local Board #144. In this form ROBERTS certified that subject was employed as Vice President of the Brooklyn CPA; that he was an executive and in charge of education of membership and general propaganda work; that he was employed on September 1, 1943; entered his present job in November 1943; received \$55 per week; that his prior experience was as a waiter, and a food clerk and newspaper editorial worker; that his educational background was two years at the University of Pittsburgh; and that it would take 30 days to replace him. JOSEPH ROBERTS certified that he was executive secretary of the Brooklyn CPA and that the foregoing statements were true to the best of his knowledge and belief. *u*

JOHN A. HARRINGTON and  
[redacted] Special Agents  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
New York City *u*

Can testify that they received from Confidential Informant [redacted] *C* (U) on March 28, 1947, a flyer announcing a meeting at P. S. 67, St. Edwards Street, Brooklyn, on March 27, 1947, sponsored by the Fort Greene Communist Party of 26 Court Street, Brooklyn. The subject, BILL ALBERTSON, Assistant National Labor Secretary of the CP, USA, was listed as one of the speakers at this meeting held in protest of TRUMAN's foreign policy, anti-labor legislation, and attempts to ban the Communist Party. *u*

Can testify that on March 20, 1947, Confidential Informant [redacted] *C* (U) furnished them with "A Report by WILLIAM ALBERTSON delivered at the first conference of the Brooklyn Communist Political Association on June 29, 1944." Excerpts from this six-page address are as follows: *u*

"1. Now that the Communist Party has been dissolved and the non-partisan Communist Political Association has been established, we may well ask ourselves how will our Communist club function? That may be best answered by discussion of our present day role. *u*

"2. Our contribution to the nation is to build and strengthen those forces for Teheran and to isolate those against: We must stimulate and deepen the thinking of our people. We leading, guide them, not by control, not by fractions, not by boring from within, but by equal participation with them in their organizations - communities, and mass movements. We merge with, but do not dissolve amongst the masses. We issue no comments work for full collaboration and organization of real united action, drawing in ever larger and larger numbers of people. Through our Marxist understanding we clarify and educate the people in the trade unions as well as the other peoples organizations. Through them we influence the course and development of the whole labor movement. *u*

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"We are now in the period when the historic isolation of the American Communists can be smashed. We can win recognition as to the indispensability of the Communists only to the extent that we Communists show in action that the interests and aims of the Communists are those of labor and the people. To that extent we will deepen their political understanding." *ll*

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Can testify that on March 20, 1947, [ ] also furnished them with a mimeographed letter "To all Kings County Branch Organizers" which was signed, "Comradely yours, WILLIAM ALBERTSON". This letter stated that the New York State Committee was preparing to place a full Communist Party ticket in the gubernatorial election and to do so signatures on Communist Party petitions were required throughout the State. Brooklyn had been given the responsibility for 13 Counties in and around Albany. In view of this, the letter requested as many members as possible to volunteer for this task. Organizers were to discuss this matter at club meetings, outlining the plan as set forth in the letter. *ll*

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Can testify that on March 20, 1947, [ ] furnished them with an undated mimeographed letter addressed to "Dear Comrade" and bore as authors of the same WILLIAM ALBERTSON, DAVID AMARIGLIO and SYDNEY BROOKS. This letter announced a meeting of all Section Organizational Secretaries, Membership Secretaries and Treasurers on July 18, 1946 at 260 Fulton Street, Brooklyn. The purpose of the meeting was to evaluate the results of the Party building campaign and the next tasks in Party organization. *ll*

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These agents can testify that [ ] also furnished them with a carbon copy of a letter dated April 23, 1946, addressed to STEVE NELSON by the subject which suggested that at the Membership Meeting on April 29, 1946 NELSON should speak on the importance of Party building among national groups, especially Italians. *ll*

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They can testify that a similar letter was addressed by ALBERTSON to BETTY GANNETT regarding this Membership Meeting asking her to speak for five minutes on the importance of organization and follow through with Party recruiting. *ll*

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They can testify that a letter was also directed to CHARLES CRUMBEIN in which the subject requested him to speak for five minutes on the progress of the Party in the South and the importance of recruiting Negro workers into the Party. Another individual who was to receive one of these letters was BILL NORMAN and he was requested to speak for five minutes on the importance of building the Party in the shops and the trade unions. *ll*

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(U) These agents can testify that Confidential Informant [redacted] also furnished them with a mimeographed letter dated April 20, 1946 over the signature of WILLIAM ALBERTSON which stated that each Section Station was to be held on May 2nd and a report made to County Station on May 3rd. The letter further requested an up to date report be made to the County Station by April 25, 1946 on the recruiting and fund drives. *tt*

(U) They can testify that [redacted] furnished a form letter dated May 2, 1946 to "Dear Comrade" and concluded "Comradely yours, WILLIAM ALBERTSON" which was an announcement of an Organizational Department meeting on May 13th at the County office to discuss the question of transferring members to the Bedford-Stuyvesant Section of the Kings County Communist Party. *tt*

(U) Can testify that [redacted] furnished a letter dated July 18, 1946 addressed "To All Section Organizers" and concluded "Comradely yours, WILLIAM ALBERTSON" which announced a Section Organizers meeting for Thursday, July 25, 1946, at 260 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York. *tt*

(U) Can testify that on March 27, 1947, Confidential Informant [redacted] furnished them with a mimeographed letter headed "Kings County Committee, Communist Party, 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York" which was dated October 10, 1946 and addressed to "All Section Organizational Secretaries, Membership Secretaries and Treasurers". This letter which was over the names of WILLIAM ALBERTSON, DAVE AMARIGLIO and SYDNEY BROOKS stated that a meeting to discuss registration plans for 1947 Party Registration Campaign was to have been held on October 17, 1946 at 260 Fulton Street, Brooklyn. *tt*

[redacted], Special Agent  
Special Employee  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
New York City *u*

Can testify that on April 18, 1947 they received from Confidential Informant [ND 426] a form letter dated April 23, 1947 on the letterhead of the Communist Party, USA addressed to all districts bearing the name "ALBERTSON" as writer. This letter noted that due to insufficient response from districts concerning the sending of representatives to a special industry conference on May 4th in Chicago, Illinois, the conference was to be postponed to Sunday, June 8th at 10 A.M. in Chicago, Illinois. *tt*

(U) Confidential Informant [redacted]  
New York Office

Can testify that at a Lenin memorial meeting sponsored by the New York State Committee of the Communist Political Association held in Madison

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Square Garden, 50th Street and 8th Avenue, New York City on January 15, 1945, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was honored by the presentation of a pen and pencil set for leading the Kings County Communist Political Association with the largest number of subscriptions obtained during the drive for "The Worker". *u*

[redacted]  
BEN F. JOHNSON, Special Agents  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
New York City *u*

(U) [redacted] ~~Can testify that through the cooperation of Confidential Informant~~  
[redacted] on August 11, 1945 WILLIAM ALBERTSON as Chairman of the Credentials Committee of the Special State Convention of the Communist Political Association held at Manhattan Center, 34th Street and 8th Avenue, New York City made the final report of that committee at the 9th Convention Session advising that a total of 1,074 delegates were elected as participants in the convention and then outlined a composition of the same. *u*

FRANK ANDREWS, BEN F. JOHNSON  
JOHN B. FRISCH, Special Agents  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
New York City *u*

(U) Can testify that through the cooperation of [redacted] the 10th Convention Session of the Special State Convention of the Communist Political Association held Sunday morning, August 12, 1945, WILLIAM ALBERTSON gave instructions as to the procedure to be followed in the voting which was to take place at the next session of the convention concerning the election of the New State Committee of the Communist Party. *u*

Can testify that on August 12, 1945 at the 11th Convention Session WILLIAM ALBERTSON was nominated to the State Committee of the New York State Communist Party. At this time ALBERTSON took the floor and declared that he believed that a number of full-time Party functionaries previously on the State Committee should not be on the incoming State Committee in order to refresh the State leadership. He requested his nomination be withdrawn but the convention vote failed to abide by his request and he, accordingly, was nominated. *u*

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[redacted] Special Agents  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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(U) These Special Agents, having utilized the services of Confidential Informant [redacted] can testify that at the 12th Session of the Special State Convention of the New York Communist Political Association held on Sunday evening, August 12, 1945 at Manhattan Center, New York, ISRAEL ALPER reported the results of the special secret ballot elections for the State Committee announcing that WILLIAM ALBERTSON had received 380 votes and that he was elected to the State Committee. *AK*

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DAILY WORKER - April 26, 1946  
Published by Freedom of the Press, Inc.  
50 East 13 Street, New York City

This issue carried an article by WILLIAM ALBERTSON on the recruiting campaign of the Brooklyn Communist Party and noted that too few Party members had been clarified about the urgent need of building the Party as the Marxist vanguard in the struggle for peace and the defense of the peoples' immediate economic interests. He noted that a stronger Party would be much more effective in mobilizing the masses to curb both the imperialist plans of big business abroad and their onslaught against the economic conditions at home. *AK*

(U) Confidential Informant [redacted]  
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Can testify that as of September 3, 1946, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was listed as a member on the Committee on Vacancies on the Communist Party nominating petition for the 1946 New York State elections. His residence at that time was given as 1980 East 12 Street, Brooklyn, New York *AK*

JAMES F. BLAND  
[redacted] Special Agents  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
New York City

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[redacted] Can testify that through the assistance of Confidential Informant [redacted] they ascertained that a National Committee Plenum of the Communist Party was held at the Hotel Diplomat, 108 West 43 Street, New York City from December 3 to 5, 1946. On Wednesday afternoon, December 4, 1946, WILLIAM ALBERTSON read the speech of PETER V. CACCHIONE who was unable to be present. *AK*

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RUSSELL S. GARNER, Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
New York City

(U) [redacted] Can testify that through the assistance of Confidential Informant [redacted] at the Thursday morning session, December 5, 1946, of the National Committee Plenum of the Communist Party held in the Roof Room of the Hotel Diplomat, 108 West 43 Street, New York City, JOHN WILLIAMSON, National Labor Secretary of the Communist Party, delivered a report on Party work in the American Federation of Labor and quoted is an excerpt from his speech pertaining to WILLIAM ALBERTSON: ~~u~~

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"This decisive change in Party participation and work among AFL workers cannot be done alone by the Trade Union Department even though we have Comrade BILL ALBERTSON assigned to concentrate on AFL work." ~~u~~

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[redacted] Special Agent  
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Baltimore, Maryland ~~u~~

(U) [redacted] Can testify that he received from Baltimore Confidential Informant [redacted] a letter dated December 11, 1946 addressed to PHILIP FRANKFELD, Chairman of Communist Party District #4, by WILLIAM ALBERTSON. This letter noted that in line with the decisions made by the recent plenum based on Comrade WILLIAMSON's Special Trade Union Report, the subject [redacted] would be in Baltimore from Sunday, January 19th, to Tuesday, January 21st. The letter stated that it would be good if a conference on a district-wide scale of leading Comrades in AFL work be organized for one of these days, the remainder of the time to be spent with leading people in respective industries, especially the concentration industries. ~~u~~

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(U) Confidential Informant T-7  
Pittsburgh Office

(U) [redacted] Can testify that through the cooperation of Pittsburgh Confidential Informant [redacted] a December 15, 1946, the National Mining Commission of the Communist Party held an afternoon conference at 440 Woods Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. STEVE NELSON, Chairman of the National Groups Commission, and the subject, as Assistant Labor Secretary, were representatives of the National Communist Party Headquarters in New York City and were among those present at the meeting. Others were listed as FRANK MUCCI, Communist Party Organizer of District #8, Chicago, Illinois; ANTHONY KROCHMAREK, Ohio Valley Communist Party Organizer; TED ALLEN, former West Virginia State Communist Party Chairman; ROY HUDSON, Chairman of District #5, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and GABOR KISH, member of the National Committee. ~~u~~

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At this meeting ALBERTSON reported on various proposals discussed by the "Center" on the coal strike at that time. He indicated that WILLIAM FOSTER could write an eight page pamphlet on mining directed to the miners which would contain a Christmas greeting to them from the Communist Party. The "Center" also proposed that the possibility of establishing a "National Mining Paper" would be considered. The first edition was to have 10,000 copies for distribution to the miners. ~~u~~

(U) S. INT. C. T-7 can testify that through the cooperation of Pittsburgh Informant GD-1 on May 15, 1947 that the National Mining Commission of the CP held a meeting at GEORGE DIETZ Music Studio, 440 Wood Street from 12:30 P.M. until 9:30 P.M. The following were in attendance: ~~u~~

GABE KISH, Chairman of the meeting and Chairman of the Washington County Section of the CP, Washington, Pa., and member of the National Mining Commission;

TED ALLEN, West Virginia State Chairman of the CP;

ROY HUDSON, Chairman of District #5, CP;

ANTHONY KRCHMAREK, Bellaire, Ohio;

FRANK MUCCI from Illinois;

NED RASOVICH of Bentleyville, Pa.;

WILLIAM ALBERTSON of the CP National Office, New York City;

PETE KARPA, District Organizer for District #5 of the CP. ~~u~~

The first part of the meeting involved a discussion of a document submitted by TED ALLEN. ALBERTSON in discussing ALLEN's document said that it will enable the miners to know the position of the CP in regard to the miners and what they plan to do to eliminate these problems. The basic weakness of this document is that it is not a sufficiently well-rounded out program covering social and economic problems of the miners for an immediate and future program. He stressed that they should develop this program and tie it to the political situation for the development of a third party. He suggested that ALLEN be instructed to work on this document to round it out, and that the comrades should have another discussion on it within a short time, and that it be sent to the national leadership for approval so that they could later publicize it among the miners. ~~u~~

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The second part of the meeting was taken up with a discussion of the Party concentration in mining. This was led by KISH and all those present spoke. ALBERTSON said that the National Office is planning to get them to concentrate in the same areas where the Party is concentrating. They also plan after the public school term ends in New York City to get school teachers who are experienced in Marxist teachings, to go out to various concentration cities to conduct classes; however, this is still tentative as they will have a hard time getting the teachers. There will be some speakers available for the mining areas. *tk*

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~~Confidential Informant [redacted]  
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Can testify to the same information as indicated by Confidential Informant T-7 in connection with a meeting of the National Mining Commission held on December 15, 1946, set out above. *tk*

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Can testify that at a meeting of the Communist Party leaders held at the District Headquarters of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, 426 Bakewell Building, 417 Grand Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on December 19, 1946, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, the National CP Assistant Labor Secretary, was the principal speaker and declared that the American people are easily fooled because they believe what they read in the capitalist press and that it will always be so until hunger forces the American people to see otherwise. The capitalists are, by their actions, helping to bring the day when the Communists will be the leaders in this country. ALBERTSON continued that the people in Europe and Asia were fooled by the capitalists to the point when the leaders became so strong that they introduced Fascism which the whole world eventually had to wipe out. In America, however, outside armies will not be called in to stamp out Fascism--the people themselves will have to do the job. *tk*

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~~Confidential Informants [redacted] and [redacted]  
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These informants by reports dated January 12th, 1947, can testify to the activities occurring at a meeting of an AFL Club of Summit County Communist Party held at the Akron CP Headquarters on January 12th at which meeting WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Assistant National Labor Secretary, was present. Confidential Informant [redacted] reported that ALBERTSON made a speech emphasizing the mistake the Party had made in neglecting to build Party Clubs in the AFL while it had been making progress in the CIO. ALBERTSON was quoted by [redacted] as stating that although the top executives of the AFL are reactionary in their thinking there were plenty of progressives in the lower levels of the local forces and in the rank and file members. *tk*

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ALBERTSON continued by declaring that the new policy of the Communist Party is to infiltrate the ranks of the AFL and to seek to undermine the policy of its top executives and to achieve a unity with the CIO in "the fight against the forces of big business and reaction represented by the new Congress", to crush the progressive movement, smash the unions and establish American Fascism preparatory to following an American imperialistic line abroad. *JKU*

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Confidential Informant [redacted] provided substantially the same information as [redacted] regarding this meeting but further quoted ALBERTSON as stating that there are 10,000 Communists in the AFL Unions in this country and that the Party must concentrate their efforts for AFL members in the coming months. *JKU*

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[redacted] Special Employee  
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[redacted] Can testify that through the cooperation of Confidential Informant [redacted] on January 14, 1947, an American Federation of Labor meeting was held at the Ohio State Communist Party Headquarters, 2056 East 4th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. The chief speaker was WILLIAM ALBERTSON who was introduced by GUS HALL, Chairman of Cuyahoga County CP, as Assistant Labor Secretary of the National Communist Party. ALBERTSON in his remarks asserted that the CP National Committee had decided that work in the AFL was at a low ebb as not a single Communist was a delegate to the last AFL Convention. Hence, in the future the Party must concentrate its efforts on this labor organization. ALBERTSON said there were only 10,000 Communists in the AFL and therefore (they) would not be in a position for sometime to change the top leadership. However, possibly the outlook of the locals could be modified to encourage a more progressive policy this year. Thousands of AFL members, ALBERTSON said, were no less progressive than CIO members who followed the ROOSEVELT-WALLACE foreign policy. These individuals now lack leadership and were lost. The Communist Party must establish in these locals a program which was "not Left Wing but progressive" and move these thousands against present policies of the AFL. In this connection ALBERTSON pointed out that the Communist Party AFL Labor Conference to formulate a definite program in this connection had been already scheduled. *JKU*

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[redacted] DANIEL F. CAHILL, Special Agents  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
New York City *u*

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Can testify that they were in the vicinity of the CP National Headquarters at 35 East 12th Street, New York City on March 8, 1947, and noted that ALBERTSON left the National Headquarters of the Communist Party in the company of JOHN WILLIAMSON and SEYMOUR DENNIS. *JKU*

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                     Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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Can testify that on June 27, 1947 he observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter the Communist Party Headquarters at 35 East 12 Street, New York City, at which time a plenum of the National Committee of the Communist Party, USA was held from June 27 - 30, 1947, attended by 65 top ranking Communist Party officials. u

POLITICAL AFFAIRS

September 1947 Issue

Pp. 867 - 835, inclusive

Published by New Century Publishers

832 Broadway, New York City

A magazine devoted to the theory

and practice of Marxism and Leninism u

This issue contains an article by WILLIAM ALBERTSON entitled, "Labor Fights Back" which deals with the purported unconstitutionality of the Taft-Hartley Law. There is being set forth a pertinent portion of this article: u

"And to the extent that Communist and non-Communist trade union leaders fight this Red baiting as an employer instrument, to that extent will the Red baiters find their employer instigated cries fall on deaf ears. Nothing and no one, not even the slave labor law and its conscious and unconscious aids inside the labor movement, can take away their right of the workers to elect anyone they choose, whether they be Communists or not to positions of union leadership. u

"The Communist Party has proved its policies and actions that its only interests are the advancement of the needs and desires of the workers and the defense of those interests against the attacks of big business. It is no accident, therefore, that members of trade unions who are Communists, are always among the front line fight for victory for the workers and their unions in the struggle to improve labor's economic and political conditions. Progressive trade unionists are learning that the CP is part and parcel of the American labor and progressive movement that the policies of that Party are in the interests of the workers and the people generally. And to the extent that trade unionists who agree with these policies speak out for them and defend them in common discussion and debate with all trade union members, to that extent will the Red baiters take 'second money'. u

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"Now that the Taft-Hartley Bill has become law, such united labor action as was witnessed in the fight against its enactment must be increased a hundredfold. Single unions, acting by themselves will not find it easy to defend the interests of their membership. To be successful, they will have to unite in defense of one another on a local community scale as well as nationally." *u*

QUESTIONABLE EVIDENCE

The following data is being set forth in this report in the event a situation arises which allows for a relaxation of the laws of evidence: *u*

RALPH A. BEALS  
Director of Reference Section  
New York Public Library  
5th Avenue and 42nd Street  
New York City *u*

In the 1937 yearbook of the Young Communist League of America, there appeared in a section thereof, captioned "Alumni Tintypes", a biographical article concerning YCL'ers who graduated into the Communist Party. Among the biographical sketches was the following one pertaining to ALBERTSON: *u*

"BILL ALBERTSON, today secretary-treasurer of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, Local 6, is one of the comparative newcomers to the Young Communist League. He joined in 1928." *u*

"Born in Pittsburgh in 1910, BILL has held every imaginable kind of job--soda jerker, waiter, newsboy, grocery clerk and packer. At the age of 18 he organized his first strike, in the Hermes Ice Cream Plant. That was the year Pittsburgh University kicked him out of college for speaking his mind about the frameup of TOM MOONEY." *u*

"BILL's interest in sports brought him to the Western Pennsylvania Labor Sports Union, of which he soon became secretary. Later he became National Secretary of the union and editor of 'Workers' Sports'. He served a period as Young Communist League district organizer in Pittsburgh and the anthracite region. In 1932, BILL became a member of the Food Workers Industrial Union, editor of 'Food Worker' and head of the New York Trade Union City Council." *u*

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DAILY WORKER - September 14, 1941  
Page 1, Column 1  
Published by Freedom of the Press, Inc.  
50 East 13 Street, New York City u

This issue contains an article concerning the Citizens Committee to Free EARL BROWDER which indicates that WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Trade Union Secretary of the Citizens Committee to Free EARL BROWDER, declared that in three weeks since the inception of the Committee, trade union officials had registered their opinion and sentiment in the BROWDER case. u

DAILY WORKER - October 8, 1942  
Page 1, Column 5  
Published by Freedom of the Press, Inc.  
50 East 13 Street, New York City u

In an article concerning the candidacy of ISRAEL AMTER for the Governorship of the State of New York on the Communist Party ticket, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was listed as the Secretary of the Labor Committee for the Election of AMTER as Governor. u

DAILY WORKER - March 25, 1943  
Page 2, Column 6  
Published by Freedom of the Press, Inc.  
50 East 13 Street, New York City u

The name WILLIAM ALBERTSON appears with a hundred other union leaders as one of the officials protesting the anti-Soviet campaign in the ALTERERLICH case. u

DAILY WORKER - May 1, 1943  
Page 3, Column 2 u

An article made up of May Day greetings by various trade union leaders contained an article over the name of WILLIAM ALBERTSON as General Organizer of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, Local 16, AFL. In this article, ALBERTSON called for unity of the United Nations in the post-war world. The message called upon the leaders of the AFL to override the few Soviet baiting appeasers in the federation who stand in the way of Anglo-American-Soviet trade unity which will be a guarantee of victory. u

DAILY WORKER - July 3, 1943  
Page 2, Column 4 u

The name WILLIAM ALBERTSON appears among 100 other AFL leaders who sent greetings to the Soviet Labor Party in Russia. u

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DAILY WORKER - September 10, 1943  
Page 1, Column 2 u

The name of WILLIAM ALBERTSON appears with 40 union leaders who organized a non-partisan labor committee to re-elect Councilman PETER V. CACCHIONE, Brooklyn Communist. u

DAILY WORKER - September 30, 1943  
Page 6, Column 5 u

An article concerning the election campaign of PETER V. CACCHIONE indicated that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was listed as Secretary of the Labor Division of the Citizens Committee to Re-elect Councilman PETER V. CACCHIONE, Communist candidate for the New York City Council. u

DAILY WORKER - August 3, 1943  
Page 9, Column 1 u

This issue carried an article over the name of WILLIAM ALBERTSON as Vice President of the Brooklyn Communist Political Association concerning the responsibility of club secretaries for the distribution of the DAILY WORKER and "The Worker". The article noted that this responsibility was placed on the Secretary because the DAILY WORKER was one of the most effective methods of educating the people, and this field of education was the duty of the club secretary. u

THE WORKER - September 10, 1944  
Page 7, Column 3, Section I  
Published by Freedom of the Press, Inc.  
50 East 13 Street, New York City u

This issue carried an advertisement announcing meetings of all Communist Political Association Clubs on September 12, 1944 for the purpose of reviewing the activity of the three months following the National Convention of the Communist Party, and the change from the Communist Party to the Communist Political Association, which indicated among the list of club meetings to be held on that date speakers assigned to each. WILLIAM ALBERTSON appeared as the speaker for the Borough Park Club meeting to have been held at 49-03 12th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. u

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THE WORKER - November 26, 1944  
Page 13, Column 4, Section I u

In listing events for the following week, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was described as Vice President of the Kings County Communist Political Association, was set out as a lecturer on the topic, "Economic Problems and the Postwar Period" at the East Flatbush Club, 1124 Clarkson Avenue, Brooklyn, New York on Tuesday, November 28, 1944. u

DAILY WORKER - January 16, 1945  
Page 4, Column 5 u

An article entitled, "20,000 at Garden hear BROWDER Bear Purposes of VANDENBERG Plan" indicated that GIL GREEN, President of the New York State Communist Political Association, presented BILL ALBERTSON from the Kings County CPA a prize award for his part in the leadership that brought 11,800 subs to "The Worker". u

DAILY WORKER - August 3, 1945  
Page 9, Column 1 u

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was listed as a member of the Citizens Committee for the Re-election of PETER V. CACCHIONE, Communist Councilman of the City of New York and identifies ALBERTSON as the Vice President of the Brooklyn Communist Political Association. u

DAILY WORKER - April 9, 1946  
Page 7, Column 3 u

WILLIAM ALBERTSON is listed as a speaker for the Kings County Communist Party at a special series of meetings of 300 Communist clubs at which ALBERTSON was to speak on the topic, "The Struggle for Peace and Building the CP". u

DAILY WORKER  
May 7, 1946 u

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, then Organizational Secretary of the Brooklyn Communist Party, was pictured among leaders of the New York and Kings County CP organization meeting with State Vice President ISRAEL AMTER mapping the competition between the two counties in the Communist Party membership drive. u

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DAILY WORKER  
October 13, 1946 u

WILLIAM ALBERTSON is listed as a speaker at the Regional CP Membership Meeting at Brooklyn, New York on October 15, 1946. ALBERTSON was scheduled to address the Bensonhurst Section of the CP at the IWO Center, 2078 86 Street, Brooklyn, New York. These meetings were sponsored by the Kings County Committee of the Communist Party u

DAILY WORKER  
November 24, 1946 u

A notice related that the Communist National Board had declared that the Brooklyn County Committee of the Communist Party had released WILLIAM (BILL) ALBERTSON from his post as County Organizational Secretary to become National Labor Secretary of the Party. ALBERTSON was to assist JOHN WILLIAMSON, National Labor Secretary. u

DAILY WORKER  
March 9, 1947 u

A meeting notice of the Williamsburg Section of the CP, 13 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, was to have WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Communist Party Labor Secretary answer questions on trade unions on that date. u

DAILY WORKER  
June 2, 1947 u

An announcement of a Bath Beach - Bensonhurst Section Membership Meeting for June 3, 1947, at the IWO Center, 2075 86 Street, Brooklyn, would feature WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Assistant National Labor Secretary of the Communist Party, as a speaker on the topic, "A Third Party for '48". u

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The following Confidential Informants appear in the report of  
SA [redacted] dated at New York Nov. 29, 47: u

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[redacted] This informant has been publicly disclosed as an informant in Communist matters and was discontinued as an informant of the New York Office on February 25, 1944 to enter the U. S. Army. He was a member of what is now called the National Committee of the Communist Party and designated by the Party as a member of the committee concerned with the Food Workers Industry.

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[redacted] a former New York City Detective and member of the local Bartenders Union in 1942. u

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[redacted] Undercover Agent, Bureau of Special Service Investigations, Special Squad #1, New York Police Department. Written reports of meetings attended by [redacted] are maintained in the files of the New York Police Department of Special Squad #1. u

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[redacted] Undercover Agent of the Bureau of Special Service Investigations, Special Squad #1, New York Police Department. Written reports of meetings attended by [redacted] are maintained in the files of the New York Police Department. u

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[redacted] New York, New York, Staff Writer of the New York World Telegram. u

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[redacted] former reporter of the Daily Worker, and reporter for the New York World Telegram, 125 Barclay Street, New York City. Information received by Confidential Informants T-4 and T-5 as set out in this report was obtained by these informants through press releases and attendance at the New York State Convention of the Communist Political Association at Manhattan Center. u

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A paid informant, not a Party member, and not exposed as an informant. (See CP USA Brief, Bureau File #100-3-74, for details of this informant.) ~~C~~ (U)

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A paid informant, not a Party member, and not exposed as an informant. (See CP USA Brief, Bureau File #100-3-74, for details of this informant.) ~~C~~ (U)

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[Redacted] ~~C~~

Has been discontinued as an informant of the New York Office due to advancing years; was a member of the Party, paid for his services, and not exposed as an informant in Communist matters. ~~C~~ (U)

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See CP USA Brief, Bureau File #100-3-74. ~~C~~ (U)

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He is a member of the Communist Party, paid for his services, and not disclosed as an informant in Communist matters. ~~C~~ (U)

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See CP USA Brief, Bureau File #100-374. ~~C~~ (U)

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[Redacted] ~~C~~

A Baltimore Confidential Informant, which is a trash cover maintained on the Communist Party Headquarters of Maryland, D. C., 201 West Franklin Street. Material furnished by [Redacted] from said trash coverage is legally admissible. The informant is a paid informant who is presently active in the CP and submits regular reports concerning the Party in addition to material obtained from the trash coverage at Party Headquarters. ~~C~~ (U)

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[Redacted] Radioman, Pittsburgh Office, who can testify as to information received from Pittsburgh Confidential Informant GD-1 on December 15, 1946 and May 15, 1947. [Redacted] can identify persons overheard on the basis of having heard them identified over a microphone surveillance by GD-1. ~~C~~ (U)

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(U) [GD-1] A Pittsburgh Confidential Informant which is a microphone surveillance on the Music Studio, Third Floor, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. [redacted]

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(U) [redacted] and who also maintains a small auditorium, where Communist Party meetings are held. (C)

On August 22, 1944 when this microphone was installed.

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(U) [redacted] A Pittsburgh Confidential Informant who is a member of District #5, Communist Party, a paid informant, and not exposed as such. (U)

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(U) [redacted] These are both members of the Communist Party and paid for their services. Neither one has ever been exposed as an informant, and information supplied by them is legally admissible. (U)

(U) [GL 901] A microphone installation at Communist Party Headquarters, 2056 East 4th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. Information obtained through GL 901 is believed to be admissible by the Cleveland Office. Complete details concerning the installation of GL 901 has been furnished the Bureau by letter dated August 29, 1947 in the case entitled, "Communist Party, USA - Brief; Internal Security - C", Bureau File #100-3-74. (C)

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ADMINISTRATIVE SHEET

Two copies of this report are being furnished to the Pittsburgh Office inasmuch as WILLIAM ALBERTSON is now Secretary of the Communist Party District #5 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. *W*

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

ALBERTSON reported to have left New York on 10/22/47, being transferred from National CP Headquarters to take position of Secretary of CP District #5 at Pittsburgh, Pa. at his own request. Conferred with CP officials at the MM&SW Convention at St. Paul, Minn., 8/25-30/47. Called conference of CP leaders regarding NY longshoremen's strike on 8/21/47. Considered a member of the National Organization Committee of CP. Arranged conference with leading CP members in CIO prior to their attendance at the National CIO Convention. Subject contributed an article for "Political Affairs" for September 1947. Listed as lecturer on Southern CP school schedule for 6/16/47. Attended CP plenum at NY on 6/27/47. Pittsburgh address of subject reported as 1141 Portland Street. *u*

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DETAILS:

Confidential Informant [T-1] <sup>(u)</sup> on May 21, 1947 advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON had contacted ARTHUR ~~OSMAN~~, President of Local 65 of the Retail, Wholesale, and Department Store Union, CIO, and Vice President of the International Union, securing from him permission to use his name on a "Statement Against Red Baiting" to appear in various newspapers under the ostensible auspices of the Civil Rights Congress. The informant indicated that ALBERTSON and the CP had been contacting various union officials to endorse this statement and were unsuccessful in obtaining the names of top officials of the UE unions. The statement itself decries the activities of the House un-American Activities Committee, J. PARNELL THOMAS, and JOHN E. RANKIN, as race and labor haters who are stepping towards Fascism in their attacks against Communists, labor unions, and minority groups being supported by big business. ~~XX~~

Confidential Informant [ND 426] <sup>(u)</sup> on June 17, 1947 made available to SA [ ] and SE [ ] a typewritten notice which was the "Southern School Schedule, May 2 - 22, 1947." A review of this schedule indicated that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was scheduled to lecture at this school on June 16, 1947 on the topic, "Situations and Tasks in Trade Unions". ~~4~~

On June 27, 1947, SA [ ] observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter CP Headquarters at 35 East 12 Street, New York City, at which time the plenum of the National Committee of the CP, USA was being held from June 27 - 30, 1947, and was attended by 65 top ranking Communist Party officials. ~~4~~

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Confidential Informant [T-2] <sup>(u)</sup> on August 21, 1947 indicated that Local 791 of the International Longshoremen's Association, staged an unauthorized strike along the North River Piers in New York as a protest against a contact negotiated by a Unionwide Negotiating Committee headed by JOSEPH RYAN. The informant in reporting the extent of Communist activities regarding this strike noted that WILLIAM ALBERTSON of the National CP Headquarters had contacted MANNY BLUM, Chairman of the CP at Boston, Massachusetts, explaining to him the strike situation and requesting him to proceed to New York on the following day in connection with this matter as there could be further developments. ALBERTSON also contacted BILL BART, Chairman of the Philadelphia CP, and PHIL RANKFELD of Baltimore requesting them to proceed to New York on the following day for a conference on the strike situation. ~~4~~

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Confidential Informant [ND 426 on August 22, 1947] made available to SA [ ] and SE [ ] an undated list of members of various Communist Party commissions and their members. It was noted that BILL ALBERTSON was listed as a member of the Organizational Commission of the National CP. (X) (u)

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Confidential Informant [T-1] had previously advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was to visit St. Paul on August 23, 1947 in conjunction with an unknown conference, and the St. Paul Office was accordingly advised of the subject's trip. (X) (u)

In this connection, SA [ ] on August 26, 1947 ascertained that BILL ALBERTSON, Assistant to JOHN WILLIAMSON, National Secretary of the CP, was stopping in Room 216 at the Seymour Hotel, St. Paul, Minnesota. (X) (u)

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Confidential Informant [T-3] indicated that at this time the 43rd Annual Convention of the Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers Union was being held in St. Paul from August 25 - 30, 1947. In this connection, ALBERT BLUMBERG, Chairman of the CP of Baltimore, had contacted WILLIAM ALBERTSON and agreed to meet at the 5 P.M. conference of the MM&SW on August 26, 1947. Informant disclosed that on August 25, 1947 BILL ALBERTSON contacted JENNY MAYBILLE, Stenographer at CP District #9 Headquarters at Indianapolis. (X) (u)

According to T-3, he had decided to contact CARL ROSS, CP District Secretary there, and contended that he was temporarily in St. Paul and "had to be on tap there in case something comes up." On August 26, 1947, CARL ROSS contact ALBERTSON at which time ALBERTSON remarked, "I guess you know I'm here." ALBERTSON had indicated that he would be stuck on some consultation but would have time to see CARL ROSS resulting in agreement to meet the next day at 1 P.M. to take up things in ALBERTSON's "field". (X) (u)

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SA [ ] noted that CARL ROSS, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, and MARTIN MACKIE met in the lobby of the Seymour Hotel at St. Paul, Minnesota at 3 P.M. on August 27, 1947. ALBERTSON occupied Room 216 at the Seymour Hotel and was observed in attendance at the 43rd Convention of the MM&SW held at the Lowrey Hotel on numerous occasions. (X) (u)

The September issue of "Political Affairs" published by the New Century Publishers, 832 Broadway, New York City, pages 862 to 834, inclusive, carried an article by the subject entitled, "Labor Fights Back" which discusses at length the purported unconstitutionality of the Taft-Hartley Act. It is to be noted that "Political Affairs" is a magazine devoted to the theory and practice of Marxism and Leninism. A pertinent portion of this article is set out as follows: (X) (u)

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"And to the extent that Communist and non-Communist trade union leaders fight this Red baiting as an employer instrument to that extent will the Red baiters find their employer instigated cries fall on deaf ears. Nothing and no one, not even the slave-labor law and its conscious and unconscious aids inside the labor movement, can take away the right of the workers to elect anyone they choose, whether they be Communists or not to positions of union leadership. U

"The Communist Party has proved its policies and actions that its only interests are the advancement of the needs and desires of the workers and the defense of those interests against the attacks of big business. It is no accident therefore that members of trade unions who are Communists, are always among the front line fight for victory for the workers and their unions in the struggle to improve labor's economic and political conditions. Progressive trade unionists are learning that the CP is part and parcel of the American labor and progressive movement that the policies of that Party are in the interests of the workers and the people generally. And to the extent that trade unionists who agree with these policies speak out for them and defend them in common discussion and debate with all trade union members, to that extent will the Red baiters take 'second money'. U

"Now that the Taft-Hartley Bill has become law, such united labor action as was witnessed in the fight against its enactment must be increased a hundredfold. Single unions, acting by themselves will not find it easy to defend the interests of their membership. To be successful they will have to unite in defense of one another on a local community scale as well as nationally." U

Confidential Informant [T-4] (u) advised that on [October 6, 1947] WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Assistant National Labor Secretary of the CP, USA [had contacted RUTH YOUNG, Executive Secretary of UERMWA-CIO, District #4, and requested her to have the UERMWA delegates to the National CIO Convention, believed to be JAMES MCLEISH, ERNEST DEMAIO, WILLIAM GENTNER, and THOMAS FITZPATRICK meet with him at a dinner on October 10, 1947. The informant believed that this was a conference held for the purpose of instructing these delegates as to action desired of them by the CP.] (u)

The informant also indicated that ALBERTSON, had, [on October 6, 1947, contacted MYER STERN, Director of District #1, United Packing House Workers of America - CIO, at which time ALBERTSON requested STERN and his "friend from Chicago", believed to be HERBERT MARCH, UPWA Director, District #1, Chicago, or RALPH HETSTIN, UPWA President, to have dinner with him on October 10, 1947 prior to their attendance at the National CIO Convention. This meeting, according to the informant, was also to be held in conjunction with the above mentioned meeting with the UE delegates in preparation for the CIO Convention.] (u)

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Confidential Informant [T-1] (u) on September 11, 1947, reported that [redacted] as ascertained from GEORGE SISKIND that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was leaving New York and was taking his family with him. In this connection, SISKIND is reported to have stated that a party was never able to get anyone to go to Pittsburgh and that ALBERTSON had requested this transfer. (u)

On September 22, 1946, Confidential Informant [T-1] (u) indicated that WILLIAM ALBERTSON and his wife had considered a transfer to Pittsburgh and had agreed that although ALBERTSON's salary would not be as satisfactory as they had hoped it would be, nevertheless they were pleased that the transfer was taking place. The reason for this, according to the informant, was that ALBERTSON had not been satisfied with conditions at the National Office "center" (9th floor--National Office) and agreed that he and his wife did not belong in New York, and, therefore, welcomed a chance to get to Pittsburgh after a period of suffering. Although ALBERTSON heard of unfavorable comments regarding "people" there, he was going to consider everybody there as a good person until he learned differently. This latter comment was based on "vicious gossip" propounded by SADY WEISS, wife of MAX WEISS, who had been complaining of conditions at Pittsburgh and at the National Office. (u)

On September 25, 1947 (u) Confidential Informant [ND 426] (u) made available to SA [redacted] and SE [redacted] an undated rough draft letter addressed to ROY HUDSON, Chairman of District #5, CP, USA, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from WILLIAM ALBERTSON, who had been acting as Assistant National Labor Secretary of the Party. This letter indicated that ALBERTSON desired to raise the question of his salary prior to his moving to Pittsburgh, desiring more than \$45 as net pay, as this amount would be \$19 less than he is presently receiving. (u) (u)

The informant also reported that ALBERTSON received two letters from Pittsburgh postmarked September 11th and 13th, 1947, with the return address, Party Headquarters, 426 Bakewell Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The contents of these letters were not known to the informant. (u) (u)

(u) Confidential Informant [redacted] furnished a letter dated September 30, 1947 (u) which set forth the current Communist Party Districts throughout the country along with personnel changes. [It was noted from this letter that] (u) WILLIAM ALBERTSON was listed as the Secretary of District #5 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. (u)

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Confidential Informant [T-1] indicated that on [October 14, 1947] WILLIAM ALBERTSON had indicated to him that he would not have to leave New York until October 27, 1947, and was at this time winding up various duties at the National Office.

On October 27, 1947, [T-1] indicated that SARAH SCHERER, Chief Stenographer at the National Headquarters, had been contacting various CP functionaries in the New York Area requesting them to attend a farewell party for BILL ALBERTSON at the headquarters on that date as ALBERTSON was leaving that evening for Pittsburgh.

By letter dated October 27, 1947, the Pittsburgh Office advised that Confidential Informant [redacted] had advised that the subject arrived in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on October 27, 1947 to take over his duties as the new Secretary of District #5 of the Communist Party. In addition, the informant had indicated that ALBERTSON was residing at 1141 Portland Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Confidential Informant [T-5] on June 15, 1947 made available newspaper and periodical references concerning the activities of the subject during the years 1929 to 1931. These references, according to the informant, were available at the New York Public Library. The first of these was an article appearing in "New Masses" for June 1929, Page 6, which was an article by WILLIAM ALBERTSON entitled, "We Get Expelled from College". This article indicated that ALBERTSON was Chairman of the Liberal Club's Executive Committee "on class justice" at the University of Pittsburgh, and that the organization by demanding its rights as a campus organization had brought before the workers and students the basic issue in the fight, "The Class Control of Education by Capitalists". This fight, according to the article, was based on the case of TOM MOONEY and WARREN BILLINGS who were given a life sentence for the purported hurling of a bomb into a preparedness parade in San Francisco at a strike of the San Francisco streetcar workers in 1916. ALBERTSON, as a member of the International Labor Defense, held a meeting in protest of the MOONEY case, and as a result, was ordered to dissolve the Liberal Club at the University of Pittsburgh but failed to do so.

On May 2, 1929, ARTHUR C. McDOWELL and the subject were told "By order of Chancellor JOHN C. BOWMAN, you are expelled because of your activities in the Liberal Club since April 18, 1929." The expulsions took place, and ALBERTSON related, "I was charged with being a Communist in the expulsion statement." The article then related that his case was to be fought on the basis that a Communist had a right to go to school.

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An article in the "New Leader" dated July 13, 1949, Page 5, which dealt with ALBERTSON's activities at the Pittsburgh University was not available for review at the New York Public Library. *u*

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Confidential Informant [T-6 on April 26, 1947, advised that JOHN WILLIAMSON, National Labor Secretary, and the subject held a conference on various activities that ALBERTSON was conducting for WILLIAMSON as WILLIAMSON was disabled because of an ear condition. In this connection, ALBERTSON referred WILLIAMSON to a Dr. HERBERT GOODMAN, 1141 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, for treatment to his ear as "he is one of our friends." *u*

The Daily Worker for August 21, 1947 contains a photograph of EUGENE DENNIS, General Secretary of the CP, JOHN GATES, Daily Worker Editor, HENRY WINSTON, CP Administrative Secretary, JACK KILG, CP National Treasurer, and the subject, Assistant Labor Secretary of the CP, and his wife, indicating that they were present at Ebbets Field, New York, attending the Dodger game together. *u*

On August 22, 1947, Confidential Informant [ND 426] made available to SA [ ] and SE [ ] the minutes of the Constitutional Convention of the New York CPA on June 10 and 11, 1944. These minutes indicated that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was a member of the Resolutions Committee from Kings County and was elected as a regular member of the New York State Committee of the CPA. *u*

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PITTSBURGH

At Pittsburgh, Pa.

Will, through Pittsburgh Confidential Informants, follow and report the activities of the subject in connection with his duties as Secretary of District #5 of the Communist Party.

NEW YORK

At New York, N.Y.

Will submit form FD 128 changing the Office of Origin in this case from New York to Pittsburgh.

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The following Confidential Informants appear in the Report of  
SA [redacted] dated at New York 11/20/47 :

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T-1 [redacted]

T-2 [redacted]

T-3 St. Paul Confidential Informant [redacted]

T-4 [redacted]

T-5 [redacted]

American Defense Society  
225 Fifth Avenue, New York City

[redacted] is being carried as a Confidential Informant  
at his own request.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Foley Square  
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IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO  
65-5604  
FILE NO. EHE:MJT

Director, FBI

December 20, 1947

Re: WILLIAM ALBERTSON, wa.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
Bureau File 65-38100

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Dear Sir:

The captioned individual, the subject of a Security Index card heretofore maintained at this office, has moved to an address within another Field Division. The Bureau is requested to correct the Security Index card maintained at the Seat of Government, and the Field Division for which copies hereof are designated below is requested to prepare for inclusion in its Security Index card file a Security Index card captioned as follows and bearing the appropriate case file number: u

ALBERTSON, WILLIAM  
alias:  
Bill Albertson

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(Russian)

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1141 Portland Street  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (Res.)

Communist Party, District #5  
426 Bakewell Building  
417 Grant Street  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (Bus.)

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The following copies of serials containing important information concerning the subject are being forwarded to the Field Division covering subject's new address, together with its copies of this letter: u

One photograph and negative of WILLIAM ALBERTSON u

One report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 20, 1943 at New York, New York u

One copy of report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 12, 1944 at New York, New York u

One copy of memorandum with log of conference between WILLIAM ALBERTSON and WILLIAM LAWRENCE dated January 6, 1944, C

One copy of report of Special Agent [redacted] dated February 21, 1945 at New York, New York u

One copy of report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 31, 1946 at New York, New York u (additional enclosures on pg.2)

In view of the fact that the Pittsburgh Field Division has verified the present residence of the subject in its Division, this office is considering Pittsburgh as the new office of origin, and this case is being RUC'd to that office with the submission of this communication. u

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DATE OF REVIEW 3/27/96

Very truly yours,

Edward Scheidt

EDWARD SCHEIDT  
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Enclosures with FD-128 dated December 20, 1947 (cont'd)  
NY File 65-5694

Photostatic copies and negatives of handwriting of WILLIAM ALBERTSON, u  
Form letter dated April 23, 1947 to all districts from WILLIAM ALBERTSON,  
announcing the postponement of the Special Industry Conference to  
June 8, 1947 at Chicago, Illinois, u

(U) Undated letter from WILLIAM ALBERTSON to ROY HUDSON, c

Undated letter from WILLIAM ALBERTSON to PHIL BART, c

Form letter, dated May 2, 1946, signed "Comradely yours William Albertson"  
concerning attendance at a meeting of the Org. Department, at the  
County office, May 13, 1946. Obtained from [redacted] b2 b7D

(U) Leaflet announcing meeting March 27, 1947 at P.S. 67, Brooklyn at which  
WILLIAM ALBERTSON was listed as speaker. Obtained from [redacted] c

(U) Two letters in pencil both signed ALBERTSON and undated, one to GUS HALL  
asking him to arrange a meeting in Cleveland with MAC STEREO,  
the other to JOHN SCHIMES in Chicago. Obtained from ND 426, c

(U) Drafts of four letters by subject to (1) JOE KUZMAN of Philadelphia,  
(2) MANNY BLUM of Boston, (3) JOHN SCHIMES of Chicago and (4)  
letter to WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN of San Francisco, c

Typewritten letter to "All Kings County Branch Organizers", undated  
and signed "Comradely yours, WILLIAM ALBERTSON", u

Typewritten letter to "All Section Organizational Secretaries, Membership  
Secretaries and Treasurers" dated October 10, 1946 and signed  
"Comradely yours, William Albertson, Dave Amariglio and Sidney  
Brooks", u

Typewritten letter to "All Section Membership Director and Treasurers"  
dated April 20, 1946 and signed "Comradely yours, William  
Albertson", u

Typewritten letter to "Dear Comrade" undated and signed by William Albert-  
son, David Amariglio and Sidney Brooks, u

Typewritten six-page report by subject delivered at the first conference  
of the Brooklyn Communist Political Association on June 29, 1944, u

(U) Typewritten letter dated April 23, 1946 to STEVE NELSON from WILLIAM  
ALBERTSON re a membership meeting on April 29, 1946 at which  
NELSON is to speak, c

Typewritten memo dated July 18, 1946 to "All Section Organizers" and  
signed "Comradely yours, William Albertson", u

(U) Carbon copies of typewritten letters to Betty (Gannett), Charlie (Krumbein),  
Bill (Norman), George (Sandy?) and Gene (Dennis) and signed by  
William Albertson re various meeting at which they are to speak, c

Undated rough draft of letter by WILLIAM ALBERTSON addressed to ROY HUDSON  
re his move to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, c

Letter to AL LOEW, P.O. Box 245, Oklahoma City, Okla. from ALBERTSON re  
arrangements to get together for a discussion of union matters, c

A photograph of the subject has been submitted to the Bureau by New York u  
letter dated August 7, 1944; handwriting specimens have been forwarded by  
letters dated April 12, 1945 and May 18, 1947. u

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: December 20, 1947

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON, wa. Bill Albertson  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
(Bureau File 65-38100)

The above named subject, who is presently residing in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and is the Secretary of Communist Party District #5, is no longer being designated as a functionary in this office. He is being deleted from the key field list of the New York Office.

cc - Pittsburgh

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: December 31, 1947

FROM : J.A. SAC, Pittsburgh

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON, wa.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
Bureau File No. 65-38100✓  
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In view of the fact that the subject is presently organizational secretary of District 5, CP, and is one of the most active Communists in this area, his name has been added to the Key Figure list of the Pittsburgh Office. It is suggested that the Bureau records be changed accordingly.

As basic information on this subject has been reported, the investigation of this individual is being placed in a pending inactive status in the Pittsburgh Division.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*E.A.F.*  
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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
Bureau File 65-38100

DATE: February 10, 1948

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The subject is presently organizational secretary of District 5 of the Communist Party. He is the former assistant labor secretary of the Communist Party, U. S. A. Because of his active part in formulating policy in District 5, Communist Party, it is believed that ALBERTSON should probably be designated as a "leading functionary." Consequently, unless advised to the contrary, the Pittsburgh office will consider WILLIAM ALBERTSON as a leading functionary and investigation of ALBERTSON will be continuous.

The Pittsburgh file on the subject has been placed in a pending status with the submission of this communication and will remain pending.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON

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New York, N. Y.,

January 26, 1948.

William Albertson was born in Pittsburgh in 1910 and has held every imaginable kind of a job, such as soda jerker, waiter, newsboy, grocery clerk and packer. He was thrown out of the University of Pittsburgh for speaking his mind on the frame-up of Tom Mooney. He also served as Y.C.L. district organizer and then transferred to the Anthracite region.

This is in addition to the educational advantages he secured in New York City.

The story of his expulsion from the University of Pittsburgh can be found on page six of "New Masses" for June 1929, written by himself. He was then president of the Communist Liberal Club at the University. He also organized the Pittsburgh Branch of Labor Sports Union.

On June 7, 1930 he wrote an article for the Daily Worker on "Workers Defense Corps", which was plainly treasonable.

He was secretary of the Anti-War Youth League, a united front organization including groups from the I.W.O., Y.M.C.A., Y.M.H.A. and Young Communist League which was organized in January 1932 in New York City.

In April-May 1929 the American Civil Liberties Union took legal action against the University of Pittsburgh in behalf of Albertson for reinstatement. The attorney in the case was Henry Ellenbogen.

When "The Communist", the official monthly magazine of the Communist party, sent out advertising statements to increase its subscription in January 1927, it said in bold type, "How The Communist Has Helped Me In High School Work". signed Wm. Albertson.

Thus Albertson returns to Pittsburgh as a well trained, crafty party leader who has filled twenty assignments given to him by the Secretariat.

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Mr. Donohue

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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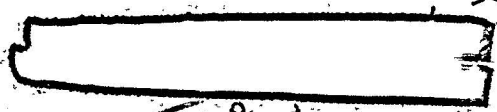
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RE: William Albertson  
Internal Security - C

William Albertson is presently the organizational secretary for District 5 of the Communist Party, USA, which covers Western Pennsylvania. He was transferred to this position from the National Headquarters, Communist Party, USA, New York City, in October, 1947, and serves as a full-time, paid Party functionary. (u)

In addition to present technical coverage on Communist Party Headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, it is believed that a technical surveillance on the residence of Albertson, 3122 Iowa Street, will be productive of much information of value. (C) (u) (C)

I recommend, therefore, that authorization be granted for the installation of a technical surveillance on the residence of William Albertson, 3122 Iowa Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. (C) (u)



Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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TIME 2:10 PM  
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BY

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Egan
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD *DL*

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: May 7, 1948

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

SAC Thornton of the Pittsburgh Office called at 12:25 p.m. today and requested authority for a technical surveillance on the above-named subject, who is the Organization Secretary, District 5, Communist Party, USA, West of Pennsylvania. He was transferred to this position from the National Headquarters, New York City, in October, 1947. He serves as a full-time, paid Party functionary. It is desired that the technical installation be made at his residence, 3122 Iowa Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The cost will be about \$5.00 per month and no extra manpower will be involved in handling the coverage. Mr. Thornton stated there will be no technical difficulties, as it will be standard installation and will involve no unusual security risks. (C)(u)

I told Mr. Thornton we would make the necessary request of the Attorney General this afternoon. He advised the telephone company is making an installation this afternoon or tomorrow, and he will tell them to make the installation of the type that if coverage is deemed desirable it can be effected without any further wiring. (C)(u)

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

MAY 11, 1948

Transmit the following message to:

SAC, PITTSBURGH

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS - C. [AUTHORITY GRANTED INSTALLATION TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE  
ALBERTSON, THREE ONE TWO TWO IOLA STREET, PITTSBURGH, PROVIDED FULL SECURITY  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
May 8, 1948



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1 RECOMMENDATION FOR INSTALLATION OF TECHNICAL  
2 OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

3 RE: Title COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, DISTRICT #5

4 Character of Case INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
5 Field Office Pittsburgh  
6 Symbol Number PT-16 / CONF. INFT.  
7 Type of Surveillance (Technical or  
8 Microphone)

1. Name and address of subject: WILLIAM ALBERTSON  
10 3122 Iowa Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. (U)

2. Location of technical operation: 3122 Iowa Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. (U)

12 3. Other technical surveillances on same subject: None except coverage at  
13 Communist Party headquarters,  
14 Pittsburgh (U)

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15 4. Cost and manpower involved: Leased line about \$5.00 per month -  
16 No extra manpower involved to monitor (U)

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17 5. Adequacy of security: Standard technical installation with no unusual  
18 security risk (U)

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6. Type of case involved: Internal Security - C

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2 7. Connection or status of subject in the case: Organization Secretary,  
3 District #22, Communist  
4 Party

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8. Specific information being sought: General intelligence re Communist activities

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6 9. Reasons for believing the specific information will be obtained  
7 by the technical surveillance: Subject is known to favor holding discussions  
8 in a private home rather than at the Party office and it is believed that  
(U) 9 numerous meetings can be covered through this surveillance

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10. Importance of case and subject:

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11. Possibilities of obtaining desired information by other means (Explain in detail): None *u*

12. Risks of detection involved: No unusual risk *u*

13. Probable length of technical surveillance: Indefinite ~~X~~ (u)

14. Request made for technical surveillance by any outside agency (name specific official, title and agency): None ~~X~~ (u)

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15. Remarks: This confirms telephone conversation between Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau and SAC J. E. Thornton. *u*

16. Recommendation of Assistant Director: *u*

17. Recommendation of Assistants to the Director: *u*

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SAC, Pittsburgh

May 26, 1948

Director, FBI

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Reurlet May 13, 1948, advising that a technical surveillance on Albertson was placed in operation on May 13, 1948. You also advised that symbol number PI-16 will be used for reporting room coverage and telephone traffic will be reported as PI-17. Evidently you have installed a combination telephone and microphone surveillance and the Bureau records indicate that on May 7, 1948, a technical surveillance only was mentioned. There is no objection to the continued use of this combination surveillance if such is the present arrangement. However, in the future when requesting a combination surveillance involving both a wire tap and a microphone a specific request for that type of coverage should be made. (C) (U)

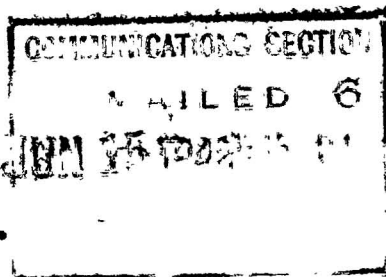
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

DATE: May 13, 1948

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON, was  
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The technical surveillance approved by referenced teletype was placed in operation at 9:00 A.M., May 13, 1948. Symbol PI-16 will be used for reporting room coverage and telephone traffic will be reported as PI-17. The telephone number covered is MUseum 6771, which is listed to WILLIAM ALBERTSON, 3122 Iowa Street, Pittsburgh. This surveillance will be monitored at the central plant located in this office.

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June 14, 1948

Director, FBI

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, with aliases

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Reurlet June 4 in which you advised that the installation in this case involves a standard technical surveillance which, in addition to furnishing telephone conversations, makes it possible to pick up room conversations when the hand set is down. In order to pick up the room conversation the microphone in the instrument is utilized. According to referenced letter it was your belief that this type of installation is described as a technical surveillance. For your information this type of surveillance which utilizes both a wire tap and a microphone in the telephone instrument has been known to the Bureau as a combination mic-tel surveillance. The rules applicable to microphone surveillances have always been applied to combination mic-tel surveillances, namely, that authority must be received from the Bureau to install both sides of the surveillance. If a combination mic-tel surveillance is desired, such a request should be made of the Bureau. In this instance you requested a technical surveillance more commonly known as a wire tap. Instead, however, you installed a combination mic-tel surveillance. (C) (u)

It is also noted in your letter of June 4 that Albertson's telephone is on a two party line and you are requested to advise immediately what precautions have been taken to prevent the subscriber for telephone number MUSeum 3966 from hearing information developed by the microphone side of your combination, namely, PI-17. (C) (u)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON, was  
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DATE: June 1, 1948

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Rebulet May 26, 1948.

The installation in this case involves a standard technical surveillance which utilizes the transmitter microphone in the telephone instrument and makes possible the monitoring of all telephone conversations and in addition, when the hand set is down, uses the microphone in the instrument for the purposes of room coverage. It is my understanding that this type of installation is properly described as a technical surveillance. (C)(U) ↑ *see - tel 2*

For the further information of the Bureau, it has been determined that ALBERTSON's telephone is on a two-party line and the other party on this line is listed in telephone records as [redacted] 900 Bryn Mawr Road, telephone MUseum 3966. The 1946 City Directory shows that the occupants at 900 Bryn Mawr Road are [redacted] and his wife [redacted]. Information received through this surveillance, however, indicates that [redacted] is separated from her husband. Records of the Pittsburgh Police Department reflect no information concerning either of these individuals and records of the Credit Bureau, Inc., Pittsburgh, indicate that [redacted] wife [redacted] resides at 553 Francis Street, Pittsburgh, with his mother and is unemployed. This information was contained in a credit report dated January 11, 1947. The Pittsburgh indices are negative as to either of these individuals. (C)(U)

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FILE NO. **65-749**

REPORT MADE AT <b>PITTSBURGH, PA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>6/30/48</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5/29, 30; 6/1, 3, 4, 21, 23, 24, 25/48</b>	REPORT MADE BY <div></div>
TITLE <b>WILLIAM ALBERTSON, alias Bill Albertson</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C U</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p><i>yes</i> <i>100-942</i> <i>GBR-P-T</i> <i>12/1/5</i></p> <b>WILLIAM ALBERTSON</b> , transferred to Pittsburgh from N. Y., 10/27/47, presently is Organizational Secretary of CP of Western Pa., Dist. 5, Pittsburgh, Pa. resides 3122 Iowa St., Pittsburgh. CP activities as reported by informants set forth. <b>U</b>			
REFERENCE: <b>Bureau File 65-38100</b> <b>Report of SA THOMAS T. WILKINSON, Pittsburgh, 7/18/47</b> <b>New York letter to Bureau, 12/20/47</b> <b>U</b>			
DETAILS: <b>RESIDENCE AND BUSINESS ADDRESSES</b>			
<b>WILLIAM ALBERTSON</b> is presently living at 3122 Iowa Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. On his arrival from New York on October 27, 1947, subject lived with his mother at 1141 Portland Street, Pittsburgh. <b>[(T-2)]</b> <b>U</b>			
His business address is Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, District 5, Room 526 Bakewell Building, 417 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. <b>U</b>			
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EMPLOYMENT <p><i>Classification added</i> <i>3/22/80</i> <i>cc/DR</i> <i>7-13-48</i> <i>7-13-48</i> <i>7-13-48</i></p> <b>subject is employed as full-time Organizational Secretary of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.</b> <b>U</b>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <b>J. E. Phinton</b>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		
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ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE COMMUNIST PARTY

While in Pittsburgh WILLIAM ALBERTSON has carried on his duties as Organizational Secretary at the party office and throughout the district and is in daily attendance at CP headquarters. u

Unless otherwise designated, all activities occurred at Pittsburgh. u

- (U) [December 8, 1946] ~~CONF. INFT.~~ Subject was present at a membership meeting of the CP at the Knights of Pythias Hall where he discussed the local coal situation. u
- (U) [December 19, 1946] ~~CONF. INFT.~~ Subject participated in a talk held by the Pittsburgh district group of CP members at CP headquarters. Subject reported on the expulsion of former Communist members from the party and the means capitalists are resorting to to break up labor unions. u
- (U) [December 21, 1946] ~~CONF. INFT.~~ Subject made an analysis of Communist membership among the coal miners in Western Pennsylvania at a special meeting held for prominent members of the CP at the Pittsburgher Hotel. u
- (U) [July 12, 1947] ~~CONF. INFT.~~ Subject attended a meeting of the District Committee of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania held at the Carnegie Library, East Ohio Street, North Side, Pittsburgh. A discussion ensued on the Marshall Plan and the expansionist policy of the United States. u
- (U) [September 7, 1947] ~~CONF. INFT.~~ Subject attended a meeting of the National CP Mining Commission at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street. (T-3; u)
- September 16, 1947 u A discussion at CP headquarters indicated that the National Board had decided to send BILL ALBERTSON to Pittsburgh permanently to act as Organizational Secretary and that the national office would continue to pay his salary until January 1, 1948. (T-2; u)
- (U) [October 5, 1947] ~~CONF. INFT.~~ A district committee meeting was held in Carnegie Library, East Ohio Street and a discussion indicated that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was being released by the national office of the CP for work as district Organizational Secretary of Pittsburgh commencing October 27, 1947. u

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October 30, 1947<sup>u</sup> Subject was at party headquarters making a financial check of the expenses of the district. (T-2) [redacted] (U)

October 31, 1947<sup>u</sup> Subject was present at the 80th birthday banquet sponsored by the CP in honor of PAT CUSH. [redacted] (U)

November 8, 1947<sup>u</sup> At a meeting of the Crucible Club (Crucible Steel Company) of District 5 of the CP, held at the Music Studio, 1440 Wood Street, subject was observed in attendance. (T-3) [redacted] (U)

(U) [November 12, 1947] [redacted] At a meeting of the City Council of the CP, held at 1440 Wood Street, subject was stated to be a member of the committee to obtain new subscribers to the Daily Worker. b2 b7D (U)

November 21, 1947<sup>u</sup> Subject met WILLIAM Z. FOSTER at party headquarters. (T-2) [redacted] (U)

(U) [November 30, 1947] [redacted] Subject attended a meeting of the United Electrical 610 Branch of the CP. He is quoted as saying that the United States is the cause of the troubles in France and Italy since the United States refuses to lend money to a country unless the reds were removed from the government. [redacted] (U)

(U) [December 2, 1947] [redacted] Subject attended a meeting of the Homestead branch of the CP held at the home of ELMER KISH. Subject discussed the Marshall Plan and the plans of the United States to open the steel mills in Germany in order that ammunition could be made to be used against Russia. [redacted] (U)

(U) [December 3, 1947] [redacted] At a meeting of the District Bureau of the CP at [redacted] home, 3800 Beechwood Boulevard, subject gave a report on the Steel Commission and the fight for a wage increase. [redacted] (U)

December 5, 1947<sup>u</sup> Subject was reported as being present at a Peoples Festival, sponsored by the American Slavery Congress of Western Pennsylvania, which was attended by PAUL ROBESON and LOUIS ADAMIC. [redacted] (U)

(U) [December 13-14, 1947] [redacted] Subject attended a district conference of the CP held at the Carnegie Library, East Ohio Street, and presented the organization report dealing with registration, recruiting, and club elections. [redacted] (U)

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- December 15, 1947 <sup>u</sup> Subject was present at a meeting of the membership secretaries of the clubs comprising the Pittsburgh City Section of District 5, CP. ~~(T-3)~~ <sup>(U)</sup>
- [December 22, 1947] <sup>c</sup> Subject attended a meeting of the [District Bureau] <sup>(U)</sup> at which the formation of a working committee was discussed, whose purpose would be in case the future meetings should be raided and thus only full-timers would be caught. <sup>(U)</sup>
- December 31, 1947 <sup>u</sup> Subject attended a New Year's Eve party held at the home of [redacted] 1000 North Negley Avenue. [redacted] <sup>(U)</sup>  
~~CONF. INFT.~~
- [January 8, 1948] <sup>c</sup> A meeting of the [Executive Board] of the North Side Club was held at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street. Subject was in attendance. [redacted] <sup>(U)</sup>  
~~CONF. INFT.~~
- January 10, 1948 <sup>u</sup> Subject was present at a meeting of the Organizational Committee of District 5, CP, at the headquarters, where he reported on the functions of the organization department and explained details in regard to the fund drive scheduled to be announced in the Sunday Worker. ~~(T-2)~~ <sup>(U)</sup>
- January 12, 1948 <sup>u</sup> Subject attended a meeting of the club membership secretaries of District 5 at the Music Studio, where he discussed the Third Party movement. ~~(T-3)~~ <sup>(U)</sup>
- [January 14, 1948] <sup>c</sup> Subject was present at a meeting of the [City Council] of the CP at 440 Wood Street where he discussed the support that the Food Branch of the CP had given the WALLACE campaign. [redacted] <sup>(U)</sup>
- January 17, 1948 <sup>u</sup> Subject attended a special District Bureau meeting of District 5, CP, at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, where he discussed the setup of the WALLACE movement in the district. ~~(T-3)~~ <sup>(U)</sup>
- [January 19, 1948] <sup>c</sup> Subject was present at a meeting of the [Executive Board] of the North Side Club, CP, at JIM DOLSEN's home, Jackson Street. [redacted] <sup>(U)</sup>

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January 24, 1948

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At a meeting of the Organizational-Educational Department, District 5, CP, subject discussed the CP membership in the local CP clubs. [T-2]c

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[February 5, 7, 1948]c

Subject was present at CP headquarters and on the latter date attended an Organizational-Educational Committee meeting. [redacted]c (U) (U)

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[February 8, 1948]c

At a CP section membership conference subject discussed negro discrimination and outlined the approach against Jim Crowism as set forth by the Communists. [redacted]c

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February 9, 1948

At a meeting of club membership secretaries from District 5 at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, subject discussed the distinction between strategy and tactics as used by the Communists, stating that they were the science of leadership in the CP revolutionary struggle, adding that by revolutionary he did not mean by force and violence but did mean a complete change. [T-3]c (U)

February 18, 1948

At a meeting of the Steel Commission subject was one of the principal speakers. The principal discussion was on the WALLACE movement. [T-3]c (U)

February 19, 1948

Subject attended a meeting at CP headquarters, during which it was announced that the New York headquarters of the CP had requested that BILL ALBERTSON be sent back to New York temporarily to handle JOHN WILLIAMSON's work while the latter was detained on Ellis Island for deportation. [T-2]c

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[February 20, 1948]c

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At a meeting at district headquarters of the CP which subject attended it was announced that he had been called out of town on emergency business for a period of three weeks. [redacted]c (U) (U)

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[February 21, 1948]c

At a meeting of the District Committee of the CP at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, it was announced that the reason subject was going to New York was to work in JOHN WILLIAMSON's place. [redacted]c

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February 28, 1948

A EUGENE DENNIS mass meeting was held at Carnegie Music Hall, North Side. [redacted] Subject spoke on the WALLACE campaign and on the un-American methods of the FBI in connection with the arrest of the champions of the working man at Ellis Island. [redacted]

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February 29, 1948

Subject attended a meeting of the leading functionaries in District 5, CP, at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street. EUGENE DENNIS, General Secretary, Communist Party-USA, was also present. The discussion was on the Third Party movement. (T-3)

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April 5, 1948

Subject attended a meeting of club membership secretaries in the Pittsburgh City Section, held at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, wherein he stated that during the last war strikes would have retarded the working class but that if now war should break out against Russia, it would advance the working class. He said social elements would protest that strikes would retard the interests of the working man, but the Communists would know that strikes would advance the interests of the working class. (T-3)

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April 7, 1948

At a meeting of the District Board, District 5 of the CP, at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, ALBERTSON stated that the party finances were in very poor shape in the district. (T-3)

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(U) April 14, 1948

Subject was present at a meeting attended by other known Communists at the home of MATE JURISICH. Subject discussed the Communistic grab in Czechoslovakia and the advantages of Communism for the European people. [redacted]

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(U) April 23, 1948

Subject attended a meeting of the Steering Committee held at the home of [redacted] 259 Melwood Street. The purpose of the meeting being to discuss plans for future political activities in the 30th Congressional District. [redacted]

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(U) April 24, 1948

At a meeting of the CP Buro at 440 Wood Street, a discussion was had on a reorganization of the CP in Pittsburgh. However, no agreement was reached. Subject was observed in attendance. [redacted]

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~~April 26, 1948~~

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Informant advised that the proposed change in the setup of District 5 would result in the present Organizational Department being changed to an ORG-ED Department, with BILL ALBERTSON as chairman. [redacted] c

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Subject was present at a meeting of Trade Unionists of District 5, CP, at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street. Subject stated that in America the fascist leaders were chipping away one thing after another which the working class had won. It was his opinion that with the proper trade union leadership, such as Communist leadership, the country could change over into socialism at the proper time. [T-3] c

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(U) ~~April 28, 1948~~

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Subject, at a meeting held in the Chrysler Restaurant on East Ohio Street, said that party members should carry on their own independent role until the CP is officially accepted within the framework of the Progressive Party, that when it is, the Communist functionaries can take a place on the party committees. He concluded that Congressman MARCANTONIO met regularly with BOB THOMPSON, Chairman of the Communist Party of New York, as did other non-party leaders. [redacted] c

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~~April 29, 1948~~

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At a meeting of the 610 Branch of the CP held in the Workers Hall, East Pittsburgh, the likelihood of a strike at Westinghouse Airbrake was discussed. Subject was in attendance. [redacted] c

~~May 2, 1948~~

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Subject attended a meeting of the District Bureau of the CP at the home of [redacted] 5833 Morrowfield Avenue. It was decided that ALBERTSON, CAREATHERS, and HUDSON are the committee to decide when and if the party would go underground. [redacted] c

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May 4, 1948

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Subject attended a meeting of District 5 CP members active in the A. F. of L. at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street. LOUIS WEINSTOCK, National Assistant Labor Secretary, CP, stated that the party played an important part in the A. F. of L. since its beginning but during the last few years had not played a very strong part because of preoccupation in the CIO. [T-3] c

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[May 4, 1948] ~~C~~

[In a discussion with LOUIS WEINSTOCK at party headquarters subject stated that District 5 had always been a difficult section and that they had had trouble in this area since the "election business" in 1940. He recalled the Palmer Raids, as he was nine or ten years of age at that time and used to go to CP meetings with his mother, adding that he joined the YCL and the CP in 1938. (T-2)] ~~C~~

May 5, 1948

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Subject contacted the electric company relative to the connection of electrical service at the home which he was renting at 3122 Iowa Street. [(T-1)] ~~C~~

Subject attended a meeting of Communist leaders of Western Pennsylvania at the Roosevelt Hotel. LOUIS WEINSTOCK, national office representative, delivered the principal address, in which he stated that the Mundt Bill would bring fascism to the United States and that all organizations must become active in a fight against the bill. [redacted] ~~C~~

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THE PITTSBURGH OFFICE

AT PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Will follow and report the Communist activities of  
the subject. *u*

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The confidential informants indicated by temporary symbols mentioned in the report of SA [ ] dated June 30, 1948, are as follows: ~

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~~CONF. INFO.~~ T-1 is [ ] whose identity is known to the Bureau.  
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~~CONF. INFO.~~ T-3 is [ ] whose identity is known to the Bureau.

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Reurlet June 22, 1948, in which you furnished information concerning the mechanical setup being used by your office in connection with the monitoring of the surveillance in this case. The arrangement appears satisfactory if the battery used is 3V or less. It is suggested that additional spring contacts be used on the switch hook of the subject's subset if the microphone battery has a higher voltage. (u)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI ~~STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL~~

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There appears to be no hazard involved in this installation arising from the fact that a party line is involved. The subscriber's instrument on Museum 3966 is of course disconnected from the party line until the handset is raised closing the cradle switch in the instrument. This immediately puts a dial tone on the line which is the signal for the operator at our plant to throw a switch disconnecting the batteries from the microphone in ALBERTSON'S instrument and placing condensers in the line. The microphone in ALBERTSON'S instrument is then without electrical current ~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~ and is dead. Personnel assigned to the central plant are instructed that in monitoring all of these lines, the switches must be thrown immediately when the instrument is picked up and a dial tone is heard. Should our operator fail to promptly throw the switch when the Museum 6966 instrument is picked up, any signal which might be heard would be extremely weak due to the fact that it would not be amplified and if audible at all, would sound like cross talk which is commonly heard on telephone instruments in this area. (U)

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, INTERNAL SECURITY - C. REMYLET MAY 13 LAST ADVISING OF INSTALLATION OF INFORMANTS PI-16 AND PI-17. BOTH INFORMANTS TEMPORARILY DISCONNECTED 10:41 A.M. DST, THIS DATE. SUBJECT HAS COMPLAINED TO TELEPHONE COMPANY OF NOISE ON HIS TELEPHONE LINE AND TELEPHONE COMPANY CONTACT MEN BELIEVE TROUBLE MAY BE IN EQUIPMENT AT CENTRAL PLANT. UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY THESE INFORMANTS WILL REMAIN DISCONNECTED UNTIL [REDACTED] THE ONLY SPECIAL AGENT ASSIGNED TO PITTSBURGH OFFICE QUALIFIED TO HANDLE SOUND WORK, WHO IS PRESENTLY IN MICHIGAN, RETURNS FROM LEAVE STATUS ON AUGUST 9 AND EXAMINES SETUP.

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TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh  
 SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON  
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Our Bell Telephone Co. contact has advised that tests made on the subject's line on July 21, 1948 showed an unbalance to be present regardless of whether our equipment was connected to the leased line. The leased line was disconnected from the subject's handset at 10:41 AM July 21, 1948, which restored it to proper balance and eliminated operating difficulties. (u)

A review of logs maintained on this surveillance indicates that no intelligence of particular value has been obtained since this surveillance was placed in operation. Therefore, it will not be resumed in the absence of contrary instructions, it being impossible to assure adequate security. (u)

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FILE NO. **65-749**

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TITLE <b>WILLIAM ALBERTSON, wa. Bill Albertson u</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C u</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ALBERTSON continues as Organizational Secretary of CP of Western Pa., District 5, Pittsburgh, Pa. Lives at 3122 Iowa Street, Pittsburgh. Subject's Communist Party activities as reported by informants set forth. u

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## REFERENCE:

Bureau File **65-38100**.

Report of SA

Pittsburgh, 6/30/48

## DETAILS:

### RESIDENCE AND BUSINESS ADDRESSES

WILLIAM ALBERTSON lives at 3122 Iowa Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and his business address is still at Communist Party Headquarters, Bakewell Building, 417 Grant Street, Pittsburgh. u

### EMPLOYMENT

Subject continues his duties as full-time Organizational Secretary of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania. u

### COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES

Unless otherwise designated, all activities occurred at Pittsburgh. u

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(U) ~~[April 9, 1948]~~

(U) At a meeting of the ~~[National Executive Board of the CP, at National Headquarters, No. 50 E. 13th Street, New York City]~~ subject was appointed on a sub-committee of the National Labor Commission of the Party for the Western Pa., Eastern Ohio, and W.Va. District, which Committee was to direct the opposition to PHILLIP MURRAY, President of the United Steelworkers Union, and CIO. ~~[(T-1)]~~

~~[May 5, 1948]~~ (U)

(U) Subject called a meeting of the ~~[AFL Party members at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh]~~ to discuss the Mundt-Nixon Bill and to discuss plans for a collection for the printing of leaflets in opposition to this bill. He also stated that he intended to start a Third Party movement in the AFL. ~~[(T-2)]~~

~~[May 12, 1948]~~ (U)

(U) At a meeting of the ~~[District Buro of the CP, held at the home of MAXINE MATLIS, 5833 Morewood Avenue]~~ subject was recognized in attendance. A drive for subscriptions to the Daily Worker was the topic of discussion.

(U) ~~[(T-3)]~~

(U) ~~[May 14, 1948]~~

(U) BILL ALBERTSON was named as being on the Control Commission of District 5, CP, Pittsburgh. ~~[(T-3)]~~

(U) ~~[May 15 and 16, 1948]~~

(U) Subject was present at ~~[both sessions of the District Conference of the CP of Western Pa. held at the Seventh Avenue Hotel]~~ ALBERTSON presented a summary of the situation in the coal mining and rubber industries and criticized the stand of PHILLIP MURRAY and the United Steelworkers at the recent steel convention in Boston, Mass. Also was discussed the constitution of the District Board which for purposes of security, was to be reduced to 7 persons instead of fourteen. These 7 would be of known political reliability. Subject was appointed District Secretary with the approval of those present.

(U) ~~[(T-4, T-5, and T-6)]~~

(U) ~~[May 18, 1948]~~

(U) At a meeting of ~~[District 5, CP, Buro, at 440 Wood Street]~~ a discussion was had by CP members of the new organizational setup of the Buro.

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(U) ~~[May 21, 1948] c~~

(U) Subject was present at a ~~[Committee Conference of District 5, CP~~  
at the Seventh Avenue Hotel] where the means of demonstrating opposition to  
the Mundt Bill were discussed. It was stated that if the CP were outlawed  
(U) reactionaries through the Mundt Bill would prosecute every militant trade  
unionist as being a Communist. ~~[(T-6)] c~~

May 26, 1948

(U) At a meeting of the District Board of the CP of District 5, held  
at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, ALBERTSON, in stating that the meeting  
had been called on quick notice, said that it was necessary in order to work  
out emergency steps in regard to sending a delegation to Washington, D.C. to  
protest the Mundt Bill. ~~[(T-7)] c~~

May 28, 1948

(U) At a mass meeting of the Civil Rights Congress held at the Wesley  
Center, Ame Zion Church, 2701 Center Avenue, subject was observed in attendance.  
HENRY WALLACE and the Mundt Bill were the topics of discussion. ~~[(T-3)] c~~

(U) ~~[June 1, 1948] c~~

(U) ~~[At a CP meeting held at 440 Wood Street] c~~  
subject introduced GUS HALL from Ohio, who explained why the steelworkers  
need unions and why they should vote for HENRY WALLACE for President. He  
also mentioned that a committee should be set up in each plant representing  
labor and that this would assist them in reaching a goal of Socialism.

(U) ~~[(T-7 and T-8)] c~~

(U) ~~[June 2, 1948] c~~

(U) At a discussion at ~~[CP Headquarters, Bakewell Building] c~~ relative  
to the reorganization of the City Section, it was suggested that BILL ALBERT-  
SON continue to function as Secretary of the proposed Org-Ed Committee.  
Subject mentioned that a United Electrical Club was to be organized in the  
near future composed of members of the East Pittsburgh Club who do not belong  
(U) in the latter club. ~~[(T-1)] c~~

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(U) June 4, 1948 ~~C~~

(U) At a discussion at CP Headquarters, Bakewell Building dealing with the annual CP picnic, subject was listed as one of the speakers. This picnic was being held in the name of the Labor Press Committee. ~~[(T-4)] C~~

(U) June 5, 1948 ~~C~~

(U) At a meeting of the CP members, held at 440 Wood Street ~~ALBERTSON~~ discussed the present status of the Mundt-Nixon Bill and projected Party activities regarding the Bill, adding that the CP should send all wires protesting the Bill to U.S. Senator WILEY, rather than to various U.S. Senators. ~~[(T-4, T-3, T-7, and T-8)] C~~

(U) June 7, 1948 ~~C~~

(U) At a special meeting at the home of DAVE GRANT, Wilkinsburg, Pa. ~~C~~ the purpose of which was to discuss the leadership in the Third Party in Western Pa., subject was observed in attendance. ~~[(T-3)] C~~

(U) June 9, 1948 ~~C~~

(U) At a meeting at District Headquarters of the CP, Bakewell Building ~~C~~ a discussion was had concerning the appointment of a Secretary for the Civil Rights Congress Chapter at Pittsburgh, and subject stated that it was necessary to have a Party person in such a position since they were the only ones who could be trusted. He also proposed that the Slay Congress and the Civil Rights Congress should hold meetings for GERHARDT EISLER who was scheduled to visit Pittsburgh June 20, 1948. However, since the Progressive Party was sponsoring a meeting at which Vice-Presidential candidate GLENN S. TAYLOR was to be featured, it was proposed that EISLER be contacted and asked to postpone his visit until June 27. ~~[(T-4)] C~~

June 9, 1948

(U) At a meeting of CP members, held at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, believed to be a meeting of the District Board, subject was observed in attendance and in his discussion, criticized the policies of the United Steelworkers and PHILLIP MURRAY. ~~[(T-7)] C~~

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(U) June 12, 1948 ~~C~~

(U) At a discussion held at CP Headquarters, Bakewell Building on the future role of the UE Branch of the CP, ALBERTSON stated that if the Mundt-Nixon Bill were passed that as an emergency measure the Party Convention would be moved ahead. ~~(T-10 and T-9) C~~

June 18, 1948

(U) Subject was present at a meeting of the Steel Commission held at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street. There was a discussion of the Left Wing leaders of the United Steelworkers, most of whom were severely criticized. ~~(T-7) C~~

(U) June 30, 1948 ~~C~~

(U) At a meeting of the club chairmen of the CP of Pittsburgh, held at 440 Wood Street, the new reorganizational plan of the City CP was discussed. Since there were to be four section organizers in the City of Pittsburgh, ALBERTSON suggested that the new organizers who were yet to be selected, ought to meet once a week. Later, he remarked that the current Yugoslav situation brings the threat of war closer to the United States and Russia. ~~(T-4 and T-7) C~~

(U) July 10, 1948 ~~C~~

(U) At the District Convention of the CP of Western Pa. held at the North Side Carnegie Music Hall, East Ohio Street, subject was reelected to the position of Organizational Secretary. At this session, subject gave an organizational report on the District activities. It was mentioned that STEVE NELSON and ANDREW ONDA had been assigned to this district as District Organizer and Steel Organizer respectively by the National Board. Subject was nominated as delegate to the National Convention, which ALBERTSON stated might be the last CP Convention for a long time and cautioned the members on the necessity for selecting the right people. ~~(T-4) C~~

July 21, 1948

Subject was reported as stating that the recent arrest of CP National Board members constituted the major issue of the CP at present. He stated that the arrests were made to enable the capitalistic class to pass national legislation emasculating the Bill of Rights and initiating the war program. He urged that every CP member and contact send telegrams to

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(U) President TRUMAN and Attorney General CLARK demanding the withdrawal of the indictments and the unconditional release of those arrested. He stressed that to provide an adequate defense for the arrested CP leaders, a special defense fund should be considered and that the money which they anticipated raising on the proposed CP picnic on August 15, 1948, would be diverted to that defense fund. (T-5).C

(U) [July 28, 1948].C

(U) It was reported that arrangements for the CP picnic to be held at Castle Shannon, Pa. on August 15, 1948 were being handled by ALBERTSON who was in charge of distribution of tickets. (T-4).C

August 1, 1948

In an article appearing on Page 1, Pennsylvania edition of The Worker on this date, August 1, 1948, WILLIAM ALBERTSON discussed the problems of concentration and Party building in Western Pennsylvania. He stated that the Communist Party, well organized and extensively and actively supported by the working class is the only way to promote the struggle of the working class. The Party should be built along political, ideological, and organizational lines and primarily among the basic industrial workers. He cited the achievements of the Party in the Pittsburgh District making reference to the steel, coal, and electrical workers' economic gains, and the organized resistance to the Mundt-Nixon Bill. He mentioned that one way to increase growth in the CP in influence and membership, is to concentrate on steel, mining, and electrical workers and also the negroes; and that the CP should take an active part in any questions arising in relation to the foregoing. He stated that the main industrial base of the Party in this area is in electrical organizations and that this base must be strengthened; that the Party must not be content to concern themselves only with wages, WALLACE agitation, and the building of progressive party organizations but must attempt to win the minds of the workers ideologically to make them class conscious and to mobilize them for the fight for peace and against war; that they may understand and fight against the Marshall Plan and thus realize the advantages of Socialism. This concentration, he stated, means that every organization in which the Party has influence must develop the theories of class consciousness. The year 1948 was announced to be the year of building for the Party and that all decisions coming from higher levels on Party policy should be brought to execution by the masses. He mentioned the nature of Communists, stating that they were individuals who had voluntarily accepted the position of leading the working class and to win for them the reorganization of capitalist society through a social society. He cautioned about the infiltration of non-believers and urged the highest degree of vigilance to assist in wiping them out. u

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August 10, 1948

(U) WILLIAM ALBERTSON contacted Radio Station KQV, Pittsburgh, requesting an opportunity to explain the Communist position in regard to the recent indictments and arrests of 12 Communist leaders. [(T-11)]

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On November 4, 1948, while surveilling the offices of Narodni Glasnik, Communist Party line Croatian newspaper, 1916 East Street North Side, Pittsburgh, SA's [redacted] and [redacted] observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON seated in a car talking to an individual tentatively identified as STEVE NELSON, Chairman, District 5, CP of Western Pennsylvania.

advised that subject, Organizational Secretary, District 5, CP, is remaining away from CP headquarters for security reasons. BESSIE STEINBERG, CP office secretary, has answered inquiries of party members as to his whereabouts that she can contact him and that he still goes to meetings. (u)

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## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ALBERTSON continues his duties as Organizational Secretary of the Communist Party of Western Pa., District #5, Pittsburgh, Pa. and resides at 3122 Iowa St., Pittsburgh. Subject's Communist activities set forth. u

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## DETAILS:

AT PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

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## RESIDENCE, BUSINESS ADDRESS AND EMPLOYMENT:

WILLIAM ALBERTSON lives at 3122 Iowa Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. His business address is Communist Party Headquarters, Bakewell Building, 417 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, where he continues his duties as full-time Organizational Secretary of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, District #5, Pittsburgh, Pa. u

## COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES:

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July 1, 1948:

ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the District Board of CP, District #5 at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street. Most of the discussion centered on negro activities and problems, and it was brought out that there was a need of development

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(U) among negroes if the Party was to develop in the Hill District. ~~[(T-1)]~~

July 9, 1948:

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At the First Session of the CP Convention held at the North Side Carnegie Library, BILL ALBERTSON acted as secretary. ~~[(T-2)]~~

July 10, 1948:

(U)

At the Third Session of the CP Convention as a result of one of the nominating caucuses BILL ALBERTSON was elected as a delegate to the National CP Convention to be held in New York City in the near future and consequent to discussion of reducing the District Committee, subject was elected to this body. At the 4th Session on July 11th, HENRY WINSTON addressed the group accusing the Imperialists and English of trying to stir up trouble in Berlin and trying to provoke a war with the Soviet Union. He emphasized that the Soviet Union desired peace and that HENRY WALLACE was strong for peace and for this reason the Communists must support WALLACE one hundred per cent. The 5th Session on this date which completed the Convention closed with the singing of the International. ~~[(T-3)]~~

July 14, 1948:

(U)

At a meeting of the District Committee of District 5 of the CP held at 440 Wood Street, BILL ALBERTSON in discussing the organization of the District Committee said that the District Board was composed of five members and the whole District Committee of six or eight members but that they had been combined into this District Committee. ALBERTSON proposed that STEVE NELSON and himself be selected to compose part of this Committee. ~~[(T-1)]~~

July 22, 1948:

(U)

A meeting was held of the District Committee of District 5, CP, at 440 Wood Street which subject attended. ALBERTSON discussed the reasons for the reduction in the size of the District and pointed out that the reduction was necessary as a security measure. The proposed picnic was discussed and ALBERTSON stated that the city must do proportionately more for the picnic than the other Sections to which some one raised the objection that the city is ALBERTSON's responsibility. He advised that the city was not his responsibility as he is responsible only for Erie, Farrell and Sharon. ~~[(T-1)]~~

July 30, 1948:

It was reported that subject was contacted by a Mr. ZUCHENBERG relative to organizing a strike in the Woolworth 5 and 10 Cents Stores. ZUCHENBERG reportedly has arrived in Pittsburgh to

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direct the strike. ALBERTSON told ZUCHENBERG that the Party should be able to get six Communist Party members mobilized for the picketing. ~~(T-4)~~ ~~(C-2)~~ ~~(H)~~

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[August 1, 1948:] ~~(C)~~

ALBERTSON was present at a special emergency meeting held at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, which was called by the CP members to discuss the difficulty of the CP in securing the picnic grounds at Castle Shannon for August 15th. It was decided that if the picnic grounds could not be obtained through pressure that another place must be found and that the Linden Grove proprietor of the Castle Shannon Council should be sued for \$50,000.00. (T-2) ~~(C)~~

August 2, 1948: ~~(u)~~

At a meeting of the Club Secretaries of District 5 of the CP held at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, ALBERTSON announced that this would be the last meeting of the secretaries on the city scale since approximately in one week there would not be a City Section but there would be four sections and 4 Section Organizers. The secretaries would then meet on a Section scale. ~~(T-1)~~ ~~(C)~~

August 10, 1948: ~~(u)~~

BILL ALBERTSON reported in a meeting at District Offices of the CP, 426 Bakewell Building, 417 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, that \$1,212 had been collected up to that time for picnic tickets. ~~(T-4)~~ ~~(C)~~

(U) [August 12, 1948:] ~~(C)~~

The CP members of the Progressive Party met at the home of DAVE GRANT at which meeting subject was observed in attendance. Party activities in the forth-coming election were discussed as well as a change of the Progressive Party Director. It was decided that TOM FITZPATRICK would withdraw as a candidate for Congress as soon as they could find some way to "save their face" upon his withdrawal. ~~(T-5)~~ ~~(C)~~

[August 14, 1948:] ~~(C)~~

Subject attended a CP meeting held at 440 Wood Street for the purpose of discussing a proposed new North Side Section of the CP of Pittsburgh. ALBERTSON stated that the National CP Convention decided not to have a purge of Party membership at this time but that any present Party member who does not desire to recognize the leadership and work under it can get out of the Party. He mentioned that the new section leadership will be composed of an organizer, a membership secretary and a section committee and gave the following re-organization of the Party in Pittsburgh: The section organizers will meet

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(U) regularly with the district organizers for the purpose of carrying out decisions made by the District Committee and the District Board. ALBERTSON also intimated that the District Board presently numbers only three members two of which are STEVE NELSON and himself. He concluded by stating that he favors a formation of a CP shop club in any plant that has four or five Party members. [(T-4)]

August 30, 1948:

(U) At a meeting of the District Committee, District 5, CP, held at the Music Studio, BILL ALBERTSON discussed the negro question and stated that if any attempt is made to solve the negro question separate and apart from day to day work in basic industry they are doomed to failure as the negro question must be treated as an integral part of the basic industrial concentration. ALBERTSON stated that the only negroes who would join the party are those very progressive ones with socialist ideas who are taking a very long-range view of the problem because the CP is not doing anything for the negro people in its day to day work. [(T-1)]

September 6, 1948: Subject reportedly attended the Labor Press Committee picnic held that date at Sugar Camp, Patton Township, Pa. [(T-4 & T-5)]

(U) Mrs. ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was introduced as the main speaker. She said that despite all the frame-up that Communists do not advocate force and violence and that as Marxists they are opposed to it. She alleged that Communists have always been in the fore-front of the struggle for the worker. [(T-6)]

September 8, 1948: A meeting was held at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, by BILL ALBERTSON for the purpose of developing a system of leadership for the Section Organizers. He stated that a conference is being called by the Civil Rights Congress on either September 21 or September 28, 1948 to point out the issue of the right of the negroes to swim at the Highland Park Pool. This conference will take the fight for the negroes away from the Young Progressives and the Civil Rights Congress and then lead the fight against all discrimination as well as the fight for FEPC in Pittsburgh and the State of Pennsylvania. ALBERTSON stated that the CP clubs must make a definite mobilization of all forces for this work and that the Party would be represented at this proposed conference by a member of District 5 who would speak in the name of the CP. Concerning youth activities, he stated that District 5 is planning a youth conference for September 12, 1948 but that this had been postponed

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(U) until October, the exact date undecided; that on October 2 and 3, 1948 Young Progressives were having a youth conference but that the CP would hold a separate youth conference adopting its own plan of work. ~~[(T-1)]~~

September 12, 1948: A meeting was held of the Steel Commission of the CP at 440 Wood Street. Subject was observed in attendance. They discussed a Steel Workers for WALLACE Conference to be held September 19th and a report on the organization and functioning of the Steel Commission. ALBERTSON after hearing the discussion stated that the goal for the coming Steelworkers for WALLACE Conference should be 200 people which is twice as many as attended the last Steelworkers for WALLACE Conference; that with the proper publicity, including sound trucks and leaflets, this goal should be easily met. ~~[(T-1)]~~

September 13, 1948: Subject attended a meeting of the District Committee of the CP, District 5, held at 440 Wood Street. ALBERTSON said that the South Side Community Club and the Jones and Laughlin Club would be taken away from the City Section and placed in the Steel Section; that the six non-active members from Hazelwood would go into the Steel Section; that this would increase the membership in this Section from 106 to 155 with 10 to 11 branches. He stated that the U.S. Government claimed the 1945 CP Convention advocated the over-throw of the U. S. Government by force and violence. ALBERTSON stated that the National Board was not elected until two years after this (1947) and that the 55 members of the National Committee elected in 1945 were not indicated; that no overt action is charged but that the government merely said "advocated". ALBERTSON stated that the 12 indictments, according to the Communist Party, USA, violate the first amendment, the Sniderman Decision of the Supreme Court and, in short, are frame-ups to create a mass hysteria prior to elections. He proposed that the CP vigorously back the October 16, 1948 conference of the Civil Rights Congress and that the Party officials participate in all Civil Rights Congress activities; that on September 27, 1948 a picket line be planted at the local Federal Court House to pressure the Attorney General to squash the indictments against the 12 Party leaders and that the Party attempt to get trade union representatives to go to Washington, D.C. to see the Attorney General to protest these 12 indictments. ~~[(T-1)]~~

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September 16, 1948: Section Organizational Secretaries of District 5, CP, held a meeting at 440 Wood Street which subject attended. BILL ALBERTSON speaking on the nature and functions of the Organizational Secretaries stated that this is a Party dignitary of a National District, section or branch level, who is responsible for seeing that the Party organizers function; that the secretary is responsible for problems involving the Party itself. He said that in large sections the organizational secretary supervises the fore-going tasks which are placed under various directors including membership, finance, literature, press and education, but that in District 5 sections are not large enough to permit directors for each of these activities thus leaving the organizational secretaries responsible for them. He stated that in District 5 there are two methods of reaching the sections; that STEVE NELSON is in charge of the District Organizers which meet every two weeks to discuss plans on the policy making level, liaison with the Third Party, recruiting and other problems; that the District Organizers then report back to their Section Committees. ALBERTSON stated that he supervises the Organizational Secretaries from the Sections; that he hoped to make this organization parallel to NELSON's organizers; that his, ALBERTSON, club would meet every two weeks to discuss similar problems from an organizational standpoint and that the section organizational secretaries would in turn meet with the branch secretaries thus passing information down to the branch level.

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September 17, 1948: A 29th Congressional District CP Section Conference was held at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, which conference subject attended. ALBERTSON stated that the 29th Congressional District Section was set up because they found it impossible to get more than two or three people together at the same time under the old set up; that the old Pittsburgh City Section was split in three sections because it was impossible for the leadership to give necessary guidance both politically and organizationally; that clubs were to be diversified in activity, functioning only on the higher levels and that the new organization would aid the Party to pass their message to the masses. ~~(T-1)~~

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[September 19, 1948:] Subject attended a joint meeting of the Steel and Coal Committee for WALLACE held at the Argonne Ballroom, 6th Street and Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh. The speakers were PAUL ROBESON and LEE PRESSMAN. ~~(T-5)~~

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September 30, 1948: ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the Section Organizational Secretaries, CP, District 5, held at 440 Wood Street, concerning the district's finances. ALBERTSON stated that the budget for this year was approximately \$31,000; that they had raised 2/3 of this but that they still need about \$15,000 because they had not estimated high enough the sum necessary to meet the tax on the Party. ALBERTSON stated that to date only about fifty per cent of the members had paid up their dues; that the club and sections were also slow in paying; that the sections alone owed the District \$3,211; that the District owes a large literature bill and that the general finance situation was not encouraging. Concerning security measures ALBERTSON stated that last year the Party uncovered a "stool pigeon" who knew quite a few members; that if clubs had been organized into groups of five or six this person would only have known four or five people and that, therefore, for security reasons they should organize wherever possible shop groups on a small basis. (U) [(T-1)]

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DECLASSIFIED BY <b>8160 DD/ATR</b> ON <b>1-14-80</b>			

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

ALBERTSON remains as organizational secretary of the CP of Western Pennsylvania, District 5, Pittsburgh, Pa., and continues to reside at 3122 Iowa St., Pittsburgh. Subject was CP delegate to Civil Rights Conference held at Pittsburgh 10/16/48. Subject's CP activities between 9/1/48 and 12/5/48 set forth.

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**DETAILS:**

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**RESIDENCE, BUSINESS ADDRESS AND EMPLOYMENT**

WILLIAM ALBERTSON lives at 3122 Iowa Street. His business address is Communist Party Headquarters, 426 Lakeview Building, 417 Grant Street, where subject continues his duties as full-time organizational secretary of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, District 5, Pittsburgh, Pa. u

**COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES**

There is hereinafter set forth subject's Communist Party activities in chronological order. Unless otherwise designated, all activities occurred at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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(U) During the period of this report the subject has been at Communist Party Headquarters and throughout District 5, carrying out his duties as Organizational Secretary. (T-1, T-2, T-3, T-4 and T-5) ~~(C)~~

(U) September 1, 1948 ~~(C)~~

(U) ALBERTSON advised T-1 that the trouble in Pittsburgh was caused in part by the subjectivity of ROY HUDSON, Chairman, District 5, Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania. He said that money had been lost in dues in the District, and estimated that District 5 needed about \$500 a week, in addition to the subsidy to get by. ~~(C) (U) (C)~~

(U) September 9, 1948 ~~(C)~~

(U) ALBERTSON advised T-2 that he would like to set up a system of finances, whereby each section financed itself or functionaries with a subsidy from the District; that such a decentralization fund would save money for the District, and that the present poor financial condition of the District required some one in charge of finances, preferably a person who would go around to see people for regular contributions. He said that FRANCENE ALBERTSON, his wife, was being considered for such duties on a part-time basis, and that the present wage scale in the District is \$50 per week, plus \$5 per week for each dependent. ~~(C) (U) (C)~~

September 18, 1948

(U) According to ~~(T-2)~~ ALBERTSON continues as a member of the Organization-Education Committee at Communist Party Headquarters.

September 22, 1948

(U) BILL ALBERTSON at CP Headquarters stated that the call had gone out for the young progressives (Youth Conference - October 2, 1948 at the Mayfair Hotel, Pittsburgh). He agreed to go into the 29th Congressional District, and take over the election campaign; provided he was relieved of all other work. ~~(T-2) (C)~~

October 3, 1948

(U) The subject attended a meeting of the Steel Commission, District 5, Communist Party - USA, at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street. ANDY ORDA, CP steel organizer, said that steel workers could be the vanguard of the fight against Fascism and reaction; that the right wing of the United Steel Workers of America - CIO, and the American Catholic Trade Unions must be vigorously opposed. ~~(T-3) (C)~~

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October 4, 1948

At a meeting of the Youth Commission of District 5, Communist Party - USA, held at 440 Wood Street, ALBERTSON said that the various youth clubs must elect delegates to the Communist Party Youth Convention, to be held, Sunday, October 9, 1948 in a downtown hotel; that the subject of this conference would be the program of leadership and the role of the young Progressives. (T-3)

October 9, 1948

ALBERTSON attended a meeting of Key Communists held at the Mayfair Hotel. A discussion was had on the 1948 presidential election, and on the trial of the twelve members of the National Committee of the Communist Party, and it was decided to do everything to create public opinion in favor of the twelve. (T-4)

ALBERTSON was chairman at a Communist Party meeting held to protest the arrest of the twelve CP leaders, which meeting was held at the A. Leo Weil School, Pittsburgh. HENRY WINSTON, member of the National Committee, delivered the principal address, which dealt with the international situation. He stated the Berlin crisis was not a political maneuver but a long-range plan of this country's bi-partisan foreign policy to create war. He added that the Berlin airlift was not a humanitarian undertaking but a preparation for an atom bomb attack on Eastern European countries. (T-5)

October 10, 1948

The subject attended a Communist Party Youth Conference held at the Mayfair Hotel, 423 Penn Avenue. He delivered the principal address at the conference, during the course of which he stated during the time EARL BROWDER was the leader of the Communist Party - USA, and since, little consideration has been given to Communist Party youth organizations, such as the Young Communist League. He stated that immediately after the November, 1948 election, the Communist Party would begin to organize youth organizations, similar to the Young Communist League, and that the Marxist-Leninist doctrines would be taught in these new organizations. ALBERTSON continued that it would not be necessary for members of the new youth groups to be members of the Communist Party but that the new groups would be dominated by the Communist Party.

ALBERTSON stated many people believe that war is inevitable but that it was the duty of the Communist Party to train the youth of the nation and poison their minds against Fascism and war in time to stop the event of war. He stated it would take the United States two years to prepare for war and the Communist Party could do a lot of good work by that time. He remarked that the United States is the breeding place for war and Fascism, and that the American youth must be taught to hate the causes of war, such as military training. He concluded that the Soviet Union is carrying on a peace offensive at the present time. (T-6)

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~October 11, 1948

ALBERTSON attended the District Committee meeting of the Communist Party, District 5, held at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street. He stated that he had recently attended a conference in Chicago, at which Party concentration policy and Party building were discussed. He said that the Communist Center at New York City decided on four districts of major concentration, including Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan and Illinois, and that the Center also aimed at seven major industries for major concentration, which industries included steel, automobile, marine, electrical, packing, machinist and building trade. ALBERTSON said that mining might be included as an eighth concentration industry. (T-3) c

October 12, 1948 u

ALBERTSON at a meeting of the North Side Section Committee of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania held at 844 East Ohio Street, stated that the Civil Rights Congress was conducting a drive for \$2,500 nationally to fight the cases of the Communist Party leaders, and that this sum was needed, inasmuch as the Civil Rights Congress had employed a group of lawyers, who were doing research, preparation of briefs, etc. He stated that the research lawyers are scanning every book and pamphlet published by the Communist Party during the past twenty-nine years, especially those factions dealing with force and violence. He also mentioned that the Communist Party would begin registration immediately after the 1948 elections, and that there would be some organizational changes, inasmuch as the new Communist Party set up would call for not more than five comrades in each group. He added that it was most important that the Party recruit two or three members in each industrial plant. The importance of bringing about the defeat of the United States Congressman JOHN MC DOWELL was also stressed. (T-5) c

October 16, 1948

Alps William Albertson, 426 Bakewell Building, Pittsburgh, Pa., representing the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, was a delegate to the Civil Rights Conference held at the Fort Pitt Hotel, 10th Street. ALBERTSON delivered a brief report concerning the arrest of the twelve national Communist Party leaders. ALBERTSON stated that if the Communist Party leaders were framed with a conviction, it would automatically outlaw the Communist Party in the United States. He mentioned that the reason for the indictment of the Communist Party leaders was that passage of the Mundt-Bill had been prevented. (T-5) c

October 21, 1948

The subject attended a meeting of leaders of the Young Progressive Association held at Communist Party Headquarters, Bakewell Building. ALBERTSON said that the objective of all present should be to build the Young Progressive

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(U) Association. He said that this Young Progressive Association should be for all young people who were progressive, communist, anti-fascist, or even nonpolitical persons interested in social affairs, and that the Communist Party must get all young people affiliated with the Young Progressive Association, and then educate them, first to progressive policies and eventually to Marxist Leninism. He said that the Communist Party should make suggestions to the Young Progressive Association leadership, and convince the leadership to follow the suggestions, but that none of the new officers be Communist Party members. [T-2] c

(U) [October 23, 1948] c

(U) The subject attended a meeting of leading Communist Party members held at 440 Wood Street. ALBERTSON gave a report on the present Communist Party recruiting drive. [T-5] c

[November 5, 1948] c (U)

It is reported that ALBERTSON, Organizational Secretary, Communist Party, Western Pennsylvania, has been cruising around the city of Pittsburgh in an automobile. According to ALBERTSON, this plan was adopted by the Communist Party leaders in Pittsburgh, in order that "all of us don't get arrested at one time." He continued that it had been arranged, so that neither he nor STEVE NELSON, Chairman of District 5, Communist Party, would be in the Communist Party District Office at the same time, thus precluding the arrest of both simultaneously. [T-5] c

November 23, 1948 (U)

(U) ALBERTSON was reported to be a member of the group known as Political Action Committee of the Communist Party, which was recently organized by the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania. [T-5] c

November 24, 1948.

(U) In a telegram addressed to the County Court House, Long Island City, New York, and to the State Attorney General, Albany, New York, signed the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, STEVE NELSON, Chairman, Communist Party, District 5, and BILL ALBERTSON demanded immediate and full grand jury investigation of the assault on LILLIAN THOMPSON, daughter of ROBERT THOMPSON, one of the twelve indicted National Board members; Communist Party - USA. [T-1] c

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November 27, 1948

(U) The subject attended a meeting of the Section Committee of the Monongahela Valley Section, Communist Party, District 5, held at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street. The topic for discussion was registration of Communist Party members. (T-3) ~~C~~

December 5, 1948

(U) ALBERTSON attended the W. Va. state convention of the Communist Party, held at 401 Jacobs Street, Charleston, W. Va. ALBERTSON talked for one and one-half hours concerning Communist Party work in Western Pennsylvania. He stated that the trouble in West Virginia has been that any one who came along was registered, and that these persons did not make good members, and soon dropped out. He declared that every recruit must be investigated and made a good, loyal Communist Party member. (T-7) ~~C~~

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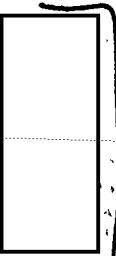
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DECEMBER 9, 1948

District 5, Communist Party held a seminar at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, and subject was among those in attendance at the seminar. The purpose of the seminar centered around a national election campaign to orient the Communist Party in their concentration tasks and GEORGE SISKIND, Member of the Organizational-Educational Department of Communist Party - USA, gave the following outline for the teaching of group classes: u

Lesson I. An analysis of the present situation, including the Labor Movement, International affairs, and Progressive Movement; u

Lesson II. Historical role of the Communist Party, its task, the solution to its problems, the necessity of concentration and the role of the working class in the capitalistic system; u

Lesson III. Relation of the Communist Party to the trade union movement and the working class; u

Lesson IV. The concentration of the Communist Party, its history, meaning and development; a brief estimate of local conditions and the task to be carried out. (U) [T-3] c

(U) DECEMBER 14, 1948 c

A meeting of the North Side Section Committee, District 5, Communist Party, was held at the home of [redacted] 7 Oberlin Street, West View, Pa., Secretary, North Side Section, District 5, Communist Party, and it was decided at this meeting that the District 5, Communist Party group captains would attend a six-week educational class, to be conducted by BILL ALBERTSON, and these classes were scheduled to begin during the last week in December. (U) [T-4] c

(U) DECEMBER 17, 1948 c

A meeting featuring the Reverend HEWLETT I. JOHNSON, "The Red Dean of Canterbury" was held at the Henry Clay Frick School, 107-11 Thackeray Avenue, organized by the Progressive Party of Western Pennsylvania, the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, and the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania, and it was reported that subject was in attendance at the meeting. (U) [T-4] c

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It will be noted that the American Slav Congress is an organization designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order #9835. *u*

JANUARY 11, 1949

A class of the North Side Section group leaders, District 5, Communist Party was held at 440 Wood Street, and the class was conducted by BILL ALBERTSON. At the outset of the class, ALBERTSON stated that the following topics would be discussed during the course, which would consist of six sessions: *u*

1. Capitalism
2. Imperialism
3. War and Fascism
4. Negro Question
5. Socialism
6. Role of the Communist Party *u*

ALBERTSON stated that the material for these classes would be taken from "Theory and Practice of the Communist Party, #1", and parts 6, 7, and 8 of "Value, Price and Profit" and from part 1 of the Communist Manifesto. During the course of the class, ALBERTSON stated that China was an example of a country which was turning to Communism without having gone through the capitalistic stage. [T-4-5] *u*

JANUARY 15, 1949

A mass protest meeting, sponsored by the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania was held at the Music Hall of the Carnegie Free Library, Federal and East Ohio Streets, and the purpose of the meeting was to protest the indictment and pending trial of the twelve members of the National Board of the Communist Party USA. The subject was among those observed in attendance at the meeting. [T-4, 6] *u*

JANUARY 18, 1949

The North Side Section of District 5, Communist Party held a class for group leaders on this date, and BILL ALBERTSON as District Secretary and instructor, was in attendance at the class. At the class, ALBERTSON stated that the Socialist Labor Party teaches that the fight is won if the economic struggle can be won; that the anarchists teach that the fight is won, if the political struggle is won, but that the Communists teach that the struggle can be won only by winning on the political, economic and ideological fronts. [T-4] *u*

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(U) JANUARY 22, 1949 c

(U) A party was held by the District 5, Communist Party at the Jewish Cultural Center, 6328 Forbes Street for those who worked in securing new subscribers to the DAILY WORKER. It was reported that the subject was among those in attendance at the party. (T-7) c

JANUARY 25, 1949

(U) The North Side Section of District 5, Communist Party held a class for its leaders at 440 Wood Street, and subject, as the instructor, was in attendance at the class. The class discussed Imperialism, as set out in the Marxist Study Book #1. ALBERTSON stated that the United States is now in the imperialistic stage of capitalism, and that the next stage will be socialism. According to ALBERTSON, force and violence are the results of the capitalists' resistance to change. ALBERTSON pointed out that a peaceful change is possible only if capitalists give up their way of life without a fight. ALBERTSON concluded by stating that it is the capitalists who control the Army and the police force; that in the past it had been necessary to organize the workers for struggle but in the present time, such organization is not necessary, but that one could not say that it would not be necessary at some future date. (T-4) c

(U) JANUARY 31, 1949 c

(U) District 5, Communist Party held a meeting at Communist Party Headquarters, 426 Bakewell Building, and the subject was among those in attendance at the meeting. (T-8) c

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TITLE WILLIAM ALBERTSON, wa. u			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C u

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ALBERTSON continues as Organization Secretary of the CP of Western Pennsylvania, District #5, Pgh., Pa., and still resides at 3122 Iowa Street, Pgh., Pa. Subject is responsible for District #5 CP Educational Program and continues as instructor of CP classes for North Side Section, District #5 group leaders. u

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RESIDENCE, BUSINESS ADDRESSES  
AND EMPLOYMENT

WILLIAM ALBERTSON lives at 3122 Iowa Street. His business address is Communist Party headquarters Room 426, Bakewell Building, 417 Grant Street, where he continues his duties as full-time Organization Secretary of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, District #5, Pittsburgh, Pa. (T-1) u

COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES

There is hereinafter set forth Subject's activities in chronological order. Unless otherwise designated, all activities occurred at Pittsburgh, Pa. During the period of this report the Subject has been at CP

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headquarters and throughout District #5, carrying out his duties as Organization Secretary. (U) ~~(T-1)~~

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It was reported that District #5 held a staff meeting at CP headquarters, 426 Bakewell Building, on this date and Subject was observed in attendance at the meeting. ~~(T-1)~~

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It was reported that a meeting of District #5, CP members connected with the steel industry was held on this date at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, and Subject was in attendance at the meeting. ~~(T-3)~~

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District #5 CP held a class in Communism on this date at 440 Wood Street and Subject was an instructor at the class. ALBERTSON stated that the objective of the class was to procure a clearer understanding of the Marxist theory. ~~(T-3)~~

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It was reported that a class in Communism for the North Side Section leaders of District #5 CP was held on this date at 440 Wood Street and ALBERTSON was instructor at the class. At the class ALBERTSON stated that as Communists "we" should hate the Capitalists; that under Capitalism the working class becomes poorer and poorer; and that as long as there is Capitalism there will be the irreconcilable class struggle. ~~(T-2, T-3)~~

1/21/49

(U)

It was reported on this date that Subject is responsible for all the records and for the development of an educational program in District #5 CP. ~~(T-4)~~

1/22/49

(U)

It was reported that a SUNDAY WORKER party, sponsored by District #5 CP, was held at the Jewish Cultural Center, 6328 Forbes Street, on this date, and Subject was observed in attendance at the party. ~~(T-4)~~

1/25/49

(U)

It was reported that District #5, CP held a class in Communism for the North Side Section leaders, District #5 CP on this date at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, and Subject was instructor at the class. At the class ALBERTSON stated that the CP would use force and violence only when the force was first used by the police and strike-breakers paid by the Capitalists. ~~(T-3, T-5, T-6)~~

2/1/49

It was reported that a CP class for the leaders of the North Side Section of District #5 CP was held on this date at 440 Wood Street and Subject was instructor of the class.

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2/1/49  
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It was also reported that ALBERTSON at the class intimated that the Communists in this country would not support a war against the Soviet Union. [(T-3, T-4)]c

(U) [2/6/49]c

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It was reported that District #5 CP held a conference for the leading members of the District on this date at the Carnegie Music Hall, Federal and East Ohio Streets, North Side, and Subject was observed in attendance at the conference. [(T-2)]c

2/8/49

(U)

It was reported that a class in Communism was held for leaders of the North Side Section of District #5 CP on this date. The Subject, District Organization Secretary, was the instructor at the class. ALBERTSON was reported as saying, "I say that the Party is never wrong." [(T-3)]c

2/15/49

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It was reported that an educational class for the North Side Section leaders of District #5 CP was held at 440 Wood Street on this date and that Subject was the instructor at the class. [(T-3)]c

(U) [2/19/49]c

It was reported that Subject, Organization Secretary of District #5 CP, is a member of the Communist committee to defend the 12 indicted national CP members and attended a founding meeting of this committee on this date at 35 East 12th Street, New York City, which meeting was sponsored by the CP, USA. (T-7)]c (U)

(U) [2/25/49]c

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It was reported that District #5 CP held a District #5 CP meeting at 440 Wood Street on this date and Subject was observed in attendance at this meeting. [(T-8)]c

3/1/49

(U)

It was reported that a class in Communism for the leaders of the North Side Section of District #5 CP was held at 440 Wood Street on this date and Subject was the instructor of the class. [(T-3)]c

3/8/49

(U)

It was reported that a class in Communism for the leaders of the North Side Section, District #5 CP, was held at 440 Wood Street on this date and the class was conducted by ALBERTSON. [(T-3)]c

(U) [3/9/49]c

(U)

It was reported that District #5 CP held a mobilization meeting on this date at the Jewish Cultural Center, 6338 Forbes Street, and ALBERTSON was chairman of the meeting. [(T-9)]c

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3/22/49

(U)

It was reported that a class for the Leaders of the North Side Section, District #5 CP, was held on this date at 440 Wood Street and Subject was an instructor at the class. ~~(T-4)c~~

4/2/49

(U)

It was reported that District #5 CP held a mass rally at Carnegie Library, Federal and East Ohio Streets, North Side, on this date and Subject was observed in attendance at the rally. ~~(T-9)c~~

~~5/10/49~~

(U)

It was reported that a meeting of the ~~North Side Section~~, District #5 CP, was held at 440 Wood Street on this date and Subject was observed in attendance at the meeting.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>PITTSBURGH</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/15/49</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/12,13,14/49</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JOSEPH P. SKELLY</b>
TITLE <b>WILLIAM ALBERTSON, wa</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ALBERTSON continues his position as Organization Secretary of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, District 5 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and still resides at 3122 Iowa Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. ALBERTSON has completed class instruction for North Side Section, District 5, group leaders and now supervises closely all work of Youth Commission and Negro Commission.

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## REFERENCES:

Bureau File 65-38100  
Report of Special Agent JOSEPH P. SKELLY, Pittsburgh, 6/3/49.

## DETAILS:

### RESIDENCE AND BUSINESS ADDRESSES AND EMPLOYMENT

WILLIAM ALBERTSON lives at 3122 Iowa Street. His business address is Communist Party Headquarters, Room 426 Bakewell Building, 417 Grant Street, where he continues his duties as full time Organization Secretary of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, District 5, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. (1 of known reliability)

### COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES

There is hereinafter set forth subject's activities in chronological order. Unless otherwise designated, all activities occurred at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. During the period of this report the subject has been at Communist Party Headquarters and throughout District 5 carrying out his duties as Organization Secretary. [T-1]

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(U) [January 11, 1949] ~~X~~ It was reported that the North Side Club of District 5 Communist Party held a meeting at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, on this date and subject was observed in attendance at this meeting. (U) [T-7, January 11, 1949] of known reliability)

January 11, 1949 -- It was reported that District 5 Communist Party held a labor-press committee meeting at Communist Party Headquarters, 426 Bakewell Building, on this date and subject was observed in attendance at the meeting. (U) [T-1, January 11, 1949] ~~X~~

January 17, 1949 -- It was reported that the District Staff of District 5 Communist Party held a meeting on this date at Communist Party Headquarters, 426 Bakewell Building, and subject was in attendance at the meeting. (U) [T-1, January 17, 1949] ~~X~~

January 20, 1949 -- It was reported that subject was present at District 5 Communist Party Headquarters, 426 Bakewell Building on this date. (U) [T-1, January 20, 1949, received by T-2, January 20, 1949] ~~X~~

January 24, 1949 -- It was reported that District 5 Communist Party held a meeting at Communist Party Headquarters, 426 Bakewell Building, on this date to discuss the founding of a negro labor newspaper in Pittsburgh. Subject was in attendance at the meeting. (U) [T-1, January 24, 1949, received by T-3, January 24, 1949] ~~X~~

January 26, 1949 -- It was reported that District 5 Communist Party held a meeting for Section Organizers of the District on this date at Communist Party Headquarters, 426 Bakewell Building, and subject was in attendance at the meeting. (U) [T-1, January 26, 1949, received by T-4, January 26, 1949] ~~X~~

January 29, 1949 -- It was reported that a District Committee meeting of District 5 Communist Party was held at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, on this date and subject was in attendance at the meeting. (U) [T-8, January 29, 1949 of known reliability.] ~~X~~

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- (U) [February 6, 1949] -- It was reported that a District Conference of District 5 Communist Party was held at the North Side Carnegie Library, Federal and East Ohio Streets on this date and subject was observed at the conference. (U) (T-9, February 6, 1949, of known reliability; T-10, February 6, 1949, of known reliability) C
- (U) February 14, 1949 -- It was reported that subject is a member of the Youth Commission of District 5 Communist Party. (T-1) C February 14, 1949, received by (T-5) February 14, 1949)
- February 15, 1949 -- It was reported that a class for the group leaders of the North Side Section of District 5 Communist Party was held at 440 Wood Street on this date and subject was the instructor at the class. (T-8) February 15, 1949; (T-10) February 15, 1949) C
- [February 26, 1949] -- It was reported that District 5 Communist Party held a meeting at the Jewish Cultural Center, 6328 Forbes Street on this date at which meeting subject was observed in attendance. (T-10, February 26, 1949) C
- March 1, 1949 -- It was reported that subject was a member of the Negro Commission of District 5 Communist Party. (U) (T-1) March 1, 1949)
- March 2, 1949 -- It was reported that subject would supervise closely the work of the Youth Commission and the Negro Commission for District 5 Communist Party. (U) (T-1) C March 2, 1949)
- (U) [March 5, 1949] C -- It was reported that the Section Committee of District 5 Communist Party held a meeting at 2205 Wylie Avenue on this date and subject was observed in attendance at the meeting. (U) (T-11, March 5, 1949) of known reliability)
- (U) [March 8, 1949] C -- It was reported that a meeting of the leading functionaries of District 5 Communist Party was held at the Jewish Cultural Center, 6328 Forbes Street on this date and subject was observed in

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(U) attendance at the meeting. [T-10, March 8, 1949] ~~C~~

March 8, 1949 -- It was reported that an educational class for group leaders of the North Side Section of District 5 Communist Party was held at 440 Wood Street on this date and subject was the instructor at the class. At the class, ALBERTSON stated that following the Russian Revolution the Soviet Union permitted free migrating and that the FBI had taken advantage of this free migrating, and sent many stool-pigeons into the Soviet Union for the purpose of sabotaging the new Government; that at the present time the Soviet Union keeps a careful watch over persons entering that country because they know the FBI is still possibly trying to get stool-pigeons in. [(T-10) March 8, 1949] ~~C~~

March 13, 1949 -- It was reported that steel concentration work was taking precedence over all activities in District 5 Communist Party and that ALBERTSON had been assigned to steel concentration work on a full time basis. [(T-10) March 13, 1949] ~~C~~

March 21, 1949 -- It was reported that a District Staff meeting of District 5 Communist Party was held on this date at Communist Party Headquarters, 426 Bakewell Building, and subject was in attendance at the meeting. [(T-1) March 21, 1949] ~~C~~

March 22, 1949 -- It was reported that the last of a series of educational classes for the group leaders of the North Side Section of District 5 Communist Party was held on this date at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, and ALBERTSON was the instructor at the class. ALBERTSON closed the class with a brief talk in which he stated that he hoped the Comrades had learned the value of the "Marxist Theory"; that he hoped those present realized that there was no problem which the Communist Party could not collectively solve; and suggested that the Comrades read, daily, from "Marx", "Lenin" or the magazine, "Political Affairs." [(T-8) March 22, 1949, received by [T-6] March 22, 1949)] ~~C~~

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April 1, 1949 -- It was reported that a meeting for the members of District 5 Communist Party was held at 440 Wood Street on this date to discuss plans for keeping order at the Communist Party Rally scheduled to be held on the night of April 2, 1949, at the Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny, Federal and East Ohio Streets, and subject was observed in attendance at the meeting. (U) [T-10] April 1, 1949, received by [T-6] April 1, 1949)

April 2, 1949 -- It was reported that District 5 Communist Party, held a mass meeting at the North Side Carnegie Music Hall, Federal and East Ohio Streets, on this date and subject was observed in attendance at the meeting. (U) [T-11] April 2, 1949)

(U) [April 15, 1949] (U) -- It was reported that the Section Committee of District 5 Communist Party held a meeting at 3122 Iowa Street on this date and subject was observed in attendance at the meeting. (U) [T-11] April 15, 1949)

(U) [April 18, 1949] (U) -- It was reported that the District Board of District 5 Communist Party held a meeting at 3122 Iowa Street on this date and subject was in attendance at the meeting. (U) [T-11] April 18, 1949)

[April 19, 1949] -- It was reported that District 5 Communist Party held a meeting at 2205 Wylie Avenue on this date and subject was observed in attendance at the meeting. (U) [T-11, April 19, 1949)

(U) [April 30, 1949] (U) -- It was reported that a meeting of the District Committee of District 5 Communist Party was held at 440 Wood Street on this date and subject was observed in attendance at the meeting. (U) [T-10, April 30, 1949)

(U) [May 2, 1949] (U) -- It was reported that a meeting of the Leaders of District 5 Communist Party was held at 440 Wood Street and subject was observed in attendance at the meeting. (U) [T-11, May 2, 1949)

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- (U) [May 10, 1949] -- It was reported that a meeting for the group leaders of the North Side Section of District 5 Communist Party was held at 440 Wood Street on this date and subject, as District 5 Secretary, was in attendance at the meeting. (T-10, May 10, 1949)
- (U) [June 7, 1949] -- It was reported that a meeting of the leading functionaries of District 5 Communist Party was held on this date at 721<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Whitney Street, Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania, and subject was observed in attendance at the meeting. (T-11, June 7, 1949)
- (U) received by (T-5, June 9, 1949)

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Bureau File 65-38100

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REPORT MADE AT PITTSBURGH, PA.	DATE WHEN MADE 9-2-49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8-23,24,25,30-49	REPORT MADE BY JOSEPH P. SKELLY
TITLE WILLIAM ALBERTSON, wa. u			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - cu

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: ALBERTSON continues his position as Organization Secretary of the CP of Western Pa., District 5, Pittsburgh, Pa. and still resides at 3122 Iowa Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. Subject was delegate to Civil Rights Congress conference held at Pittsburgh, 9-26-49. u

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REASON - FCIM II, 1-2.4.2  
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REFERENCE: Bureau file #65-38100.  
Report of SA JOSEPH P. SKELLY, Pittsburgh, 7-15-49 u

DETAILS: I BACKGROUND

A. RESIDENCE AND BUSINESS ADDRESSES AND EMPLOYMENT: u

WILLIAM ALBERTSON lives at 3122 Iowa Street. His business address is Communist Party Headquarters, Room 426, Bakewell Building, 417 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., where he continues his duties as full-time Organization Secretary of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, District 5, Pittsburgh, Pa. [T-1, of known reliability] m

II ACTIVITIES

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A. COMMUNIST PARTY:

(U) [March 9, 1949:] ~~(T-3)~~

(U) It was reported that the leading functionaries of District 5, CP, held a meeting at 6328 Forbes Street on this date and subject was observed in attendance at the meeting. ~~(T-3)~~

(U) [March 14, 1949:] ~~(T-3)~~

(U) It was reported that the district leaders of District 5, CP, held a meeting at 3122 Iowa Street on this date and subject was observed in attendance at the meeting. ~~(T-3)~~

April 30, 1949:

(U) It was reported that the leading communists of District 5, CP, held a meeting at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, on this date and subject was observed in attendance at the meeting. ~~(T-4)~~

May 10, 1949:

(U) It was reported that an Executive Committee meeting of the North Side Section of District 5, CP, was held at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, on this date and subject was observed in attendance at the meeting. ~~(T-4)~~

(U) [June 9, 1949:] ~~(T-4)~~

(U) It was reported that District 5, CP held a meeting at 1916 East Street, North Side on this date and subject was observed in attendance at the meeting. ~~(T-2)~~

[June 30, 1949:] ~~(T-2)~~ (U)

(U) It was reported that District 5, CP, held a meeting at the Jewish Cultural Center, 6238 Forbes Street on this date and subject was observed in attendance at the meeting. ~~(T-5)~~

July 5, 1949:

(U) It was reported that the District Bureau of District 5, CP, held a meeting at Party Headquarters, 426 Bakewell Building, on this date and subject was observed in attendance at the meeting. ~~(T-1)~~

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July 6, 1949:

It was reported that Section organizers of District 5, CP, held a meeting at CP Headquarters, 426 Bakewell Building, on this date and subject was observed in attendance at the meeting. (T-1) ~~3~~

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July 12, 1949:

It was reported that the District Buro, District 5, CP, held a meeting at CP Headquarters, 426 Bakewell Building, on this date and subject was observed in attendance at the meeting. (T-1) ~~3~~

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B. MISCELLANEOUS:

It should be noted that the CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS has been designated by the Attorney General as being within the purview of Executive Order 9835. ~~u~~

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May 4, 1949: ~~3~~

It was reported that the Pittsburgh Chapter of the CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS held a meeting at 2701 Centre Avenue on this date and subject was observed in attendance at the meeting. (T-3) ~~3~~

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June 26, 1949: ~~3~~

It was reported that the Pittsburgh Chapter of the CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS held a conference at the Fort Pitt Hotel, 10th and Penn Avenues, on this date and subject was at the conference as a delegate. (T-2 and T-3) ~~3~~

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## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject continues to reside at 3122 Iowa St., Pittsburgh, Pa. and is employed as Organizational Secretary of District 5 CP of Western Pa. Subject during period attended: a meeting of leading CP members to discuss candidates of Progressive Party ticket for local elections; attended meeting of CP Hill Club; a meeting of South Side Communist Community Club, Executive Committee; a meeting of Political Committee of CP of Western Pa.; a meeting concerned with bringing PAUL ROBESON to Pittsburgh; attended "All Nations" picnic sponsored by CP on 8-28-49; a meeting with local CP attorney re: Progressive Party being ruled off ballot; and a regular Membership Meeting, CP South Side Communist Community Club. u

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## REFERENCES:

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REASON - FCIM II, 1-2.4.2

DATE OF REVIEW 3/2/92

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## I BACKGROUND

### A. Residence, Business Addresses and Employment:

(U) It was ascertained that the subject continues to reside at 3122 Iowa Street, Pittsburgh, and is employed as Organizational Secretary at Headquarters, Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, District 5, Room 426, Bake-well Building, 417 Grant Street, Pittsburgh. ~~(T-3)~~

## II ACTIVITIES

### A. Activities in connection with the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, District 5:

April 5, 1949:

(U) It was ascertained from ~~(T-3)~~ that JIM SOLSEN, Pittsburgh correspondent for the DAILY WORKER, STEVE NELSON, District 5 Chairman, and the subject are in the process of preparing a pamphlet dealing with the rights of Freedom of Speech. It was estimated by STEVE NELSON that 15,000 copies of this particular pamphlet when completed would be distributed in the Pittsburgh area.

(U) ~~(April 6, 1949:)~~

(U) ~~(T-3)~~ advised that the subject, STEVE NELSON, District 5 Chairman, and ANDY ONDA, Section Organizer, Monongahela Valley Section, were at CP District 5 Headquarters on the date indicated discussing a mass meeting held the previous Saturday evening at which HENRY WINSTON, National Board Member, CP-USA, was a guest speaker. The general discussion dealt with the question how to reach the people and it was agreed that the best method to accomplish this was to get the DAILY WORKER to as many people as possible. ~~(S)(U)~~

(U) ~~(July 9, 1949:)~~

(U) ~~(T-1)~~ advised that the subject attended a meeting composed of leading CP members at the Jewish Cultural Center, 6328 Forbes Street, Pittsburgh, on the date indicated for the purpose of discussing candidates for the Progressive Party ticket and the steel strike. It was the opinion of those present at the above meeting that there would be no steel strike.

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(U) [July 11, 1949:]

(U) It was ascertained from [T-1] that a meeting of the leading CP members was held on the date indicated at 943 Liberty Avenue, to discuss candidates for the Progressive Party in the local elections and the subject was in attendance. The meeting was for making a final recommendation for candidates appearing on the Progressive Party ticket.

(U) [July 13, 1949:]

(U) [T-2] advised that the subject attended a CP Steel Section meeting held at 943 Liberty Avenue on the date indicated. The purpose of the meeting was to organize a struggle among the steel workers for a 25¢ an hour wage increase and pensions without contributions by the steel workers--to be used in the event the contemplated strike took place within the steel industry.

(U) [July 13, 1949:]

(U) [T-5] advised that the subject attended a meeting of the Hill Club, CP District 5, on the evening of the date indicated at 943 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh.

(U) [July 21, 1949:]

(U) [T-2] advised that the subject attended a meeting of the South Side Communist Community Club, Executive Committee, on the date indicated at the home of [redacted] Pittsburgh CP member, 1253 Shadycrest Drive, Pittsburgh. The subject spoke on the Communist Clubs and Group functions in Pittsburgh. He stated that clubs having more than five members should be divided into groups with group leaders--the group leader being responsible for its group, dues, activities, etc. He stated that the group should meet at least twice a month and the club once a month. He stated that each club organizer is politically responsible for the work of his club and that every member of the Party groups and clubs should belong and be active in one or more mass organization. He stated that every club or group meeting should lead off with a political discussion based upon editorials and other political issues.

(U) [August 11, 1949:]

(U) [T-4] advised that a meeting of the Political Committee of the CP

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(U) (C) of Western Pennsylvania was held in the office of the American Slav Congress, 1045 Berger Building, 449 - 4th Avenue, Pittsburgh, and the subject was present. Informant advised that the Political Committee is a standing committee which will discuss the role and participation of the CP in future elections, being principally concerned with the campaign activities of the Progressive Party.

(U) [August 12, 1949] X

(U) (U) [T-1] advised that a meeting of the CP members was held on the date indicated at Rosen's Music Bar, 967 East Liberty Avenue, and the subject was present. The discussion was in regard to the Young Progressives and the question of the whites and negroes swimming together at the Highland Park Swimming Pool, Pittsburgh. It was decided at this meeting for the Young Progressives to continue to go to the swimming pool every week until the season closes and to keep pressure on Mayor LAWRENCE at Pittsburgh at the same time. (The Young Progressives have been attempting to have both white and colored swim together at the Highland Park Pool).

(U) [August 17, 1949] X

(U) (U) [T-1] advised that the subject attended a meeting at 943 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, at 3:00 PM, at which SALOMON GARFIELD, Regional Director, Progressive Party; ALEXANDER WRIGHT, negro Progressive Party candidate for Councilman and Pittsburgh CP member; BEN CAREATHERS, paid functionary, CP, District 5; and LOUISE PATTERSON, paid Pittsburgh IWO functionary, were present. The meeting was concerned with bringing PAUL ROBESON, nationally known negro baritone, to Pittsburgh. It was decided that ROBESON would be brought to Pittsburgh by a Citizens Committee of negroes.

(U) [August 24, 1949] X

(U) (U) [T-1] advised that the subject met with three other Communists at 943 Liberty Avenue on the date indicated to discuss the arrangements for PAUL ROBESON to speak in Pittsburgh. It was decided that ALEX WRIGHT be Chairman of the Arrangements Committee; TOM FLANAGAN, Secretary; and PEARL GRIFFIN, Treasurer--all Pittsburgh CP members, and that a sponsoring petition be printed to secure the names of prominent negroes in Pittsburgh. The meeting was to be held in the Hill District of Pittsburgh.

August 28, 1949:

(U) [T-2 and T-6] advised that the subject attended the "All Nations" picnic held on August 28, 1949 at Sugar Camp, Pitcairn, Pa. The picnic was organized and sponsored by the CP of Western Pennsylvania.

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(U) [August 30, 1949:]

(U) [T-1] advised that a small group of District 5 Communists met at the office of HYMAN SCHLESINGER, local CP attorney, Park Building, Pittsburgh on the date indicated and the subject was present. The purpose was to discuss the question of the Progressive Party being ruled off the ballot in the local elections and it was decided to take the case to court.

(U) [September 1, 1949:]

(U) [T-5] advised that subject attended a meeting of the North Side Section Committee, CP District 5, on the date indicated at 943 Liberty Avenue. The subject discussed the concert of PAUL ROBESON at Peekskill, N. Y. and stated that the Furriers Union of New York and other left wing unions had promised to mobilize ten to fifteen thousand workers to converge at Peekskill, N. Y. for the second concert to help in case of interference.

(U) [September 8, 1949:] (U)

(U) [T-1] advised that the subject attended a meeting of the Negro Commission of the CP of Western Pennsylvania which was held at the home of [redacted] Pittsburgh Communist, 3128 Cordell Place, Pittsburgh, Pa. (U)

(U) [September 9, 1949:]

(U) [T-2] advised that the subject attended a Membership Meeting of the South Side Communist Community Club held at 537 Cabot Way. The subject spoke at this meeting on the history of Communism and their achievements from the beginning to the present. He stated that there are over three billion people in the world who are members or sympathizers of the CP and not just in our corner of the world; therefore, who can deny that the Communists today are not a power.--Not only in Russia where they have established a successful socialist system but throughout the world! He stated that the CP must resume its stronger role in its struggle for negroes' rights from a Marxist standpoint; that the negro question is a national question and against white supremacy. He stated that the basic policy of the CP is a permanent industrial concentration, therefore all Communists and youth clubs as well as shop industrial clubs should redouble their efforts to reach the industrial workers for the Party. He stated that millions of workers not yet ready to join the Party can be organized to join in an united front action to work with the Communists for their most immediate demands until they become convinced that the CP is the only Party that stands for a fundamental solution to their problems.

(U) [September 9, 1949:]

(U) [T-7] advised that a regular Membership Meeting of the South Side

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(U) [Communist Community Club, CP District 5, was held at the Ukrainian Hall, 537 Cabot Way, Pittsburgh, and the subject was in attendance. The subject delivered a speech on "The 30th Anniversary of the Party and its History." The subject related the early history of the Party following the First World War and explained how the CP and the Communist Labor Party, originally two separate organizations, had compromised their differences in 1921 and consolidated into the unified Party as it stands today. Subject described the growth of the Party from its early membership of 7000 to a present membership of about 75,000. He asserted that the Party had been instrumental in bringing about such social reforms as unemployment insurance, higher wages, old age pensions, and other benefits for the working class. During the question and answer period at the meeting the subject asserted that it was his opinion that this country is definitely going towards the left and he cited the growth of the Party membership in the Pittsburgh area.

(U) [September 14, 1949:]

(U) (T-4) advised that a meeting of the CP Section Organizers was held at District 5, Headquarters, 426 Bakewell Building, 417 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, on the date indicated and the subject was present. The meeting was concerned with a report on the decisions of the Government Fact Finding Board regarding the steel strike and with the proposed PAUL ROBESON meeting to be held in Pittsburgh on October 15, 1949. The subject stated at the meeting that the committee arranging for the ROBESON meeting had received a communication from Mrs. HOMER BROWN (wife of the Pennsylvania State Legislator and Democrat Candidate for Judge of Allegheny County Court) requesting that the ROBESON meeting be postponed until after the November, 1949 elections as the decision regarding the holding of the ROBESON meeting at the Schenley High School in Pittsburgh would have to be made by the Pittsburgh Board of Education and that such decision might embarrass her husband who is a member of said Board.

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121, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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SA JOSEPH F. CONDON, from Confidential mail box 121, Pittsburgh, Pa.

August 25, 1949

August 24, 1949

SA [redacted] from Confidential mail box 121, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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SA THOMAS T. WILKINSON from  
PO Box 7984, Dormont, Pa.

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SA THOMAS T. WILKINSON from  
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Director, FBI

WILLIAM ALBERTSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
Your file 65-749  
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ReBulet of July 15, 1949.

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FILE NO. **65-749**

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TITLE <b>WILLIAM ALBERTSON, with aliases u</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C u</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject continues to reside at 3122 Iowa St., Pittsburgh, and is employed on full-time basis as organizational secretary of District 5, CP of Western Pennsylvania. Subject participated in following: Meeting of leaders of N. S. CP Club on 4/27/49 re: Re-organization of No. 1 and 2 N. S. Clubs; attended a Civil Rights Conference on 6/26/49 where wives of two national CP leaders were present; attended meeting of District Bureau, District 5 CP of Western Pennsylvania on 7/5/49; attended District 5 CP section organizers meeting on 7/6/49; attended N. S. section committee meeting on 9/2/49; attended national plenum, CP-USA at New York in September, 1949; attended meeting with Progressive Party Regional Director on 9/30/49 re: Mrs. PAUL ROBESON'S coming to Pittsburgh; met with BERNIE BURTON, New York DAILY WORKER reporter on 10/6/49, to discuss coal and steel strike; met with SID KATIN from national CP office on 10/8/49 and discussed District 5 CP activities; and attended national press conference, CP-USA, in New York in October, 1949. Additional CP activities set forth chronologically.

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DETAILS:

APRIL 1942, PENNSYLVANIA

The following information is the left-hand column in this report and the dates of the activities, as well as the dates that the information was received by the informant, unless otherwise noted. All informants, unless otherwise designated, are working in this report on a confidential basis. All activities are listed in this report took place in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, unless otherwise indicated. (U)

1. SUBJECT

A. SUBJECT, 100-749, ALLEGEDLY A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY

It was ascertained that the subject continued to reside at 517 West Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., and is employed as a full-time housewife or, alternatively, secretary of the local branch of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, District 5, which is located at 100-749 West Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. (U) (S-1) (C)

II. ACTIVITIES

A. ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE CP OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA, DISTRICT 5

(U) (S-1) (C) On August 1, 1942, the subject furnished a partially legible and typewritten letter dated February 7, 1942, which was addressed to "Dear Elizabeth" (S-1), and was signed by "William" (S-1). This letter stated in substance that District 5 CP was admitting 1942, which was their 11th year in existence. (U) (S-1) (C)

(U) (S-1) (C) On August 1, 1942, the subject advised that on the date indicated that the subject was of the opinion that the subject was a member of the House Committee, and that, SYLVIA HANSEN and others, would be taken off, and to their place of residence. (U) (S-1) (C)

(U) (S-1) (C) On August 1, 1942, the subject advised that the subject, on the date indicated, was of the opinion that he would like to see HENRY "BOB" HANSEN as the CP Youth Director. (U) (S-1) (C)

(U) (S-1) (C) On August 1, 1942, the subject advised that the subject, on the date indicated, was of the opinion that the subject was a member of the House Committee, and that, SYLVIA HANSEN and others, would be taken off, and to their place of residence. (U) (S-1) (C)

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SEPTEMBER 20, 1949

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[T-1] advised that the subject had returned to Pittsburgh from the National Plenum of the CP-USA, which was held at New York, New York. T-1 also advised that a meeting of the leading CP members was held on the date indicated, at which subject revealed that the emphasis at the National Plenum was the use of the United Front tactics and the need of the CP to develop a series of united fronts on issues such as "Peace, the CIO, the struggle for Negro rights and the defense of the twelve."

SEPTEMBER 21, 1949

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[T-1] advised that LYMAN SCHLESSINGER, Pittsburgh Attorney, who gives legal advice to District 5 CP members, contacted the subject on the day indicated, regarding the ALBERT case, and told the subject that BILL DOTY, local attorney, had been hired by the defense as an associate counsel, and that a number of technical motions had been filed by the defense to quash the indictment against ALBERT. SCHLESSINGER told the subject that DOTY was hired merely as a technical maneuver, since the defense decided that he would have a better chance in obtaining ALBERT'S acquittal than with YIP, SLEINBERG or SCHLESSINGER.

SEPTEMBER 22, 1949

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[T-1] advised that the subject had made the following observations with reference to the ARMAN case: He observed that ARMAN was considering only himself in his present trouble, and had adopted a patronizing attitude toward the negro people, and had given indications that he would try to make a living from the miseries of the negro people. Subject continued that as a result of this, ARMAN'S future work in the Communist Party should be of such a nature that he would have no contact with people.

SEPTEMBER 23, 1949

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[T-1] advised that the subject met with leading CP members on the date indicated, to plan an agenda for the meeting scheduled, to be held by District 5 CP on September 25, 1949. The topics decided upon included, 1, the steel situation, 2, negro rights and white chauvinism, 3, defense of the Party. The subject stated that the two points which must be emphasized during the conference were the broad united front movement, and the fact that the CP must surround itself with non-Communist Party members, in order to attain its various objectives.

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(U) ~~[SEPTEMBER 25, 1949]~~

(U) It was ascertained through ~~[T-2]~~ that the subject was scheduled to make the principal address at the Second Session of the District Conference of the CP of Western Pennsylvania, which was held on the date indicated, at 943 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, but the subject was unable to attend, and the address was made by ~~DAVID GANT~~, East Pittsburgh Section Organizer.

OCTOBER 3, 1949

(U) ~~[T-1]~~ advised that the subject discussed the ~~BEY ARSHAN~~ incident in Mt. Lebanon with a group of CP members on the date indicated. Informant advised that the Pittsburgh Citizens Committee, was attempting to have ARSHAN re-employed at Kaufmann's Department Store, but that he, ARSHAN, was considering opening an office in New Kensington, Pennsylvania. The subject believed that ARSHAN'S case was very chauvinistic, and that all activities in this case should be discontinued at present, since to continue the case would be to emphasize an individual rather than class struggle.

OCTOBER 5, 1949

(U) ~~[T-1]~~ advised that the subject attended a CP meeting on the date indicated at 943 Liberty Avenue. The subject stated that the battle against discrimination can be won by the CP working with the non-Communist Party workers for higher wages for all employees, both white and colored, and that there should be no distinction on the basis of rank as far as seniority in the union is concerned.

OCTOBER 6, 1949

(U) ~~[T-1]~~ advised that ~~EMILIE LUNYON~~, New York DAILY WORKER reporter, arrived in Pittsburgh on the date indicated to cover the steel and coal strikes and on the same date conferred with the subject, as well as other District 5 CP functionaries.

(U) ~~[OCTOBER 8, 1949]~~

~~[T-1]~~ advised that on the date indicated, subject had a discussion with JIM SMITH of the national CP office, regarding District 5 CP activities. Subject asked SMITH for the remaining portion of the \$15,000 provided by the National Office and the subsidies of ~~DAVID GANT~~ and ~~SAM WELD~~, 29th Congressional District Section Organizer in the electrical concentration.

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to DIST. 5 CP advised that it was his understanding that the National Office and District 5 CP were to split this sum evenly. The subject also discussed the proposed transfer of ALVIN CIMA from Pittsburgh to Chicago, Illinois or Gary, Indiana, to facilitate CIMA'S work in the National Steel Commission. (C) (U) X

OCTOBER 1, 1949

(U) E-3 advised that the subject conducted an educational class on the date indicated at 943 Liberty Avenue and was sponsored by District 5 Communist Party.

OCTOBER 10, 1949

(U) It was ascertained through E-3 that the subject had made two remarks on October 10, 1949 that after the District 5 CP payroll had been taken care of, there was no money left in the treasury. E-3 also advised that the subject informed DAVE SMITH, West Pittsburgh Section Chairman, that his pay was at District 5 CP Headquarters.

NOVEMBER 1, 1949

(U) E-1 advised that a meeting of the leading members of the District 5 CP was held at District Headquarters on the date indicated and the subject was present. At this meeting, subject stated that the ALVIN CIMA case was the first in about two years, in which a real trial was present. He stated that the Progressive Party does not understand the motives of the united front approach in the necessity of the election of a member to the Pittsburgh City Council. The subject also advised a report at this meeting of the National Press Conference, CP-USA, which he had attended in New York during October, 1949. He stated that JAMES SMITH gave the report on the defense fund and that SMITH stated that \$2,000,000 would be necessary since the defense attorneys have now become defendants too. Subject also stated that it had been decided in New York that the National Non-Partisan Committee to Defend the Rights of the Twelve National Communist Leaders would handle the dissemination aspects of the case of the eleven convicted National Board members, while the Communist Committee for the Defense of the Twelve will maintain its present activities within the Communist Party. He also stated that the National Office sent a delegation sent to Attorney General J. EDWARD BROOKS SMITH, regarding the granting of bail and protecting the constitutionality of the Smith Act. (U)

NOVEMBER 2, 1949

(U) E-3 advised that the subject had been informed by the Young Progressives of America that the organization was renting an office for

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\$100 per month, which was more than they could afford, and the subject stated that perhaps this could be used as both a Communist Party literature outlet and the Communist Party District Office. Subject stated that the reason for this was that the store should pay for the rent of the office but he insisted that the location must be somewhere in a Negro section.

NOVEMBER 4, 1949

(U) [X] advised that the subject's opinion regarding signs to be distributed near the polling places in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, urging the voters to vote for the Progressive Party ticket, should bear the slogan, "Elect Jim Crow in McKeesport."

**2. ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS**

It is to be noted that the Civil Rights Congress is an organization which was declared subversive by the Attorney General and comes within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

AUGUST 22, 1949

(U) [X] furnished the Pittsburgh Office on August 22, 1949 a list of signatures to a petition issued by the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress, entitled, "Let the People Hear the Facts," directed to Attorney General TOM CLARK, Washington, D. C., and Federal Attorney JOHN E. MC GHEEY, New York City, New York, wherein they requested the persons to whom the petition was directed to re-read the Bill of Rights. The petition protested Federal Judge CLARKY's rulings, denying the CP leaders the right to travel and present their case to the people. The subject was one of the signers of the above-mentioned petition.

**3. ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY**

(U) SEPTEMBER 30, 1949

(U) [X] advised that the subject attended a meeting on the date indicated with ALON RICHIE, Pittsburgh Negro CP member, and CARROLLS and ZAL, Regional Director of the Progressive Party of Pennsylvania. It was decided at this meeting that Mrs. PAUL ROBERTSON would appear at Pittsburgh on October 23, 1949. Informant advised that this decision was made by the Progressive Party.

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AT PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

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### INFORMANTS

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5/23/49	SE <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 40px;"> </span>	5/25/49
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SUMMARY REPORT

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This report is submitted in accordance with Bureau letter dated July 15, 1949, and supplements the previous summary report of Special Agent  New York, dated November 11, 1947.

Subject is thirty-nine years of age and was born on May 7, 1910 at Odessa, Russia. ALBERTSON received a derivative citizenship through his mother, ESTHER ALBERTSON, formerly ABRAMSKI nee ESTHER DASHEVSKY, who was naturalized June 29, 1927 at Pittsburgh, Pa. He attended the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1927-29, taking a Pre-Medical Course, and was dismissed in April, 1929 for his activities in connection with the Communist Party. Subject married FRANCENE SCHNEBERG at Brooklyn, New York, on June 19, 1932. Subject was employed as a Labor official with the Hotel & Restaurant Employees Union-American Federation of Labor, New York City, approximately 1932-1940. He was formerly Organizational Secretary of the Kings County, New York, Communist Party, and in 1946 was appointed Assistant National Labor Secretary of the Communist Party-USA. Subject has been active in various Communist Party activities for several years. Subject came to Pittsburgh in October, 1947 to assume duties as Organizational Secretary for District 5, Communist Party-USA, and continues to work full time in that position. The subject presently resides with his wife, FRANCENE, and two children at 3122 Iowa Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., and can also be reached at District 5, Communist Party Headquarters, 426 Bakewell Building, 417 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

This report sets forth available admissible evidence tending to prove (1) WILLIAM ALBERTSON's membership in and affiliation with the Communist Party, (2) his knowledge of the revolutionary aims and purposes of the Communist Party.

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I. SUBJECT'S MEMBERSHIP IN AND AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-1, OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, CAN TESTIFY THAT WILLIAM ALBERTSON:

- ✓ 1. Attended a membership meeting of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, which was held on December 8, 1946, at the Knights of Pythias Hall, Pittsburgh, Pa. There were 83 members present, including the subject and STEVE NELSON, from the National Committee of New York. At this meeting, the "Daily Worker" drive was discussed, with the Committee deciding that the sales must be increased and that it was particularly applicable to the securing of new subscriptions from the coal miners.
2. Attended a special meeting of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, which was held on December 21, 1946 at the Hotel Pittsburgher, Pittsburgh, Pa., and was attended by prominent members of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania. One of the purposes of the meeting was to analyze the personnel of the District to determine what qualities of leadership they possessed. Subject made a report on the coal situation, advising there were 127 miners in Western Pennsylvania enrolled in the Communist Party, plus 76 non-members living in mining communities, although not miners. Subject stated that this was not enough, and the local Party should make a goal within the near future of many times that number.
3. Attended a meeting of the District Committee of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania on October 5, 1947, which was held at the Carnegie Music Hall, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa., from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. A discussion was had at this meeting on the high cost of living, the election campaign, the Wallace Banquet, the Pat Cuth Banquet and recruiting.  
  
Subject's presence at the above mentioned meeting was verified by T-6.
4. Had a discussion in Pittsburgh, Pa., on December 2, 1947 with ROY HUDSON, District 5, Chairman, and DAVE GRANT, District 5, Communist Party, paid functionary, regarding the Communist Party conference to be held in New York on December 2 and 3,

1947 by the National Committee, Communist Party-USA. It was stated at this meeting that a pre-convention meeting to prepare the agenda was had in New York, and that within ten minutes after the meeting the agenda was announced over a New York radio station and, therefore, the scheduled conference was called off.

5. Attended a meeting of the District Buro of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, which was held on December 3, 1947 at [redacted]'s home, 3800 Block, Beechwood Boulevard, Pittsburgh, Pa. At this meeting, the subject gave a report on the Steel Commission and the fight for a wage increase.
6. Attended the first session of the District Conference of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania on December 13, 1947, which was held in the Lecture Hall of the Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny, Federal & East Ohio Streets, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Subject's presence at the above-mentioned conference was verified by T-3 and T-6.

7. Met, on December 20, 1947 at District 5, Communist Party, Headquarters, 426 Bakewell Building, 417 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., with ROY HUDSON, District 5 Chairman, and ALEX WRIGHT, Pittsburgh, negro, Communist Party member. At this meeting the plans of the Party were discussed, regarding the Harrisburg meeting of the Progressive Citizens of America, which was scheduled for December 21, 1947.
8. Attended a meeting of the District Buro of District 5, Communist Party, which was held on December 22, 1947 at 527 Fifth Avenue, Third Floor, Pittsburgh, Pa., from 6:30 PM to 12:30 AM. At this meeting, a report was given on the Progressive Citizens of America meeting which was held at Harrisburg, Pa., on December 21, 1947, by ROY HUDSON, Communist Party, District 5, Chairman, and ALEX WRIGHT, Pittsburgh, negro, Communist Party member. It was agreed at this meeting that the Communist Party would organize the January 11, 1948 meeting of the Progressive Citizens of America, which will be the launching of the Third Party in the 1948 election.
9. Attended a meeting of the District Committee of the Communist

Party of Western Pennsylvania on February 21, 1948, which met at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. At this meeting ROY HUDSON, District 5, Communist Party, Chairman, gave a report on a recent CP plenum, which dealt with the strengthening of the Party work in the Third Party Movement, and a general review of the Party's activities.

10. Attended a meeting on April 24, 1948 of the District 5, Communist Party, Buro, held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., from 12 noon to 5:00 PM. At this meeting a discussion was had on the November election and also on the reorganization of the Communist Party in Pittsburgh, Pa. No agreement was reached on this, and another meeting was set for May 2, 1948, in order that (~~HENRY~~) WINSTON, National Board member, Communist Party-USA, might sit in on the meeting.
11. Was present at a meeting of the Communist Party, District 5, Buro on May 2, 1948 at a house numbered 5833, near Beechwood Boulevard, Pittsburgh, Pa. (~~EBER~~) KATLIS, 5833 Morrowfield Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.). It was decided, at this meeting, to fight the Mundt Bill to keep it from passing, by sending telegrams and letters to Congress and have delegations visit their congressmen. It was also decided to do away with the City Committee, which consisted of leaders of all clubs in the City of Pittsburgh; to cut the District Committee from forty-one to seventeen member; and the District Buro from fifteen to seven members, in order to be able to go underground if the Mundt Bill were passed.
12. Was present at a meeting of the Communist Party, District 5, Buro, which was held on May 9, 1948 at the home of [redacted] 5833 Morrowfield Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. It was agreed, at this meeting, to distribute 10,000 leaflets and special issues of the "Daily Worker" and "Sunday Worker", and to raise \$15,000 in the District by June 1, 1948.
13. Attended a meeting of Communists, which was held on May 11, 1948 at District 5, Communist Party Headquarters, 426 Bakewell Building, 417 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The individuals at this meeting discussed the distribution of 18,000 Third Party leaflets to be distributed with the help of the Communist Party. The Communist Party was to make distribution at the Jones & Laughlin steel mill gates at 27th & Carson Streets, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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14. Was, as of May 14, 1949, one of three District 5, Communist Party members who made up the membership of the Control Commission of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.
15. Attended a meeting of the District Committee of District 5, Communist Party, on May 15, 1948, which was held at the Seventh Avenue Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa.
16. Attended a meeting of the Communist Party, District 5, Buro, on May 15, 1948, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., between 5:00 PM and 7:45 PM. The meeting consisted of a discussion of the names of the seven members of the Buro to be presented to the District Committee. The subject was one of the seven individuals named to make up the new District Buro.
17. Attended a meeting of the District Buro of District 5, Communist Party, on June 5, 1948, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. Plans for the coming District Convention were discussed at this meeting, as well as the Party resolution to be presented at the convention.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned meeting was verified by T-3 and T-8.

18. Was present at a special meeting of the Communist Party on June 7, 1948, which was held at the home of DAVE GRANT, Wilkinsburg, Pa. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the leadership in the Third Party of Western Pennsylvania.
19. Was present on July 9, 10 and 11, 1948, at the District Convention of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, which was held at the North Side Carnegie Music Hall, Federal & East Ohio Streets, Pittsburgh, Pa. During the course of the Convention, subject gave an organizational report on District 5, Communist Party, activities, and was elected a delegate to the National Convention, Communist Party-USA.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned Convention was verified by T-3, T-6, T-8, T-9 and T-10.

20. Attended a meeting of the Communist Party, which was held on September 1, 1948, at ~~BEE~~ ~~CAPE~~ ~~ATHERS'~~ Book Shop, 2205 Wylie Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., at 8:00 PM. The meeting was called to map plans for the Youth Conference to be held at the Monumental Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., on September 13, 1948. It was decided at this meeting, that the Conference adopt the following plans:

- (1). To set up a broad organization to fight segregation.
- (2). To fight for a City Fair Employment Practice Committee.
- (3). To fight for civil liberties.

21. Was present at the District 5, Communist Party, picnic which was held on September 6, 1948 at Sugar Park, Pitcairn, Pa.

Subject's attendance at the above-mentioned picnic was verified by T-3 and T-9.

22. Attended a Communist Party meeting on October 9, 1948 at the A. Leo Weil School, Pittsburgh, Pa., for the purpose of protesting the arrest of the twelve Communist Party leaders.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned meeting was verified by T-3.

23. Attended a meeting on October 23, 1948, of the leading Communist Party members, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. A discussion was had regarding the work of the Party after the election, and the defense of the twelve Communist Party leaders then under indictment.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned meeting was verified by T-3.

24. Attended a meeting on December 28, 1948 with four other Pittsburgh Communist Party members which was held at Communist Party, District 5, Headquarters, 426 Bakewell Building, 417 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The discussion was in regard to the Civil Rights Conference to be held at Washington, D. C., on February 11 and 12, 1949 by a group of negro leaders.



25. Was present at a meeting of Communist Party members on January 31, 1949 held at Communist Party, District 5, Headquarters, 426 Bakewell Building, 417 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The meeting was called to check on the work of the delegates to the Conference to be held at Washington, D. C., on February 11 and 12, 1949. This Conference was described as a call to the Legislative Assembly and a rally to end segregation and discrimination. It was decided that the Communist Party would send two delegates and attempt to send ten others.
  26. Was present on February 25, 1949 at a Communist Party, District 5, meeting which was held at Communist Party, District 5, Headquarters, 426 Bakewell Building, 417 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The subject discussed the Legislative Conference (Civil Rights Conference) which was held in Washington, D. C., on February 11 and 12, 1949.
  27. Attended a meeting of the Section Committee of the Communist Party on March 5, 1949, which was held at BEN CAREATHERS' Book Shop, 2205 Wylie Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. It was announced, at this meeting, that a mass rally would be held on May 2, 1949, at which HENRY WINSTON, National Board Member, Communist Party, USA, would be the principal speaker.
  28. Was present at a special meeting of the Communist Party, District 5, functionaries on March 9, 1949, which was held at the International Workers Order Hall, Forbes & Shady Avenue (6328 Forbes Street), Pittsburgh, Pa. The meeting was to discuss statements which had been made by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and EUGENE DENNIS. It was pointed out at this meeting that their statements had stopped the war drive, or at least slowed it down. (FOSTER and DENNIS had previously stated that in event of war between Russia and the United States, and if it was an Imperialistic war and sponsored by Wall Street Capitalists, the Communist Party-USA could not support such a war).
- Subject's presence at the above-mentioned meeting was verified by T-8).
29. Was present at a meeting of Communist Party, District 5, leaders on March 14, 1949 at the home of the subject, 3122 Iowa St., Pittsburgh, Pa. The meeting was called in regard to a recent coal strike which had been called by JOHN L. LEWIS, United Mine Workers of America President.
  30. Was present at a mass rally sponsored by District 5, Communist Party, on April 2, 1949, which was held at the North Side Carnegie Library, Federal and East Ohio Streets, Pittsburgh, Pa.

HENRY WINSTON, National Communist Party Board Member, spoke at this meeting in behalf of the twelve Communist Party leaders.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned meeting was verified by T-8.

31. Attended a meeting of the Section Committee of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania on Friday, April 15, 1949, at the subject's home, 3122 Iowa Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., at 8:00 PM. At this meeting, a report was made by BEN CAREATHERS, Will Section Organizer, regarding the Communist Party mass meeting held on April 2, 1949 at the North Side Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh, Pa., where HENRY WINSTON, National Communist Party figure, spoke.
32. Was present, on April 18, 1949, at a meeting of the Communist Party, District 5, Board, which was held at the home of the subject, 3122 Iowa Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. It was decided, at this meeting, to expose TITO through the Language Groups and newspapers, thereby expecting to stop the split in the Croatian Fraternal Union.
33. Attended a meeting of a small group of Communist Party, District 5, members in the Progressive Party, on April 19, 1949, which was held at BEN CAREATHERS' Book Store, 2205 Wylie Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., for the purpose of discussing a possible negro candidate to run for Congress.
34. Was present at a meeting of the District 5, Communist Party, functionaries on May 2, 1949, who met at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. STEVE NELSON, District 5, Chairman, reported on the National Plenum and stated that the United States was losing the cold war, and that the Communist Party must fight to block the Atlantic Pact.
34. Attended a meeting of a small group of Pittsburgh Communists which was held on June 1, 1949 at Rosen's Bar, 967 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., at 2:00 PM. At this meeting, a discussion was had regarding the Highland Park Swimming Pool, and it was decided to start writing letters to the Mayor of Pittsburgh and other organizations, with the prospect of starting swimming groups, made up of both colored and white, by July 4, 1949.

35. Attended a meeting on June 7, 1949, of top Communist Party functionaries of District 5, Communist Party, which was held at the home of DAVE GRANT, [REDACTED]. At this meeting, a discussion was had regarding recent American Federation of Labor and CIO union conventions, and it was concluded that the Communists are slowly gaining power in the unions again, but that the members must continue to work with the rank and file to isolate the right wing leaders by pressing the unemployment problem to show that the Marshall Plan is responsible for unemployment.
36. Attended a meeting of leading District 5, Communist Party, members on July 9, 1949, which was held at the Jewish Cultural Center, 6328 Forbes Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss candidates of the Progressive Party and the steel strike possibilities.
37. Attended a meeting of leading District 5, Communist Party, members on July 11, 1949 at 943 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss and make final recommendations for candidates for the Progressive Party.
38. Was present at a meeting of Communist Party members, which was held on August 12, 1949 at Rosen's Music Bar, 907 East Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. The discussion was in regard to the Young Progressives and the question of the whites and negroes swimming together at the Highland Park Swimming Pool, Pittsburgh, Pa.
39. Met with three other Pittsburgh Communists on August 24, 1949 at 943 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. The meeting was for the purpose of discussing the arrangements for ~~PAUL ROBESON~~ to speak in Pittsburgh, Pa.
40. Was present at a meeting of a small group of District 5, Communists, who met at the office of ~~HYMAN SCHLESINGER~~, local Communist Party attorney, Park Building, Pittsburgh, Pa., on August 30, 1949. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the question of the Progressive Party being ruled off the ballot in the local elections, and it was decided to take the case to Court.

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41. Attended a meeting of the Negro Commission of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, on September 8, 1949, which was held at the home of [REDACTED] 3128 Cordell Place, Pittsburgh, Pa. A discussion was had at this meeting regarding the Dr. BENJAMIN ARSHAN affair in Mt. Lebanon and the coming PAUL ROBESON meeting.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-2, OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, CAN TESTIFY THAT WILLIAM ALBERTSON:

1. Was present at a meeting held by the Pittsburgh District group of the Communist Party, which took place on December 19, 1946 at Communist Party Headquarters, 426 Bakewell Building, 417 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The meeting was the first of a series of talks dealing with the welfare of the Communist Party, and was directed primarily by the subject, as well as other leading District 5, Communist Party, members. The meeting was concerned with how to conduct the anti-Communists who were recently exiled from the Party for their Red Baiting. The subject gave a report on why those certain former Communists were expelled from the Party. Subject stated that this is no new move on the Party by the Capitalists, who are behind the movement, and the Party as a whole, will survive, but in the meantime the present leadership of the Party must be trained for combating this type of attack. Subject stated that the Capitalists are leaving nothing undone to undermine the Party. He pointed out that the American people are easily fooled because they believe what the Capitalist press prints, and that the majority of the American people will always be fooled until hunger forces them to see otherwise. He stated that the Capitalists are not fooling the Communists, but are only helping to bring the day into existence when the Communists will be the leaders.
2. Attended a meeting of the Pittsburgh City Council of the Communist Party, which was held on the evening of November 12, 1947 at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. At this meeting, DAVE GRANT, Communist Party, District 5, paid functionary, gave a report dealing with the high cost of living and a complete summary of what he termed as an expose of the Justice Department's efforts to stage another "Palmer Day" raids, such as followed World War I. Subject also reported upon the AFL and CIO Unions, stating that the AFL is now 100% with the Capitalists.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned meeting was verified by T-3.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-3, OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, CAN TESTIFY THAT WILLIAM ALBERTSON:

1. Attended a meeting of the District Committee of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania on July 12, 1947, which was held in the Lecture Room of the Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny, Federal & East Ohio Streets, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa. Subject was listed, at this meeting, as a member of the National Committee of New York. A discussion was had, at this meeting, regarding the Marshall Plan and the Expansionist policy of the United States.
2. Attended a meeting of the City Council of the Communist Party which was held on the evening of November 12, 1947 at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. At this meeting, DAVE GRANT, Communist Party, District 5, paid functionary, and the subject reported on the proposed special session of Congress, the AFL Convention and the CIO Convention. GRANT and the subject also discussed, at length, the statement made by former Assistant Attorney O. JOHN ROGGE at Los Angeles on November 7, 1947, which was to the effect that mass raids against alleged Communists would be made in key cities of the United States by the FBI within ten days. Both speakers interposed the above statement that a series of "Palmer Raids" would be conducted.

Subject's attendance at the above-mentioned meeting was verified by T-2.

3. Attended the first session of the District Conference of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania on December 13, 1947. The District Conference was held on December 13 and 14, 1947 in the Lecture Hall of the Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny, Federal & East Ohio Streets, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa. At the first session meeting the subject presented the organizational report, during the course of which he dealt with registration, recruiting and club elections. Subject continued that all clubs with ten members or more should elect a chairman, an Educational Director, a combined Membership Secretary and Treasurer and a combined Press-Literature Director. He stated that in the larger clubs the latter two positions might be separated.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned meeting was verified by T-1 and T-6. The information set forth above was also corroborated by T-6.

4. Attended a New Year's Eve party held on the evening of December 31, 1947 at the East End Communist Party Club, which was held at the home of [REDACTED] 1000 N. Negley Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Subject's attendance at the above-mentioned party was verified by T-9.

5. Attended a regular meeting of the City Council of the Communist Party of Pittsburgh on January 14, 1948, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. At this meeting, the subject mentioned that the Food Branch of the Communist Party had secured more than 100 names on a petition backing HENRY A. WALLACE, which had been circulated in the Hotel & Restaurant Workers' Union-AFL. Subject also mentioned that although it was true that the Communist Party was, for the first time, recognized as a force within the coalition for WALLACE the Party members must not forget the independent role of the Party - to fight within the coalition for Socialism. Subject stated that for the first time known Communist leaders had been accepted in support of WALLACE under their true affiliation, but he cautioned that the Party must work correctly within the coalition so that the WALLACE backers will not be in a position where they will have to repudiate the Party.
6. Held a lengthy discussion, on January 28, 1948, at Communist Party District Headquarters, 426 Bakewell Building, 417 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., with several leading Communist Party members regarding Communist Party activity in opposition to Universal Military Training.
7. Attended a meeting held at Communist Party District Headquarters, 426 Bakewell Building, 417 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., on the evening of February 16, 1948. The meeting was concerning with the arrangements for the EUGENE DENNIS rally to be held on July 28, 1948 in Pittsburgh, Pa., and the subject was one of three Communist Party members who was to supervise the over-all arrangements for the rally.

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8. Met, on the afternoon of February 20, 1948, with ~~PETE~~ KAPPA and ~~MATTHEW~~ CVETIC, both Communist Party, District 5, members, at District Headquarters, 426 Bakewell Building, 417 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. During their discussion, which mainly concerned the EUGENE DENNIS meeting to be held at Pittsburgh, Pa., on February 28, 1948, it was mentioned that approximately 10,000 pamphlets had been ordered by the Party in order to publicize the meeting.
9. Attended a meeting of the Steering Committee of the Communist Party on the evening of April 23, 1948 at the home of ~~CHARLES~~ ~~KERRIS~~, 259 Melwood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss plans for future political activities in the 30th Congressional District. During the meeting, tentative plans were made to hold a conference on May 2, 1948, regarding the political activities mentioned above.
10. Met, on the evening of April 28, 1948, with a small group of Communists in the Chrysler Restaurant, East Ohio Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. At this meeting the problem of handling liaison work between the Communist Party and the Third Party was discussed. Subject emphasized that Party leaders and functionaries should not serve on any Third Party committees since this would tend toward liquidationism. Subject pointed out that the Communist Party has not been accepted within the framework of the Progressive Party and, until it is accepted, Party members must carry on their own independent role; that is, they will work to strengthen the Progressive Party so that when the Communist Party is officially accepted as a part of the coalition, it can play its own independent role and its functionaries can then take a place on the Progressive Party committees.
11. Attended, on May 5, 1948, a meeting of Communist Party leaders of Western Pennsylvania, which was held at 5:30 PM in the Victoria Room of the Roosevelt Hotel, 6th Street & Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. At this meeting, ~~LOUIS~~ WEINSTOCK, National Communist Party Office Representative, delivered the principal address, during the course of which he reported in detail concerning a visit made by him to Europe. He dealt, specifically, with some of his experiences in Hungary and Czechoslovakia. He then spoke concerning the Mundt Bill, stating that said bill would make future Party work



ineffective and destroy the Party's Nationality Movement and such organizations as the International Workers' Order.

12. Attended the District Conference of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania on May 15 and 16, 1948, which was held at the Seventh Avenue Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa. The principal report during the session held on May 15, 1948 was delivered by the subject, who stated that approximately 960 additional dues payments had to be collected by the local district in order that the district would have three delegates to the National Convention of the Communist Party-USA to be held in New York in the summer of 1948. He also presented a summary of the present situation in the steel, mining and repair industry during the course of which he criticized the actions taken by PHILIP MURRAY and the United Steel Workers at the recent steel convention held in Boston, Mass. He also predicted a coal strike in the near future. The principal report on May 16, 1948 was delivered by ROY HUDSON, District 5, Communist Party, Chairman, and he dealt with the current political situation and its problems, pointing out that big business is organized and that the Progressive and Trade Union elements were not working together. HUDSON severely criticized PHILIP MURRAY for the action taken by him at the above-mentioned convention. Also at this session the subject was elected a member of the new District 5, Communist Party, Board.

Subject's attendance at the above-mentioned conference was verified by T-9. Subject's presence was also verified by T-6, as well as corroborating the information set forth regarding the delegates to the National Convention.

13. Attended a meeting of the active members of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania on June 5, 1948, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., for the purpose of discussing the present status of the Mundt-Nixon Bill and future Party activities regarding same.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned meeting was verified by T-1 and T-8. T-8 can also corroborate that the status of the Mundt-Nixon Bill was discussed.

14. Was present at a meeting of Club Chairman of the Communist Party of Pittsburgh on June 30, 1948, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. During the course of the meeting a new reorganizational plan of the City Communist Party was attempted. It was pointed out that in the future there were to be four Section Organizers in the City of Pittsburgh, and the subject suggested that the Organizers meet each week.

15. Was present, on July 9, 10 and 11, 1948, at the District Conference of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, which was held at the North Side Carnegie Music Hall, Federal & East Ohio Streets, Pittsburgh, Pa. The subject was re-elected to the position of Organizational Secretary of District 5, Communist Party. At the session on July 10, 1948, the subject gave an organizational report on the District activities. It was mentioned that ~~STEVE NELSON~~ and ~~ANDREW ONDA~~ had been assigned to this District as District Organizer and Steel Organizer, respectively, by the National Board. The subject was also nominated as a delegate to the National Convention. The subject stated that the coming National Convention might be the last Communist Party Convention for a long time, and cautioned the members on the necessity for selecting the right people.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned convention was verified by T-1, T-6, T-8, T-9 and T-10.

16. Attended a meeting of leading members of the Communist Party on August 4, 1948, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The principal discussion at the meeting concerned the emergency which had been created by the refusal of the Borough of Castle Shannon, Pa., to allow the Labor-Press Picnic, which had been scheduled for August 15, 1948 at Linden Grove Park, Castle Shannon, Pa. The subject proposed that a mass protest be organized to send letters and postcards to the Castle Shannon Borough Council, protesting their refusal to issue a picnic permit.

17. Attended a meeting of the Communist Party leaders of Western Pennsylvania on August 7, 1948, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. Subject announced, at the meeting, that it had not been decided whether the National Communist Party Chairman, WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, would appear as a speaker

at the picnic to be held on August 15, 1948. He stated that the Labor Day Picnic would be the first real mass demonstration organized by the Party in regard to the arrest of the eleven Communist Party leaders.

18. Attended, on the afternoon of August 14, 1948, a Communist Party meeting which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. At this meeting and with regard to a question which was asked by one of the members present as to Party policy on membership, the subject stated that the National Communist Party Convention decided not to have a purge of Party membership at this time, but that any present Party member who does not desire to recognize the leadership and work under those leaders, can get out of the Party.

19. Attended the District 5, Communist Party, Picnic which was held on September 6, 1948 at Sugar Camp, Pitcairn, Pa.

The subject's presence at the above-mentioned picnic was verified by T-1 and T-9.

20. Was present at a Communist Party meeting on October 9, 1948 at the A. Leo Weil School, Pittsburgh, Pa., which was held for the purpose of protesting the arrest of the twelve Communist Party leaders. The subject was Chairman of the above-mentioned meeting. HENRY WINSTON, National Board member, Communist Party-USA, delivered the principal address which dealt with the international situation. He stated that the Berlin crisis was not a political maneuver, but a long range plan of this country's by-partisan foreign policy to create war.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned meeting was verified by T-1.

21. Attended a meeting of the North Side Section Committee of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania on October 12, 1948, which was held at 844 East Ohio Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. Subject stated that immediately after the 1948 elections there would be some organizational changes inasmuch as the new Communist Party set up would call for

not more than five comrades in each group.

22. Was present at a meeting on October 23, 1948 of leading Communist Party members, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. Subject reported upon the present Communist Party recruiting drive, the registration program, and that Shop Clubs will take priority over Community and Language Clubs. He also reported that the Shop Groups will consist of no more than seven individuals for security purposes.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned meeting was verified by T-1.

23. Attended a Communist Party meeting of the Lawrenceville Communist Party Club at Anthon's Restaurant, Penn & Highland Avenues, Pittsburgh, Pa., on November 6, 1948. At this meeting, subject stated that the club should be broken down in accordance with the security measures taken by the local Communist Party. He stated that Communist Party group captains will check on all old Communist Party membership books and destroy them. He stated that no membership books were to be issued for 1949, and dues would be paid to group leaders who would furnish dues stamps to the members. Subject concluded that all members are to be requested to contribute a substantial sum for the purpose of creating a separate fund for purchasing printing equipment, paper and office supplies for use in the event the Communist Party is compelled to operate illegally.
24. Was included as a member of the Political Action Committee of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.
25. Conducted a Communist Party educational class of the North Side Section Group leaders on January 11, 1949, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. This class was the first in a series of six conducted by the subject. At the out set of the class, subject stated that the following topics would be discussed during the course, which would consist of six sessions: (1) Capitalism, (2) Imperialism, (3) War and Fascism, (4) the Negro question, (5) Socialism, (6) the role of the Communist Party. Subject stated that the material for these classes would be taken from "Theory and Practices of the Communist Party", Number 1, and Parts 6,

7 and 8 of "Value, Price and Profit," and Part I of the "Communist Manifesto." During the course of the class, subject stated that China was an example of a country which was turning to Communism without having gone through a Capitalistic stage.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned class was verified by T-16.

26. Attended a mass protest meeting sponsored by the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania on the evening of January 15, 1949, which was held at the Music Hall of the Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny, Federal & East Ohio Streets, Pittsburgh, Pa. The purpose of the meeting was to protest the indictment and pending trial of the twelve members of the National Board of the Communist Party-USA. Subject was in charge of arrangements for the above-mentioned meeting.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned meeting was verified by T-10.

27. Attended a "Sunday Worker" party sponsored by the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, which was held on the evening of January 22, 1949, at the Jewish Cultural Center, 6328 Forbes Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The purpose of the party was to stimulate the "Sunday Worker" drive in Western Pennsylvania.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned party was verified by T-8.

28. Was present at the District Conference of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania on February 6, 1949, which was held in the Lecture Room of the Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny, Federal & East Ohio Streets, Pittsburgh, Pa. Subject spoke at the afternoon session of the conference regarding activities planned by District 5, Communist Party, for the defense of the twelve indicted National Board members, Communist Party-USA.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned conference was verified by T-6 and T-9.

29. Was present as an instructor of a class for the club leaders of the North Side Section of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, which was held on February 15, 1949 at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The topic of discussion at this class was that of the "negro question."

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned meeting as an instructor was verified by T-10.

30. Was present at a meeting of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania on the evening of February 26, 1949, at the Jewish Cultural Center, 6328 Forbes Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. Subject gave a report on the Communist Party Defense Fund drive. He stated that the strategy to be used by the attorneys of the twelve Communist Party leaders on trial would be to postpone the trial as long as possible or to keep the trial from ever taking place.
31. Attended a meeting of District 5, Communist Party members, on the evening of April 1, 1949, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss plans for keeping order at the Communist Party rally scheduled to be held on the night of April 2, 1949 at the Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny, Federal & East Ohio Streets, Pittsburgh, Pa.
32. Was present at a meeting of the District 5, Communist Party, Committee and leaders of the Communist Party, which was held during the morning and afternoon of April 30, 1949, at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. Subject's report at the afternoon session dealt with the defense of the Party leaders, Party organization and white chauvinism.
33. Was present at a meeting of leading Communist Party members from the North Side Section of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania on the evening of May 10, 1949, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The subject delivered the principal address, and his remarks were concerned with the recent National Plenum of the Communist Party-USA.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned meeting was verified by T-10.

34. Attended a meeting of Communist Party members on the afternoon of June 9, 1949, which was held in the office of "Slobodna Rec," 1916 East Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., for the purpose of discussing arrangements for the "All Nations Picnic" scheduled to be held at Sugar Camp near Pitcairn, Pa., on August 28, 1949.
35. Was present at a meeting of the Political Committee of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania on August 11, 1949, which was held in the office of the American Slav Congress, 1005 Berger Building, 449-4th Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. Informant advised that the Political Committee is a standing committee which will discuss the role and participation of the Communist Party in future elections, being principally concerned with campaign activities of the Progressive Party.
36. Attended the "All Nations Picnic" on August 28, 1949, which was sponsored by District 5, Communist Party, and was held at Sugar Camp, Pitcairn, Pa.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned picnic was verified by T-6, T-8 and T-9.

37. Attended a meeting of the North Side Section Committee of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania on September 2, 1949, which was held at 943 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., at 8:00 PM. Subject gave a report, at this meeting, concerning the 80th Anniversary Celebration of the Communist Party, and outlined the future campaign for the Communist Party.
38. Attended a meeting of the Communist Party Section Organizers on September 14, 1949, which was held at Communist Party District Headquarters, 426 Bakewell Building, 417 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The meeting was concerned with a report on the decisions of the Government's Fact Finding Board regarding the steel strike and the proposed PAUL ROBESON meeting to be held in Pittsburgh, Pa., on October 15, 1949.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-4, OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, CAN TESTIFY THAT WILLIAM ALBERTSON:

1. Attended a meeting of the State Convention of the Communist Party of West Virginia on December 5, 1948, which was held at



401 Jacobs Street, Charleston, W. Va. At this Convention, subject talked approximately one and one-half hours, concerning work in Western Pennsylvania as well as West Virginia.

Subject's presence at the above mentioned Convention was verified by T-11.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-5, OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, CAN TESTIFY THAT WILLIAM ALBERTSON:

1. Attended the EUGENE DENNIS mass meeting held at the Carnegie Music Hall, Pittsburgh, Pa., on February 28, 1948. ROY HUDSON, District 5, Communist Party, Chairman, introduced the subject, and in his introductory speech, stated that ALBERTSON, by being expelled from the University of Pittsburgh, has proven that he is a welcomed member to the Communist fold. Subject spoke on the Un-American Committee and stated that although some of the leaders had been arrested, there would be other leaders to take their place. Subject stated that big business and not the people are worried about the situation, and that big business is shivering in its boots about what is going on in Czechoslovakia and all over the world. EUGENE DENNIS, General Secretary, Communist Party-USA, was the principal speaker at the above-mentioned meeting.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned meeting was verified by T-7, T-8, T-9, T-13, T-14, T-15 and T-16. T-13 can also corroborate the information as set forth above.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-6, OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, CAN TESTIFY THAT WILLIAM ALBERTSON:

1. Attended a meeting of the District Committee of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania on October 5, 1947, which was held at the Carnegie Hall, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa., from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. A discussion was had at this meeting on the high cost of living, the election campaign, the WALLACE banquet, the ~~PAT CUSH~~ banquet and recruiting.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned meeting was verified by T-1.

2. Attended the District Conference of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania on December 13, 1947, which was held in the Lecture Hall of the Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny, Federal & East Ohio Streets, Pittsburgh, Pa. At the first session, subject presented the organizational report, during the course of which he dealt with registration, recruiting and club elections.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned conference was verified by T-1 and T-3.

3. Attended the District Conference of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania on May 15 and 16, 1948, which was held at the Seventh Avenue Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa. The principal report at the session held on May 15, 1948 was delivered by the subject, regarding the Communist Party Convention to be held in New York City in the Summer of 1948. He announced that the District would be entitled to one delegate for every 500 members in good standing, stating that the District Board would probably have sufficient funds to send two delegates from this District. T-3 can corroborate information regarding delegates to the National Convention.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned conference was verified by T-3 and T-9.

4. Was present on July 9, 10, and 11, 1948 at the District Conference of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, which was held at the North Side Carnegie Music Hall, Federal & East Ohio Streets, Pittsburgh, Pa. At the session on July 10, 1948 the subject stated that the Western Pennsylvania Communist Party District was entitled to three regular and two alternate Communist Party delegates to the National Communist Party Convention to be held within a short time in New York City. He also stated that the District Communist Party Board had recommended that the District Committee be reduced from forty-three to eleven or thirteen members.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned convention was verified by T-1, T-3, T-8, T-9 and T-10.

5. Attended the Communist Party Youth Conference held on October 10, 1948 at the Mayfair Hotel, 423 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. The subject delivered the principal address, and urged the formation of Youth Groups. He stated that many people say that war is inevitable, but that it is the duty of the Communist Party to train the youth of the nation and poison their minds against Fascism and war in time to stem the tide of war. He mentioned that it would take the United States two years to prepare for war, and that the Communist Party could do a lot of good work within that time. He remarked that the United States is the breeding ground for war and Fascism, and that the American youth must be taught to hate the cause of war, such as military training. He concluded that the Soviet Union is carrying on a peace offensive at the present time, and that the Communist Party must teach the American youth to work for peace.
6. Was present at a District Conference of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania on February 6, 1949, which was held at the North Side Carnegie Library, Federal & East Ohio Streets, Pittsburgh, Pa. The subject spoke at the afternoon session regarding the District 5, Communist Party, 1948 and 1949 budgets.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned conference was verified by T-3 and T-9.

7. Attended the "All Nations Picnic" on August 28, 1949, which was sponsored by District 5, Communist Party, and was held at Sugar Camp, Pitcairn, Pa.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned picnic was verified by T-3, T-8 and T-9.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-7, OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, CAN TESTIFY THAT WILLIAM ALBERTSON:

1. Was present at a meeting of the local 610 branch of the Communist Party, which was held on November 16, 1947 at the home of AUGUST BERGINS in Penn Township, Westmoreland County, Pa. At this meeting, a discussion was had concerning CLYDE

~~CLYDE~~ JOHNSON, and the subject reported that JOHNSON wanted to join the Party on his own terms and that he did not like some of the members of the branch. Subject suggested that JOHNSON be recontacted and asked to join the branch upon payment of his back dues and without any strings attached. Subject stated he wondered when the Party allowed an individual to tell how and who is to belong to a branch, and that JOHNSON is to come in under the Party's terms or else not come in at all. Subject also reported, at this meeting, that the next two or three weeks are going to be the critical weeks for the Party.

2. Attended the meeting of the United Electrical Local 610 branch of the Communist Party which was held on November 30, 1947 at the home of MATT JURESICH, Wilmerding, Pa. At this meeting a discussion was had on the troubles in France and Italy, and the subject stated that the United States is the cause of these troubles, since the State Department would not give loans to those countries unless the Communists were taken out of the Government. Subject further stated that the United States is trying to build a ring around the Soviet Union.
3. Attended the EUGENE DENNIS mass meeting held at Carnegie Music Hall, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa., on February 28, 1948. EUGENE DENNIS, General Secretary, Communist Party-USA, was the principal speaker at this meeting.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned meeting was verified by T-5, T-8, T-9, T-13, T-14, T-15 and T-16.

4. Was present at a meeting of the 610 Branch of the Communist Party on April 7, 1948 at the home of MATT JURESICH, Wilmerding, Pa. At this meeting the financial drive of the Party was discussed and it was announced that Branch 610 should contribute their money within the next two weeks. No quota was set, but all were expected to donate at least a day's wages.
5. Attended a meet on April 14, 1948 of the United Electrical Local 610 branch of the Communist Party at the home of MATT JURESICH, Wilmerding, Pa. One individual at the meeting

inquired as to the "connection between Russian Communists and the United States Communists", and the subject stated there is no connection and that the United States group is autonomous. He stated that the standard of living in the United States will remain unchanged, while the Russians, Roumanians and Czechoslovakians will gain. Subject explained the Communist grab in Czechoslovakia by saying that when in the United States a new Party takes control of the Government all of the opposing Party members start looking for a job. No one in the United States criticizes the Republicans for firing the Democrats when they win, and vice versa. He stated the Communists, Socialists and other liberals were the successful ones in the election in Europe and they did exactly what is done in the United States — fire the opposition. Subject stated they have freedom of the press in Czechoslovakia, but it would be ridiculous for those in control to let opposition papers print anything that would destroy the liberties of the people, so they do not print anything that would hurt the cause. In referring to world Communism, he stated that the reason they wanted world Communism is a peaceful one and that if all the world is Communistic and there is no exploiting of the fellow man, there would be no incentive for profit — take away the profit angle and eliminate wars.

6. Attended a meeting on April 29, 1948 of the United Electrical 610 Branch of the Communist Party, which was held in the Workers' Hall, East Pittsburgh, Pa. A discussion was had at this meeting regarding UE 610 problems, and the subject was of the opinion that a strike would take place soon at Westinghouse Airbrake to enforce the demand for wage increase.
7. Attended a meeting on June 12, 1948, which was held at Communist Party Headquarters, 426 Bakewell Building, 417 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. At this meeting, a discussion was had on the future role of the United Electrical 610 Branch of the Communist Party, in the event the Mundt Bill was passed, and the subject stated that if the Bill were passed, the Party Convention would be moved ahead and a District Convention called on an emergency basis. Subject gave orders at this meeting that under no circumstances was MIKE VULETICH to be elected as Branch Chairman until he had redeemed himself for

the trouble they had at the Serbian Progressive Club, which caused the dissolution of the Party Branch there.

8. Attended a special meeting of the Communist Party members in United Electrical Local 610 and 601 on September 25, 1948, which met at the Workers' Hall in East Pittsburgh, Pa. The meeting was called by the District leaders to find out what was the matter in the 601 and 610 Branches of the Communist Party insofar as poor attendance at the meetings, dues collections and Party spirit were concerned. The following problems were discussed at the above-mentioned meeting; however, no solution was reached: the theory that the members are afraid that they will be exposed; that the reactionary press propaganda is under-mining their faith in the Party; or that the Party members are just plain lazy.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-8, OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, CAN TESTIFY THAT WILLIAM ALBERTSON:

1. Attended a meeting of the Homestead Club which was held on December 2, 1947 at the home of ~~ELMER~~ KISH, District 5, Communist Party, member. Subject spoke at this meeting, praising ELMER KISH for his work among the steel workers, and discussed the Marshall Plan and the plans of the United States to open the steel mills in Germany in order that ammunition could be made to be used against Russia.
2. Attended a Communist Party Section Membership Conference held on February 8, 1948 at the Emerson Hall, E. First Street, Duquesne, Pa. ELMER KISH, prominent District 5, Communist Party, member, opened the meeting by saying that the election struggle this year will be fought around fundamental issues such as world peace or World War III; greater economic security and jobs for the people or depression and unemployment; the safeguarding of democratic liberties or will big business be allowed to take over and America moving toward Fascism. Subject also spoke at this meeting regarding negro discrimination, and outlined the approach against Jim Crowism as set forth by the Communists.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned meeting was verified by T-12.

3. Attended the EUGENE DEEFIS mass meeting held at the Carnegie Music Hall, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa., on February 28, 1948. Subject spoke at this meeting saying that the Capitalists are shaking in their boots because of what is happening in the world today. He stated that the administration is trying to Hitlerize America. Subject also spoke in favor of HENRY A. WALLACE. EUGENE DEEFIS, General Secretary, Communist Party-USA, was the principal speaker at this meeting.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned meeting was verified by T-5, T-7, T-9, T-13, T-14, T-15 and T-16.

4. Called a meeting on June 1, 1948 of the Steelworkers Committee of the Communist Party, which was held on the third floor, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The meeting was called to discuss why the Communist Party must lead the steelworkers of the United States. GUS HALL, Communist Party State Chairman from Ohio, was present at this meeting to explain to the Steelworkers Committee of the Communist Party why they need unions and why they need HENRY WALLACE for President. HALL stated that the Communist Party's work is to get the steelworkers organized and set up a committee in each plant to represent labor, and this is what will lead them to reach their goal of Socialism.
5. Attended a special meeting of the Communist Party, District 5, Committee on June 5, 1948, which was held on the Third Floor, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., for the purpose of hearing the report of the leading delegates from Washington, D. C., who went there in opposition to the Mundt Bill. Subject also spoke on the need for raising funds to fight the Mundt Bill, and stated that the quota for Western Pennsylvania would be \$10,000 of which \$2,000 had already been raised. At this meeting, the present status of the Mundt-Nixon Bill was discussed and future Party activities regarding same.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned meeting was verified by T-1 and T-3. T-3 can also corroborate that the Mundt Bill was the subject discussed at the above-mentioned meeting.



6. Was present, on July 9 and 10, 1948, at the District Convention of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, which was held at the North Side Carnegie Music Hall, Federal & East Ohio Streets, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned convention was verified by T-1, T-3, T-6, T-9 and T-10.

7. Was present at a special emergency meeting held on August 1, 1948 at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., which was called by the Communist Party members to discuss the difficulty of the Communist Party in securing the picnic grounds at Castle Shannon, Pa., for August 15, 1948. It was decided that if the picnic grounds could not be obtained through pressure that another place must be found, and that the Linden Grove proprietor and the Castle Shannon Council should be sued for \$50,000.
8. Attended a Communist Party party on January 22, 1949, which was held at the Jewish Cultural Center, 6328 Forbes Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The party was held for those who participated in securing new subscribers to the "Daily Worker." There were approximately sixty-five individuals present.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned party was verified by T-3.

9. Was present at a special meeting of Communist Party functionaries of District 5, Communist Party which was held on March 9, 1949 at the Jewish Cultural Center, 6328 Forbes Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., at 8:30 PM. The meeting was called for the purpose of hearing an open letter that President HARRY S. TRUMAN had written regarding the twelve Communist Party leaders, in which he called them traitors to the United States.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned meeting was verified by T-1.

10. Attended a mass rally sponsored by District 5, Communist Party, on April 2, 1949, which was held at the North Side Carnegie Library, Federal & East Ohio Streets, Pittsburgh, Pa. HENRY

WINSTON, National Board member, Communist Party-USA, spoke at this meeting in behalf of the twelve Communist Party leaders, and stated that it was not their aim to overthrow the Government.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned rally was verified By T-1.

11. Was present on Sunday evening, May 1, 1949, at a farewell party held for SAM REED, Monongahela Valley Section Organizer, which was held at the Emerson Hall, N. First Street, Duquesne, Pa.
12. Attended a meeting of District 5, Communist Party, members on June 30, 1949 at the Jewish Cultural Center, 6328 Forbes Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., for the purpose of distributing a book written by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, entitled "The Twilight of World Capitalism."
13. Attended the "All Nations Picnic" on August 28, 1949, which was sponsored by District 5, Communist Party, and was held at Sugar Camp, Pitcairn, Pa.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned picnic was verified by T-3, T-6 and T-9.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-9, OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, CAN TESTIFY THAT WILLIAM ALBERTSON:

1. Attended a New Year's Eve party held on the evening of December 31, 1947 by the Pittsburgh City Committee of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania at the home of [redacted] 1000 W. Negley Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned party was verified by T-3.

2. Attended the EUGENE DENNIS mass meeting held at Carnegie Music Hall, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa. on February 28, 1948.

Subject's presence at the above mentioned meeting was verified by T-5, T-7, T-8, T-13, T-14, T-15 and T-16.

3. Attended a District Conference of District 5, Communist Party, on May 15 and 16, 1948, which was held at the Seventh Avenue Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa. The principal report was delivered on May 16, 1948 by ROY HUDSON, District 5 Chairman, who reported on the National Convention of the Communist Party, to be held in New York in August, 1948, and stated that each State organization would elect two delegates for the first 500 members and one additional delegate for each additional 500 members. Also at this conference, the means of demonstrating opposition to the Mundt Bill was discussed. It was stated, at this conference, that if the Communist Party were outlawed; reactionaries, through the Mundt Bill, would prosecute every militant trade unionist as being a Communist.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned conference was verified by T-3 and T-6.

4. Was present on July 9, 10 and 11, 1948 at the District Convention of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, which was held at the North Side Carnegie Music Hall, Federal & East Ohio Streets, Pittsburgh, Pa. During the convention, subject was elected as a member of the District Committee.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned convention was verified by T-1, T-3, T-6, T-8 and T-10.

5. Attended the District 5, Communist Party picnic which was held on September 6, 1948 at Sugar Camp, Pitcairn, Pa.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned picnic was verified by T-1 and T-3.

6. Was present at a conference called by the Pittsburgh District of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, of the leading members, on February 6, 1949 which was held at the Carnegie Music Hall, Federal & East Ohio Streets, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa. At this meeting, subject reported for District 5, Communist Party on the Financial Drive, membership drive, building the Party press, and the struggle by Party members in the unions for higher wages.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned conference was verified by T-3 and T-6.

7. Attended a Steel Section meeting of District 5, Communist Party on July 13, 1949 at 943 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. The purpose of the meeting was to organize a struggle for a twenty-five cents an hour wage increase and pensions without contributing by the steelworkers -- to be used in the event the contemplated steel strike took place within the steel industry.
8. Attended a meeting of the South Side Communist Community Club Executive Committee on July 21, 1949 which was held at the home of [redacted] 1253 Shadycress, Pittsburgh, Pa., at 8:00 PM. Subject was present to evaluate the reports of the group captains and help them in adopting a plan of action for all South Side Club Groups. Subject also reported upon Communist Clubs and group functions in the City of Pittsburgh.
9. Attended the "All Nations Picnic" on August 28, 1949, which was sponsored by District 5, Communist Party and held at Sugar Camp, Pitcairn, Pa.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned picnic was verified by T-3, T-6 and T-8.

10. Attended a membership meeting of the South Side Communist Community Club on September 9, 1949, which was held at 537 Cabot Way, South Side, Pittsburgh, Pa. Subject spoke at this meeting on the history of Communism and their achievements from the beginning until 1949. He stated that there are over three billion people in the world who are members or sympathizers of the Communist Party and not just in our corner of the world; therefore, who can deny that the Communists today are not a power -- not only in Russia, where they have established a successful Socialist system, but throughout the world. He stated that the Communist Party must resume its stronger role in its struggle for negro rights from the Marxist standpoint; that the negro question is a national question; and against white supremacy. He stated that the basic policy of the Communist Party is a permanent industrial concentration; therefore, all Communists and Youth Clubs, as well as Shop

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Industrial Clubs, should redouble their efforts to reach the industrial workers for the Party. He stated that millions of workers, not yet ready to join the Party, can be organized to join in a united front action to work with the Communists for their most immediate demands until they become convinced that the Communist Party is the only Party that stands for a fundamental solution to their problems.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned meeting was verified by T-14, who can also corroborate information that the subject spoke on the history of Communism.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-10, OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, CAN TESTIFY THAT WILLIAM ALBERTSON:

1. Attended a meeting on January 8, 1948 of the Executive Board of the North Side Club of the Communist Party on the Third Floor at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The meeting was primarily concerned with membership and a discussion regarding the breaking up of the North Side Club. At this meeting, JOE MANKIN, Section Organizer, North Side Club, openly opposed the decision of the National Committee regarding the breakdown. Subject also spoke on why the Club must be broken up, and that if leaders were not available the City Committee would furnish them with leaders until someone was trained. Subject stated that the North Side Club depends upon a few to run everything, and accused MANKIN of being selfish and wanting to be a big shot, but that he (ALBERTSON) would rather have four "little shots" doing down to earth Communist work and getting something done.
2. Attended the Executive Board meeting of the North Side Club of the Communist Party, which was held on January 19, 1948 at the home of JIM DOLSEN, Jacksonia Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. At this meeting, a report was given by a Communist Party member regarding a possible breakdown of the North Side Club into two groups of twenty-four members each, with HERB NUSSE and MARK LOVETT being group leaders of one group and JOE MANKIN, JOHN WHITMIRE and HAMP GOLDEN the group leaders of the second group. A heated discussion followed between JOE MANKIN and JIM DOLSEN as to the feasibility of this new plan. At this point, the subject told MANKIN that he was certainly lacking in leadership, and that this was a display of what he heard about the

way he ran the Club, and it was the reason that no one wanted to work for the North Side Club.

3. Called a meeting of the AFL Party members, which was held on May 5, 1948 at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. It was reported at this meeting that the Communist Party was planning ads in the newspaper and a leaflet distribution campaign throughout Western Pennsylvania. Subject requested money to support the above and these members present donated.
4. Was present, on July 9, 10, and 11, 1949, at a District Convention of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, which was held at the North Side Carnegie Music Hall, Federal & East Ohio Streets, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned meeting was verified by T-1, T-3, T-6, T-8 and T-9.

5. Attended a mass protest meeting sponsored by the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania on the evening of January 15, 1949, which was held at the Music Hall of the Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny, Federal & East Ohio Streets, Pittsburgh, Pa. The purpose of the meeting was stated to be in protest to "thought control."

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned meeting was verified by T- 3.

6. Was present as an instructor at a Communist Party educational class for group leaders of the North Side Section of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, on January 18, 1949, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The topic of discussion at this class was "capital production."

Subject's presence as an instructor at the above-mentioned meeting was verified by T-3.

7. Was present as a instructor for a Communist Party educational class for the North Side Section Group Captains on February 1, 1949, which was held at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Subject's presence as an instructor at the above-mentioned class was verified by T-3.

8. Was present as an instructor at a Communist Party educational class on the evening of February 15, 1949, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The subject continued the unfinished lesson from an earlier meeting on the negro question, discussing exploitation, discrimination, segregation and denial of rights to the negroes. Subject listed denial of constitutional rights of the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments, disqualification from jury duty, lynching, police terror, systematic insults by books, radios, movies, and the denial to own land in the city, as problems to be considered with regard to the negro question. He stated that the negroes of the United States have the four fundamental characteristics which Marx described as a nation -- a common territory, culture, economic struggle and common speech.

Subject's presence as an instructor at the above-mentioned class was verified by T-3, as well as being able to corroborate the fact that the subject acted as an instructor, discussing the negro question.

9. Was present, on the evening of May 10, 1949, at a meeting of the North Side Communist Party Section, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The purpose of the meeting was to hear a report by the subject on a plenum of the National Committee of the Communist Party-USA, which was held in New York on February 23, 1949. Subject stated, at this meeting, that the Communist Party members should be more active in the Progressive Party.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned meeting was verified by T-3, as well as being able to corroborate the information set forth above.

10. Was present, on September 1, 1949, at the North Side Section Committee meeting of District 5, Communist Party, which was held at 943 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. At this meeting the subject discussed the anti-ROBESON riot at Peekskill, New York.



CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-11, OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, CAN TESTIFY THAT WILLIAM ALBERTSON:

1. Attended a meeting of the State Convention of the Communist Party of West Virginia on December 5, 1948 at 401 Jacobs Street (Brown Building), Charleston, W. Va. Subject made a long speech at this meeting in regard to the progress of the Communist Party in the past thirty-five years. He then took up a discussion of Party activities in West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned convention was verified by T-4.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-12, OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, CAN TESTIFY THAT WILLIAM ALBERTSON:

1. Attended a Communist Party 33rd Congressional District Conference on February 8, 1948, which was held at the Emerson Hall, N. First Street, Duquesne, Pa., from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned conference was verified by T-8.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-13, OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, CAN TESTIFY THAT WILLIAM ALBERTSON:

1. Attended a EUGENE DENNIS mass meeting held at the Carnegie Music Hall, Federal & East Ohio Streets, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa., on February 28, 1948. ROY HUDSON, District 5, Communist Party, Chairman, introduced the subject and, in his introductory speech, stated that ALBERTSON, by being expelled from the University of Pittsburgh, had proven that he is a welcomed member to the Communist fold. Subject spoke on the Un-American Committee and stated that although some of the leaders had been arrested there would be other leaders to take their place. Subject stated that big business and not the people are worried about the situation, and that big business is shivering in its boots about what is going on in Czechoslovakia and all over the world. EUGENE DENNIS, General Secretary, Communist Party-USA, was the principal speaker

at the above-mentioned meeting.

Subject's presence was verified by T-5, who can also corroborate the information set forth above. T-7, T-8, T-9, T-14, T-15 and T-16, can verify subject's presence.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-14, OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, CAN TESTIFY THAT WILLIAM ALBERTSON:

1. Attended the EUGENE DENNIS mass meeting held at the Carnegie Music Hall, Federal & East Ohio Streets, Pittsburgh, Pa., on February 28, 1948. EUGENE DENNIS, General Secretary, Communist Party-USA, was the principal speaker. The subject also spoke on the origin of the Communist Party, reviewing how Marx and ENGELS started the Party in Russia and how the several different countries in Europe have changed their policies to that of the Communist Party and are now enjoying genuine freedom under Soviet Russian control.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned meeting was verified by T-5, T-7, T-8, T-9, T-13, T-15 and T-16.

2. Was present at a membership meeting of the South Side Communist Community Club on September 9, 1949, which was held at 537 Cabot Way, South Side, Pittsburgh, Pa. Subject spoke on "the 30th anniversary of the Party and its history." He related the early history of the Party following the first World War and explained how the Communist Party and the Communist Labor Party, originally two separate organizations, had compromised their differences in 1921 and consolidated into the unified Party as it now stands. Subject described the growth of the Party from its early membership of 7,000 to its present membership of 75,000; and he asserted that the Party had been instrumental in bringing about such social reforms as unemployment insurance, higher wages, old age pensions and other benefits for the working class.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned meeting was verified by T-9, who can also corroborate the fact that the subject spoke regarding the history of the Communist Party.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-15, OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, CAN TESTIFY THAT WILLIAM ALBERTSON:

1. Attended the EUGENE DENNIS mass meeting held at the Carnegie Music Hall, Federal & East Ohio Streets, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa., on February 28, 1948, at which meeting subject spoke on the deportation of aliens and so-called American citizens.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned meeting was verified by T-5, T-7, T-8, T-9, T-13, T-14 and T-16.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-16, OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, CAN TESTIFY THAT WILLIAM ALBERTSON:

1. Attended the EUGENE DENNIS mass meeting held at the Carnegie Music Hall, Federal & East Ohio Streets, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa., on February 28, 1948, at which the subject spoke on the WALLACE campaign and the Un-American methods of the FBI in connection with the arrest and detention at Ellis Island of champions of the working man.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned meeting was verified by T-5, T-7, T-8, T-9, T-13, T-14 and T-15.

2. Was present and conducted a Communist Party educational class of the North Side Section group leaders on January 11, 1949, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. This was the first in a series of six classes. Subject stated that some of the topics to be studied and discussed during the course would be: Imperialism drawing towards war; fighting for peace and democracy; how we fight democracy; the negro question; differences in minority groups; relationship of the negro to the working class; problems of Socialism in the United States; how Socialism operates in the Soviet Republic; the kind of Party the Communist Party is; what we strive for; and the use of Marxism to fight the every day struggle.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned class was verified by T-3.

II. SUBJECT'S KNOWLEDGE OF THE REVOLUTIONARY AIMS AND PURPOSES OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-3, OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, CAN TESTIFY THAT WILLIAM ALBERTSON:

1. Attended the 80th Birthday Banquet sponsored by the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania in honor of PAT CUSH, an old time militant Pittsburgh Communist, which was held on the evening of October 31, 1947 at the Fort Pitt Hotel, 10th & Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. Informant advised that at this meeting ANDREW ONDA, Communist Party, District 5, Steel Organizer, delivered an address which he regarded as being one of the most inflammatory speeches made within recent years by a Communist Party member. ONDA's speech frequently made reference to the Bolshevik revolution, the struggle of the people against the Capitalists, and intimated that such a struggle would come to the United States sometime in the near future. ONDA stressed that the Capitalists in this country are already frightened..
2. Was present as an instructor at a Communist Party educational class for group leaders of the North Side Section on January 18, 1949, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The class was devoted to a discussion of the "Theory and Practice of Communism." Subject stated that the Socialist Labor Party teaches that the fight is won if the economic struggle can be won; that the Anarchists teach that the fight is won if the political struggle is won; but that the Communists teach that the struggle can be won only by winning on the economic, political and ideological fronts. During the course of the evening subject also stated that China has been liberated and that word might be expected any day of an upheaval within Italy or France, which will in turn finish the U. S. Marshall Plan.  
  
Subject's presence as an instructor at the above-mentioned class was verified by T-10.
3. Was an instructor at a Communist Party educational class held on January 25, 1949 for leaders of the North Side

Section of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The class discussed Imperialism as set out in the "Marxist Study Book.I." Subject stated that the United States is now in the Imperialistic stage of Capitalism, and that the next stage will be Socialism. With reference to the accusations made against the Communist advocacy of force and violence, JOE MANKIN, North Side Section Organizer, pointed out that MARX and LENIN both taught that a peaceful revolution is impossible. Subject said that MANKIN's statement was not true, and that "we must be very careful, especially at the present time, in how we answer this question." According to the subject, force and violence is the result of the Capitalists' resistance to change. He elaborated that it was the Capitalists who cause force and violence by the workers; that if the majority of the people want Socialism and the Capitalists will not give up, then the only way the people can get Socialism is by fighting for it. As an example, he stated that if workers are out on strike and the company tries to bring in "scabs", the workers resist. As a result, the company calls the police and the latter begin to club the workers, leaving the workers in a position where they have to defend themselves, their economy and their jobs. MANKIN argued that the "Communist Manifesto" set out that a revolution was not possible without violent overthrow. Subject answered that peaceful change is possible only if the Capitalists give up their way of living without a fight. Subject continued that it would have been possible to achieve a peaceful change in the Soviet Union, except that events made it necessary for LENIN to use force and violence. Subject added that a peaceful transition to Socialism could have been achieved in China, except for the fact that American and British Imperialists armed the reactionary Chinese Government and made it necessary to use force to bring Socialism to that country. Subject admitted that when the Capitalists will not give up their way of life without a fight, and the majority of the people want Socialism, then the only way to get it is by resorting to force. The conclusions drawn by the subject were that it is the Capitalists who control the Army and the police force, and who start the use of

force and violence. The workers merely defend themselves because the Capitalists will not give up without a fight. He also stated that in the past it had been necessary to organize the workers for a struggle; that at the present time such organization was not necessary; but that one could not say that it would not again be necessary at some future date. The subject concluded the class by condemning EARLY BROWDER for having tried to cooperate with Capitalism and for attempting to reach the stage of Socialism by a peaceful means.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned meeting was verified by T-10 and T-16, and they are able to corroborate the information set forth above regarding the argument between MARKIN and the subject with reference to force and violence.

4. Was present as an instructor at the weekly Communist Party educational class of the North Side Section of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, which was held on February 1, 1949 at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The class dealt with Imperialism, war and Fascism. Subject presented the question "Is War inevitable under the Capitalistic system?" He answered this question by stating that Capitalism inevitably breeds war, but that war is not inevitable under Capitalism -- if the people do not want to fight the Capitalists can not compel them to fight. Informant advised that most of the individuals in attendance were of the belief that war is inevitable under Capitalism, but the subject answered that if this were so, what was the purpose of the Communist Party in working for peace. He reiterated that although Capitalism breeds war, if "we" can convince enough workers that war is not necessary, there will not be war; otherwise, subject continued, there would be no purpose in the Communist Party waging a peace struggle. Subject remarked that if the Capitalists in Italy and France attempt to take those countries into war the people will not fight -- certainly they will not fight the Soviet Union. He added that it was also doubtful whether the people of Great Britain would support a Capitalistic war.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned meeting was verified by T-10, as well as corroborating the fact that the subject acted as an instructor.

5. Was present as an instructor at the Marxist and Leninist Class of the North Side Section leaders of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania on February 8, 1949, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The class was based on Lesson III entitled "War and Fascism" as contained in the "Theory and Practice of the Communist Party - Leninist Study Series I", which was prepared by the National Educational Department of the Communist Party. Under subject's guidance the class discussed whether the first World War was a just war, and it was finally decided that it was an unjust, Imperialistic war. It was stated that the second war was different from the first, and subject quoted STALIN by stating that the entry of the Soviet Union into the second World War strengthened the anti-Fascist and liberating character of the war. Subject stated that the American Communist Party had been wrong when it had branded World War II as an Imperialistic war during 1940 and 1941. He stated that the slogan of "The yanks are not coming" et cetera, and the entire Communist Party program of opposition to the war was a mistake.
6. Was present as an instructor at a Marxist school of the North Side Section of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania on March 1, 1949, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. During the course of the class, subject pointed out the dangers of white chauvinism. Also at the meeting, subject mentioned "we would not support a war against the Eastern European democracies or the Soviet Union or against Puerto Rico if the United States went to war against those countries, because their patriotism is to the people and not to the Capitalist class. As Marxists their patriotism is to the people, not the Capitalists." In answer to a question as to how the Communist Party discussed the issue of Socialism with the workers, subject emphasized that "we work and struggle for the immediate needs of the workers, and while we do this we educate the working class to the needs and aims of Socialism." In answer to a question as to whether the United States was ready for Socialism, subject stated that the United States



is "rotten ripe" for Socialism. He added that this country had reached the highest stage of Capitalism -- Imperialism, and that Socialism would come to this country when the people were ready for it. He concluded that the people would be ready when the Communist Party, as the vanguard, convinced the workers that the Socialist program is the correct program.

7. Was present as an instructor, on March 8, 1948, at a Communist Party educational class of the North Side Section of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The lesson was based upon Lesson 5, Book I, Marxist Study Series entitled "Socialism." Subject developed the features of the Socialist system in the Soviet Union, mentioning: (1). common ownership and operation of the national economy, (2). production for use, (3) leadership of the working class, (4). political domination of the working people.
8. Attended a meeting of the leading cadres of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania on the evening of March 8, 1949, which was held at the Jewish Cultural Center, 6328 Forbes Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. At this meeting, STEVE NELSON, District 5, Chairman, delivered the principal report in which he stated "if, despite the efforts of the peace forces of America and the world, Wall Street should succeed in plunging the world into war, we would oppose it as an unjust, aggressive and Imperialistic war, and as an undemocratic and anti-Socialist war, destructive of the deepest interests of the American people and American traditions."
9. Was present as an instructor at the final session of a Marxist class of the North Side Section of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania held on March 22, 1949 at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The class was based upon Lesson 6 of Marxist Study Series I -- "Theory and Practice of the Communist Party." With reference to the structure of the Communist Party, subject stated that the Shop Branch was the basic branch, as compared with the Industrial and Community Branches. He stated that the character of the CIO would be a lot different than it is today if the Communist Party had four or five members in the one hundred Shop Branches in the Steel, Auto and Electrical Districts. He then cited several examples of how the Communist Party has given the impression of having more memberships in Shop Branches than actually exist. He stated that a comrade

named JIM WEST of Gary, Indiana, had recently related, at a meeting of the "Daily Worker" editors, held in Pittsburgh, Pa., that a non-Communist had once mentioned to WEST that the Communists could accomplish much more in a certain Gary, Indiana steel plant if they had four or five thousand members instead of one thousand. "The truth," stated ALBERTSON, "was that there were only about a dozen Communist members in the above steel plant, but their activities had given the average steelworker the impression of a large Communist Party membership." He also stated that each Party member in a shop should attempt to get four or five non-Party members to work in conjunction with him so that when a non-Party member champions the same program as that advocated by the Communists at a meeting, he would also be looked upon as a Communist. Subject continued that the history of the Russian Revolution revealed that the revolution was led by the Shop Branches, and that all Communist say the workers will lead the revolution with our Party as the vanguard.

With regard to the democratic centralism of the Communist Party, subject compared the general staff of the Army to the Communist Party National Committee. He stated that the Communist Party is both democratic and politically central -- democratic in the sense that the National leadership is chosen at the National Conventions and is entrusted with the responsibility of leading the Party in policy, direction and method. He continued that all Communist Party members are bound by the rule of the convention to abide by the decisions of the chosen representatives of the Party, and that Comrades STALIN and LENIN had both stressed the necessity of democratic centralism.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-10, OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, CAN TESTIFY THAT WILLIAM ALBERTSON:

1. Was present as an instructor at a Communist Party educational class held on January 25, 1949 at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., for the leaders of the North Side Section of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania. During this meeting, an individual named JOE MANKIN, North Side Section Organizer, argued with the subject regarding force and violence. MANKIN argued that Socialism could not come in the United States

or Great Britain without force and violence. Subject stated that Socialism could come in the United States by peaceful means. He stated that no force was necessary to bring about Socialism if "the ideology was taken to the masses."

Subject's presence as an instructor was verified by T-3 and T-16, who can also corroborate that a discussion was had between the subject and HANKIN regarding force and violence.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-11, OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, CAN TESTIFY THAT WILLIAM ALBERTSON:

1. Attended a meeting of the Communist Party National Coal Commission on September 6, 1947 at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. At this meeting, JOE WILLIAMSON, member, Communist Party-USA, National Board, told those present to go back to their homes and start as much action as possible against the Taft-Hartley Labor Bill. Subject criticized the American help to Greece and Turkey and stated that the United States was seeking to cause a third war. Also at this meeting, JOHNNY MITCHELL, prominent Communist Party figure, Communist Party, District 6, claimed great progress in organizing the Party, and stated that he wanted to talk about the revolution that is expected soon. Upon this statement, MITCHELL was applauded, and the members gathered around him with their eyes shining with revolution light. MITCHELL stated that this great day could be hastened by work within the Army and Navy, and among the negro people.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-16, OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, CAN TESTIFY THAT WILLIAM ALBERTSON:

1. Was present as an instructor of a Communist Party educational class for the North Side Section of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, which was held on January 25, 1949 at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. Imperialism was the topic of discussion at the meeting. The highlight of the meeting came when JOE HANKIN, North Side Section Organizer, expressed the opinion that Communism would come to this country by force and violence. Subject stated that this was not necessarily true. Subject gave as an example how force and violence came about

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by citing an instance where during the course of protecting one's job from a "scab" a striker could be struck on the head by a "cop", and in turn the striker would naturally follow the first law of nature and strike the "cop" in self-defense, although the striker did not use force and violence until he was compelled to.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned meeting as an instructor was verified by T-3 and T-10, who are also able to corroborate the information regarding the argument between the subject and MANKIN with regard to force and violence.

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III. IDENTIFICATION RECORD

The Identification Division of the Bureau advised, by letter dated December 12, 1949, that they were unable to identify any record for the subject on the basis of the information furnished. Prior to this date, a complete description of the subject was furnished to the Identification Division.

ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

Although the admissibility of evidence set forth hereinafter is questionable, it is being set forth as of possible value upon cross-examination or for use before a hearing board where ordinary rules of evidence may be relaxed.

I. SUBJECT'S MEMBERSHIP IN AND AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-17, OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, CAN TESTIFY THAT WILLIAM ALBERTSON:

1. Was present on September 7, 1947 at a meeting of the National Communist Party Mining Commission, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. It was stated that the Party has about four hundred members in mining today, which was considered too small a group to fit the needs of the Party.
2. Attended a meeting on the morning of November 1, 1947 of Communist Party leaders at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. At this meeting, PHIL BART, District 3, Communist Party, functionary, gave a resume of recent political differences in Philadelphia, including the meeting where Governor JAMES DUFF attended and appointed the first negro judge in the State of Pennsylvania. ROY HUDSON, District 5, Chairman, gave a brief resume of the Western Pennsylvania election situation.
3. Attended a meeting on November 8, 1947 of the Crucible Club of District 5, Communist Party, which was held at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. At this meeting, the discussion was concerned with the SONNY ROBINSON-ZIGGY PASZKOWSKI case against the United Steel Workers.
4. Was present at a meeting of the membership Secretaries of the clubs comprising the Pittsburgh City Section of District 5, Communist Party, on December 15, 1947 at 8:30 PM, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. Subject delivered the principal address with respect to membership books, dues, et cetera.

5. Attended a meeting on January 7, 1948 of the Executive Committee of the North Side, Pittsburgh, Communist Community Club, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The meeting was called to discuss the proposed split of the North Side Branch into smaller branches pursuant to a recent decision of the National Board not to have any branch with more than about thirty members.
6. Was present at a meeting of the Club Membership Secretaries in District 5, Communist Party, at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., on January 12, 1948. In addition to a discussion on the registration of members and how to maintain membership books correctly, subject talked on the Third Party Movement.
7. Attended a meeting of the City Committee of District 5, Communist Party, which was held on January 14, 1948 at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The items discussed were: 1948 elections, the proposed City Council to reorganize the City Section, and a very brief comment by the subject regarding the Lenin Memorial Mass Meeting on April 29, 1948 -- (a short discussion on the latter item due to the time element).
8. Attended a special District Buro meeting of District 5, Communist Party on the morning of January 17, 1948, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. Subject delivered the principal address at the meeting, with a general discussion with regard to the Third Party Movement and the Communist Party fund drive.
9. Attended a meeting of the Club Membership Secretaries of District 5, Communist Party, which was held on the evening of February 9, 1948 at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The meeting was the first in a series of educational classes for Club Membership Secretaries.
10. Was present at a meeting of the Steel Commission of District 5, Communist Party, which was held on the evening of February 18, 1948, at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the wage struggle of the United Steel Workers and the HENRY WALLACE Third Party Movement.



11. Attended a meeting of the leading functionaries of District 5, Communist Party, on February 29, 1948 at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., where EUGENE DENNIS, General Secretary, Communist Party-USA, was present. The discussion was concerned with the Third Party Movement and the mass meeting of the previous night sponsored by District 5, Communist Party, and featured DENNIS as the principal speaker.
12. Attended a meeting of the leaders of District 5, Communist Party, which was held on April 14, 1948 at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. At this meeting, GABOR KISH, Washington County Section Organizer, spoke on the mining situation. ROY HUDSON, District 5, Chairman, spoke about the campaign of "intimidation" being waged by the "Pittsburgh Press". The subject spoke at this meeting on the "Worker" drive.
13. Attended a meeting on May 2, 1948 of District 5, Communist Party members, who were employed in the steel mills in the Pittsburgh area, which was held at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., at 4:00 PM. SAM LEE, Monongahela Valley Section Organizer, gave a report on conditions in "steel" and the results of his activities in Arguesne, Homestead and McKeesport, Pa., where he had been most active.
14. Attended a meeting on May 4, 1948 of District 5, Communist Party members active in the AFL, as well as other trade unions, which was held at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The meeting was called to introduce LOUIS WEINSTOCK, Assistant National Labor Secretary, Communist Party-USA, who made the principal address.
15. Was present on May 26, 1948 at a meeting of the District Board and other active members of District 5, Communist Party, which was held at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. Subject stated the meeting had been called upon quick notice to work out emergency steps in regard to a delegation of individuals to go to Washington, D. C., to protest the Mundt Bill.
16. Attended, on June 6, 1948, a meeting of active Communists of District 5, Communist Party, which was held at the Music

Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The meeting was called to discuss preliminary proposals on the District Convention; to draft a resolution for the National Convention; and to discuss the Mundt Bill.

17. Was present, on June 9, 1948, at a meeting of the leaders of District 5, Communist Party, which was held at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The principal discussion of the evening was concerned with the Convention of the United Steel Workers of America and the "alleged anti-Red atmosphere."
18. Was present at a meeting on June 18, 1948 of the Steel Commission of District 5, Communist Party, which was held at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. There was a general discussion and criticism, at this meeting, of some of the Right-Wing leaders of the United Steel Workers of America.
19. Attended a meeting on June 30, 1948 of the Communist leaders of the Pittsburgh City Section of District 5, Communist Party, which was held at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The opening discussion was in regard to the reorganization of the City into four sections, along the lines of the Congressional Districts. The last item of discussion was the disagreement between TITO and the Cominform.
20. Attended a meeting on July 1, 1948 of the District Board of District 5, Communist Party, which was held at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. Most of the discussion, at the first part of this meeting, centered on the negro activities. The second point of discussion was the difficulties and problems encountered by the Communist Party in the Washington Section.
21. Was present, on July 14, 1948, at a meeting of the District Committee, District 5, Communist Party, which was held at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. At this meeting, subject discussed the organization of the District Committee and its District Board -- and that the members of each were going to be combined into a new District Committee.

22. Was present, on July 19, 1948, at a meeting of the Secretaries of the Communist Clubs in the Pittsburgh Section of District 5 Communist Party, which was held at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. At this meeting, there was a discussion of the financial situation of the City Section which, according to the books, would appear to be solvent; however, it was stated that they still owe \$1,620.00.
23. Attended a meeting on July 22, 1948 of the District Committee of District 5, Communist Party, which was held at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The issues discussed at this meeting were (1). a special session of Congress, (2). reorganization of the District Committee, (3) the report on the Communist Party picnic, (4). a report on the Philadelphia convention.
24. Attended a meeting of Club Secretaries of District 5, Communist Party on August 2, 1948 at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. It was announced by the subject that this would be the last meeting of the Secretaries on a City scale since the area was being divided into four sections.
25. Was present on August 30, 1948 at a meeting of the District Committee of District 5, Communist Party, which was held at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The topic of discussion was the negro question, and it was stated that the District had decided that it was necessary to establish a Negro Commission to deal with the whole problem. Subject stated that if they attempted to solve the negro question separately and apart from day to day work in basic industry, they are doomed for failure, as the negro question must be treated as an integral part of their basic industrial concentration.
26. Met with a small group of Communist Party members on September 8, 1948 at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., for the purpose of developing a system of leadership for the Section Organizers of District 5, Communist Party.
27. Attended, on September 12, 1948, a meeting of the Communist Party Steel Commission of District 5, Communist Party, which

was held at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The points discussed at this meeting were: (1). the steel-workers for WALLACE conference to be held on September 19, 1948, (2). the report of SAM REED, Section Organizer of the Monongahela Valley, (3). the organization and functions of the Steel Commission.

28. Attended a meeting of the District Committee of District 5, Communist Party, on September 13, 1948, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. Subject stated, at this meeting, that the United States Government claimed the 1945 Communist Party convention advocated the overthrow of the United States Government by force and violence. Subject stated that the National Board was not elected until two years after this, that is, 1947, and that the fifty-five members of the National Committee elected in 1945 were not indicted; and that no overt act was charged, but the Government merely said "advocated."
29. Was present at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., on September 13, 1948 for a meeting of the District Committee of District 5, Communist Party. The question of recommending an individual to be a section organizer for the proposed North Side Section was the topic of discussion.
30. Attended a meeting of the 29th Congressional District Section Conference of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, held on September 17, 1948 at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. At this meeting, subject stated that this particular section was set up to facilitate getting a greater number of members together at one time in that particular area.
31. Was present, on the evening of September 27, 1948, for a meeting of the District Committee of District 5, Communist Party, which was held at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. At this meeting, a general discussion was held concerning the progress of the Progressive Party Movement in the Pittsburgh area.
32. Attended a meeting of the Steel Commission of District 5, Communist Party, on the morning of October 3, 1948 at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. It was stated, at this meeting,

that there was growing antagonism against the leadership of the Steel Workers of America and the Communist Party must take advantage of the situation.

33. Attended a meeting on October 4, 1948 of the Youth Commission, District 5, Communist Party, held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. At this meeting, subject stated that the various Youth Clubs must elect delegates to the Party Youth Convention to be held on October 9, 1948 at a downtown hotel.
34. Was present at a meeting of the District 5, Communist Party, District Committee on October 11, 1948 at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. At this meeting, the subject stated that Communist Party-USA Headquarters had decided upon four districts of major concentration centers, including Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan and Illinois, and that they have also aimed at seven major industries for concentration including five CIO, one AFL and one independent union. These include the steel industry, automobile, packing, marine and electrical (all CIO); building trades (AFL); and machinists (Independent). He stated that mining might be included as the eighth concentration.
35. Was present on October 14, 1948 at a meeting of the Section Organizational Secretaries of District 5, Communist Party, which was held at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. Subject stated that there should be no mailing lists of only Communist Party members, and anyone found to have same would have charges filed against them within the Communist Party.
36. Was present on the morning of October 19, 1948, at an informal meeting held by the Communist Party, District 5, staff at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., for the purpose of exchanging opinions on the subject of cutting the staff as part of the retrenching of District 5, Communist Party.
37. Was present at noon on October 23, 1948 at a meeting of the staff of District 5, Communist Party, who met at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., to consider the reduction of the staff. Subject stated, at this meeting,

that those to be dropped from the payroll of District 5, Communist Party, were SAM REED and DAVE GRANT.

38. Was present at a meeting of District 5, Communist Party, District Board, which was held on October 23, 1948 at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. At this meeting, the subject stated that the current goal of the Communist Party-USA is to recruit 5,000 new members from basic industries.
39. Attended a meeting of District 5, Communist Party, Organizational-Educational Commission, on the morning of November 20, 1948, which was held at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. It was reported, at this meeting, that GEORGE SISKIND, Communist Party-USA, Organizational-Educational Commission, would be in Pittsburgh for two weeks to conduct classes for group leaders.
40. Attended a meeting of the Section Committee of the Monongahela Valley Section of District 5, Communist Party, which was held at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., on the evening of November 27, 1948. At this meeting, a discussion was had regarding registration within the Monongahela Valley Section. SAM REED, Monongahela Valley Section Organizer, also announced that a social of about thirty-five members would be held on December 5, 1948 at Emerson Hall, N. First Street, Duquesne, Pa., in connection with the subscription campaign for the "Worker."
41. Attended a meeting of District 5, Communist Party Section Organizers on the evening of December 2, 1948, which was held at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. At this meeting, subject discussed dues collections for the first eleven months of 1948, as well as circulation of the "Worker" in District 5.
42. Attended a special meeting of the staff members of District 5, Communist Party, and certain union officials to hear a report on the CIO Portland, Oregon, Convention, by STANLEY LONEY, member of United Electrical District 6 Council, which was held on December 8, 1948 at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. LONEY stated that the CIO had made a complete change in policy, and every speech was an attack upon the Communists and the Left-Wing.

43. Attended a meeting of District 5, Communist Party, functionaries on the morning of December 9, 1948, which was held at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The meeting was a seminar on the National Election Campaign to orientate the Communist Party to its concentration tasks, and GEORGE SISKIND, from the Communist Party-USA Office, presented an outline for the teaching of classes on a group basis.
44. Attended a meeting of District 5, Communist Party, Organization-Education, on the morning of December 11, 1948, which was held at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. At this meeting, subject spoke briefly regarding District 5 memberships. He also stated that he was of the opinion that Shanghai, China, would not be liberated by the Communist Army but from within.
45. Attended a meeting on the morning of December 13, 1948, of an educational class which was held at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., and the topic of discussion was Imperialism and its relation to the Labor Movement today.
46. Attended an educational class held on the morning of December 16, 1948 at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. At this meeting, JACK SARTISKEY, District 5, Communist Party, member, reported on the subject of trade union ideology, class consciousness and the role of the Party. In the following discussion subject stated that trade union leaders, who are Communists, should openly support the Communist Party program, and those leaders who agree with the Party line but are not Party members should also openly support the program of the Communist Party.
47. Was present at a meeting of the Communist Party, District 5, Section Organizational Secretaries on the evening of December 16, 1948, which was held at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. Subject reviewed the financial system of the District 5, Communist Party, and stated that uniform records would be kept on a District level only.
48. Attended a meeting of District 5, Communist Party, Coal Commission on the afternoon of December 18, 1948, which met at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The

discussion was in regard to the various labor leaders and primarily concerned JOHN L. LEWIS, United Mine Workers of America President.

49. Was present, on the evening of December 30, 1948, at a meeting of District 5, Communist Party Section Organizational Secretaries, which met at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. At this meeting, the subject went over the incomplete registration figures for 1949. He stated that each group using the Music Studio in the future would be required to handle their own expenses.
50. Attended a meeting of District 5, Communist Party; members on the morning of January 9, 1949 at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. Individuals present at this meeting were Communist Party members connected with the steel industry or the Monongahela Section of the Communist Party. At this meeting ANDREW ONDA, Monongahela Valley Section Organizer, gave an hour long report on the proceedings of the recent National Steel Commission meeting.
51. Attended an educational class on Communism on the evening of January 11, 1949; which was held at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The subject was the class instructor and stated that the objective of this class was a closer understanding of the Marxist Theory; and that the class would cover (1). nature of Capitalism in the class struggle today, (2). materialism, its meaning and basic features, (3). the question of world Fascism, (4). the question of Socialism.
52. Was present, on the morning of January 29, 1949, at a meeting of District 5, Communist Party, District Committee, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. It was announced that the two points on the agenda for the morning session were the fund drive and Party registration. At the afternoon session; the subject reported on the proposed 1949 budget.
53. Was present as an instructor at a District 5, Communist Party, educational class for the leaders of the North Side Section of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, which was held on February 1, 1949, at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The subject discussed the rise of Imperialism, the present status



of Capitalism, and the political and economic divisions of the world.

54. Attended a Communist Party educational class for leaders of the North Side Section of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania on February 8, 1949, at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The subject stated that there were two forces in the world today working for peace -- the Communist Party and the Catholic church. He stated that the Catholic Hierarchy, as distinguished from the Catholic church, is a force in favor of war, and the Communist Party must speak out against individuals like Cardinal SPELLMAN of New York and Father RICE of Pittsburgh.
55. Attended a meeting, on the evening of February 15, 1949, which was a Communist Party educational class held for the Communist Party members of the North Side Section of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. At this meeting, the subject discussed the negro question, stating that the four things which make up a nation are present in the South, namely, a common heritage, territory, culture and a common language.
56. Was present at a Communist Party educational class for leaders of the North Side Section of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania on February 15, 1949, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. At this meeting, the subject acted as an instructor and discussed the negro question.
57. Was present as an instructor on the evening of March 1, 1949 at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., attending a Communist Party educational class held for leading members of the North Side Section of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania. The principal topics of discussion were that of the negro question and the Communist Party.
58. Was present at a meeting of a Communist Party educational class for leaders of the North Side Section of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania on March 8, 1949, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. Subject discussed and praised the doctrines of Socialism at this meeting.
59. Was present, on March 22, 1949, for the last in a series of

Communist Party educational seminars, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The subject outlined the organization of the Communist Party from the National Committee to the Branches, stating that the three basic types of Branches included the Shop, Industrial and Community; however, the key Branch is that of the Shop Branch, which is where the class struggle is concentrated.

60. Was present, on April 1, 1949, at a meeting at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., which was called by District 5, Communist Party, for the purpose of forming a security squad under the leadership of the subject to function for the April 2, 1949 Communist Party mass meeting to be held at Carnegie Hall, Federal & East Ohio Streets, Pittsburgh, Pa.
61. Was present at a meeting of leading District 5, Communist Party, members, which was held at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., on April 30, 1949. The subject reported on a National Plenum recently held in New York City, and discussed the defense of the twelve Communist Party leaders on trial in New York.
62. Was present at an enlarged North Side Communist Party Section Executive Committee meeting, which was held on May 10, 1949 at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. At this meeting, the subject reported upon a National Communist Party-USA Plenum which had been held the weekend of April 23, 24, 1949 in New York City. Subject set forth the major tasks for the Communist Party-USA as well as for District 5, Communist Party.

"NEW YORK DAILY WORKER"  
March 4, 1948

The March 4, 1948 issue of the "New York Daily Worker" carried an article on page 7, columns 4 and 5, that an open membership meeting would be held at the Irving Plaza Hall, Irving Place & 15th Street, New York City, at 7:30 PM, Thursday, March 4, 1948. The article set forth that the meeting was sponsored by the Furniture Section of the Communist Party. The article further stated that WILLIAMSON could not be there; however, one could hear BILL ALBERTSON, Assistant National Labor Secretary, speak on "Problems of

Organized Labor Today" and protest un-American deportation.

"The Worker", Pennsylvania Edition  
August 1, 1948

The August 1, 1948 issue of the Pennsylvania edition of "The Worker" carried an article in Section III, page 1, column 1, which was written by WILLIAM ALBERTSON. ALBERTSON discussed the problems of concentration and Party building in Western Pennsylvania. He stated that the Communist Party, well organized and extensively and actively supported by the working class, is the only way to promote the struggle of the working class. The Party should be built along political ideological and organizational lines, and primarily among the basic industrial workers. He cited the achievements of the Party in the Pittsburgh District, making reference to the steel, coal and electrical workers' economic gains, and the organized resistance to the Mundt-Nixon Bill. He mentioned that one way to increase growth in the Communist Party in influence and membership is to concentrate on steel, mining and electrical workers, and also the negroes; and that the Communist Party should take an active part in any questions arising in relation to the foregoing. He stated that the main industrial base of the Party in this area is in the electrical organizations, and that this base must be strengthened; that the Party must not be content to concern themselves only with wages, WALLACE agitation, and the building of the Progressive Party organizations, but must attempt to win the minds of the workers ideologically to make them class conscious and to mobilize them for the fight for peace and against war; and that they may understand and fight against the Marshall Plan and thus realize the advantages of Socialism. This concentration, he stated, means that every organization in which the Party has influence must develop the theories of class consciousness. The year 1948 was announced to be the year of building for the Party, and that all decisions coming from higher levels on Party policy should be brought to execution by the masses. He mentioned the matter of Communists, stating that they were individuals who had voluntarily accepted the position of leading the working class to win for them the reorganization of the Capitalist society through a Social society. He cautioned about the infiltration of non-believers and urged the highest degree of vigilance to assist in wiping them out.

II. SUBJECT'S KNOWLEDGE OF THE REVOLUTIONARY AIMS AND PURPOSES OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-17, OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, CAN TESTIFY THAT WILLIAM ALBERTSON:

1. Was present on April 5, 1948 at a meeting of the Club Membership Secretaries of the Pittsburgh City Section, District 5, Communist Party, which was held at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. Subject stated that the Communist Party is the "working class Party", and struggling for future interests for the working class. He stated that the Communist Party is a militant Party, a revolutionary Party, in the sense that it is going to lead the struggle of the working class for revolutionary changes and the abolition of Capitalism. He stated that during the war strikes would have retarded the working class. He also stated that if war against the Soviet Union were to break out today it would advance the working class. Social democrats would holler from their housetops that strikes would retard the interests of the working man, but the Communists know that strikes would advance the interests of the working class. He cautioned those present that the working class was not a unified class, and the Communist Party is not the only force within the working class. Subject stated that all Party work must be to design and change the masses for the revolutionary struggle for power. He elaborated on this statement by stating that in using the term "revolutionary" he meant a "basic qualitative change." He indicated that the form the struggle will take depends on circumstances and the bourgeoisie.
2. Attended a meeting of trade unionists of District 5, Communist Party on April 26, 1948 at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The subject discussed trade unions and their functions from the Marxist point of view. Subject stated that trade union work taught the Communists the necessity for revolution (not revolution by firearms but by a slow change from Capitalism to Socialism). He stated that the Communist Party is the only organization to lead the fight.
3. Was present, on January 25, 1948, at a Communist Party educational class for leaders of the North Side Section of the Communist

Party of Western Pennsylvania, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. At this meeting, subject mentioned a revolutionary leader named KARL KAUTSKY, who developed a theory which LENIN was able to fight victoriously. MANKIN, North Side Section Organizer, then stated that KAUTSKY theory was that the working class should use peaceful means to get what they wanted, and that LENIN advocated the use of force and violence. Subject then contradicted MANKIN, stating that the Communist Party states that Communism can come with or without panic. The subject then stated that the Communist Party was very cautious today about what they said concerning force and violence; that violence to overthrow the Capitalistic class is something that neither Communists or Marxists are in favor of; and that THOMAS JEFFERSON, who was neither a Communist nor a Marxist, stated revolution was necessary every twenty years. Subject stated that the working class is coming into power, and that the Capitalists and Imperialists cannot solve the problems of the working class, and therefore Socialism must come and come willingly unless the Capitalists shed blood. He stated that the Communist Party was in favor of a peaceful transition to Socialism, and that so far the United States has had a peaceful transition to Socialism. He stated that "if anybody tells you that the working class takes over by force and violence, and if they say they take over by peaceful means, both ideas are wrong, because we don't know." He further stated "there is no answer to this problem today, because things are changing every day. The only way we (Communist Party) can count on winning is to get the working class on our side and to the extent that we take away the control of the Capitalists to such an extent that we will have a peaceful transition." The subject stated that the Communist Party opposed force and violence the same way they opposed force and violence in a strike. If a policeman lets "scabs" walk through a picket line, then the working class is going to defend its rights. If the working class wants Socialism and the Capitalists use the Army to keep the working class from getting Socialism, then the Communist Party will fight to protect their rights.

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One copy of this report is being furnished to the New York Office. Inasmuch as the subject formerly resided in New York and inasmuch as the subject is one of the top functionaries of the Communist Party-USA.

THE PITTSBURGH DIVISION

AT PITTSBURGH, PA.

Will continue to follow and report the Communist activities of the subject, tending to prove (1). ALBERTSON's membership in and affiliation with the Communist Party, and (2). ALBERTSON's knowledge of the revolutionary aims and purposes of the Communist Party.

INFORMANT SECTION

T-1 is [ ] who is an active paid confidential informant of the Pittsburgh Office. This informant is a member of the Communist Party, his identity has never been divulged, and informant is available and able to testify. This informant is considered reliable.

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Information furnished by [ ] covering activities on the dates designated below, was received by the following Bureau employees on the dates indicated:

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6- 1-49	SA THOMAS T. WILKINSON	6- 3-49
6- 7-49	SA [ ]	6- 9-49
7- 9-49	SA [ ]	7-27-49
7-11-49	SA [ ]	7-27-49
8-12-49	SA [ ]	9-19-49
8-24-49	SA [ ]	9- 2-49
8-30-49	SA [ ]	9- 2-49
9- 8-49	SA [ ]	9-19-49

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T-2 is [ ] who was a former paid confidential informant of the Pittsburgh Office. This informant was a member of the Communist Party, but is not at the present time. The informant is considered reliable, his identity has never been divulged, and he is available and able to testify.

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T-3 is [ ] who is an active paid confidential informant of the Pittsburgh Office. This informant, who is a member of the Communist Party, is considered reliable, his identity has never been divulged, and he is available and able to testify.

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8-11-49	SA [ ]	8-15-49

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SA JOSEPH F. CONDON  
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T-4 is [REDACTED] who is an active paid confidential informant of the Pittsburgh Office. Informant is presently a member of the Communist Party. This informant is considered reliable, his identity has never been divulged, and he is available and able to testify.

T-5 is [REDACTED] who is an active paid confidential informant of the Pittsburgh Office. Informant is presently a member of the Communist Party. This informant is considered reliable, his identity has never been divulged, and he is available and able to testify.

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T-6 is [REDACTED] who is an active paid confidential informant of the Pittsburgh Office. This informant is a member of the Communist Party, and his identity has never been divulged. Informant is considered reliable and is available and able to testify.

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8-28-49	SA THOMAS T. WILKINSON	9- 2-49

T-7 is [REDACTED] who is an active paid confidential informant of the Pittsburgh Office. This informant, who is a member of the Communist Party, is considered reliable, his identity has never been divulged, and is available and able to testify.

T-8 is [REDACTED] who was formerly Bureau informant [REDACTED] is an active and paid confidential informant of the Pittsburgh Office. This informant is a member of the Communist Party, is considered reliable, his identity has never been divulged, and is available and able to testify.

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6-30-49	SA THOMAS T. WILKINSON	7- 1-49
8-28-49	SA THOMAS T. WILKINSON	9- 2-49

T-9 is [ ] who is an active paid confidential informant of the Pittsburgh Office. This informant is considered reliable, his identity has never been divulged, and is available and able to testify. Informant is presently a member of the Communist Party.

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7-13-49	SA [ ]	7-15-49
7-21-49	SA [ ]	7-29-49
8-28-49	SA JOSEPH F. CONDON	9- 1-49
9- 9-49	SA [ ]	9-19-49

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T-10 is [ ] who was formerly Bureau informant [ ] is an active paid confidential informant of the Pittsburgh Office. This informant is presently a member of the Communist Party, is considered reliable, his identity has never been divulged, and is available and able to testify.

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T-11 is [ ], who is an active paid confidential informant of the Pittsburgh Office. This informant, who is a member of the Communist Party, is considered reliable, his identity has never been divulged, and informant is available and able to testify.

T-12 is [ ] who was a paid confidential informant of the

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Pittsburgh Office, is in good standing with the Communist Party; however, due to the lack of Communist Party activity in that area informant is not furnishing information or receiving any pay at present. This informant is considered reliable, his identity has never been divulged, and is available and able to testify.

T-13 is [ ] who is an active paid confidential informant of the Pittsburgh Office. This informant, who is a member of the Communist Party, is considered reliable, his identity has never been divulged, and is available and able to testify.

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<u>Date of Activity</u>	<u>Received By</u>	<u>Date Received</u>
9- 9-49	SA THOMAS T. WILKINSON	9-14-49

T-15 is [ ] who was formerly Bureau informant [ ] is an active paid confidential informant of the Pittsburgh Office. This informant is a member of the Communist Party and his identity has never been divulged. Informant is considered reliable and is available and able to testify.

T-16 is [ ] who was formerly Bureau informant [ ] and was a paid confidential informant of the Pittsburgh Office, but has been temporarily discontinued at his own request, due to conflicting business obligations. Informant was an active member of the Communist Party during the time he furnished information concerning ALBERTSON. Informant is considered reliable and his identity has never been divulged. This informant is not being paid at the present time, but resides within the area covered by the Pittsburgh Office and is available and able to testify.

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(U) T-17 is PI-14, which was a microphone installation installed by the Pittsburgh office with the permission of the legal tenant of the premises on the third floor, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., and from which information was received by personnel of the Pittsburgh Office by means of a leased telephone line. In view of the Bureau's instructions that the use of evidence obtained from leased telephones would be highly undesirable, it is not believed that evidence furnished by this informant would be available, although it is technically admissible. (C)

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5-10-49	SE	5-10-49

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TITLE <b>WILLIAM ALBERTSON, wa</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject continues to reside at 3122 Iowa Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., and is employed on a full time basis as Organizational Secretary, District Five, CP of Western Pennsylvania. Subject also District Five, CP, Press Director but has little time for these duties. Subject is active supervising District Five, CP, activities during which time subject participated in following: attended meeting of District Five, CP, Steel Section Committee on 7-13-49; meeting of District Five, CP, section organizers on 7-20-49; meeting of North Side Branch organizers on 9-2-49; attended district conference on 11-12-49; attended CP meeting on 12-1-49 at Harrisburg, Pa., re State of Pennsylvania CP Policy; attended district committee meeting on 12-4-49; attended CP meeting of coal miners from West Virginia, Ohio, and Western Pennsylvania at East Liverpool, Ohio, on 1-7-50; meeting of North Side section organizers on 1-19-50; and meeting of District Five, CP, section organizers on 1-21-50. Additional CP activities set forth chronologically.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF DATE **4-14-50**

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DETAILS:

AT PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

The dates appearing in the left hand column of this report are the dates of the activity as well as the date that the information was received by the informant unless otherwise set out.

All informants, unless otherwise designated, appearing in this report are of known reliability.

All activities set forth in this report took place at Pittsburgh, Pa., unless otherwise designated.

I BACKGROUND

A. RESIDENCE AND BUSINESS ADDRESSES AND EMPLOYMENT

It was ascertained that the subject continues to reside at 3122 Iowa Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., and is employed on a full time basis as Organizational Secretary at the headquarters of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, District Five, which is located at 426 Bakewell Building, 417 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. (T-1). In this capacity as Organizational Secretary subject is actively engaged on a full time basis in organizing and supervising the activities of District Five, CP.

II ACTIVITIES

A. ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA  
DISTRICT FIVE

December 7, 1948

T-5 furnished the Pittsburgh Office on November 16, 1949, with a copy of a letter which had been written on the date indicated by the subject upon District Five, CP, stationery to ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN (member, National Board), requesting a speaker for a mass meeting to be held in Pittsburgh on January 15, 1949. ~~(S)~~ (U)

June 12, 1949

T-2 advised that the subject was present at a meeting of leading District Five, CP, members which was held at 943

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Liberty Avenue on the date indicated. At this meeting HAROLD "SONNY" OROZICK, District Five, CP, Youth Organizer, discussed briefly the problems facing the young people today. OROZICK stated that the two main problems are the questions of war and peace and universal military training.

July 12, 1949

T-2 advised that the subject was present at a meeting of the Food Club, District Five, CP, on the date indicated which was held at 943 Liberty Avenue. Subject commented on the article against white chauvinism in the June, 1949 issue of "Political Affairs" and stressed the necessity of all union members joining the fight against white chauvinism.

July 13, 1949

T-2 advised that the subject was present on the date indicated at a meeting of the Steel Section Committee of District Five, CP, which was held at 943 Liberty Avenue. Subject discussed the report of ROBERT NATHAN, CIO Economist, at this meeting and stated that this report should not be popularized among the workers since it was based on the "ability to pay" theory which could be used against the workers in the event of a depression.

July 15, 1949

T-1 advised that the subject met with several leading District Five, CP, members on the date indicated at which time the latest developments of the impending steel strike were discussed as well as the coal situation and state election strategy. Subject stated that District Five, CP, must concentrate on a congressional candidate for the 32nd congressional district so that when HERMAN EBERHARTER is appointed to the U. S. District Court someone would be ready to run for his vacant seat in congress and that District Five, CP, would not work on a county election campaign but would concentrate on a city campaign and primarily on the election of a negro to the Pittsburgh City Council.

July 19, 1949

T-2 advised that the subject attended a meeting of the Food Club, District Five, CP, on the date indicated at 943 Liberty

Avenue. At this meeting the subject delivered an address calling for equality for the negro race in all unions and suggested the collection of signatures for a petition protesting the reducing of a cook in job classification at the William Penn Hotel because of color.

July 20, 1949

T-1 advised that a meeting of the section organizers of District Five, CP, was held on the date indicated at District Five, CP, headquarters, and the subject was present. At this meeting subject urged the mobilization of delegations to visit the trial of the twelve National Board members of the CP-USA and a campaign of letters requesting that bail be granted to GATES, WINSTON, and HALL (members of the National Board who were on trial in New York, New York). He also urged support of the Progressive Party and the Young Progressives of America inter-racial swimming party at the Highland Park Swimming Pool.

July 20, 1949

T-1 advised that on the date indicated the subject gave instructions regarding the handling of District Five, CP, finances during his absence. Subject stated that the subsidy check (from the National Office) was due August 1, 1949, and as of July 20, 1949, District Five, CP, had \$13 in the bank. As part of the instructions, subject instructed BEN CAREATHERS, Section Organizer, to turn over to HAROLD OROZICK, Youth Organizer, the \$125 which belongs to the Youth Section minus \$21.89 which OROZICK owed the District. (u)

August 10, 1949

T-1 advised that the subject, while talking with several leading CP members on the date indicated, suggested the possibility of obtaining statements from negro ministers, rank and file steel workers, and coal miners protesting against the trial of the twelve National Board members, CP-USA, in an effort to broaden the fight in favor of the release of the twelve board members.

August 22, 1949

T-2 advised that the subject attended a meeting of leading

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CP members on the date indicated at 943 Liberty Avenue. The subject announced a forthcoming mass meeting to be held in Pittsburgh and stressed the need for the CP to take an active part in the Progressive Party campaign.

September 2, 1949 T-2 advised that the subject attended a meeting of the North Side Branch organizers at 943 Liberty Avenue. Subject delivered an address concerning the fact that the Progressive Party would not be allowed on the ballot in the November, 1949 elections, and he stated that the main appeal in fighting this decision of the Allegheny County Commissioners should be to the effect that there should be a negro on the Pittsburgh City Council.

November 8, 1949 T-1 advised that the subject had commented on the trade union peace organization which is being organized by District Five, CP. Subject stated that the organization must be an independent one. He suggested that a meeting be called of those individuals who had attended the national labor conference for peace held in Chicago, Ill., in October, 1949. Subject thought there should be a woman on the committee for the organization. Subject felt that the name of this committee should be the Allegheny County Labor Committee for Peace or the Western Pennsylvania Labor Committee for Peace. Subject instructed that there should be drawn up a resolution in connection with the announcement of a conference to be held to the effect that one million signatures were being collected throughout the United States and of this total Western Pennsylvania should be able to obtain 10,000.

November 12, 1949 T-3 advised that the subject was present at the district conference of the CP of Western Pennsylvania on the afternoon of the date indicated which was held at 943 Liberty Avenue. Subject delivered the principal address. Subject stated that the CP had suffered some serious reverses during the recent months; that the goal of the CP was socialism in America; and that the Communists would never give up the fight to bring about that result. Subject also discussed the fund drive in regard to the defense of the eleven convicted Communist leaders in New York. Subject also discussed the "Sunday Worker" and "Daily



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Worker" subscription campaign in Western Pennsylvania, stating that the district had accomplished much during 1949 and had increased the circulation of the "Daily Worker" and the "Worker" more than any other district in the country.

T-2, T-9, and T-10 also verified the subject's presence at the above-mentioned conference.

November 14, 1949

T-4 advised that the subject had ordered 600 copies of the 50¢ edition of GEORGE MARION'S book "The Communist Trial" and 25 copies of the \$1.25 edition of the same book for District Five, CP, as well as 1500 copies of the pamphlet by JOSEPH NORTH.

November 15, 1949

T-1 advised that at a meeting of several leading CP members on the date indicated subject stated that a meeting is to be held in Pittsburgh soon at which GEORGE CROCKETT, one of the defense attorneys in behalf of the eleven CP leaders on trial in New York, would be present. Subject stated the success of this meeting was a political necessity and non-CP individuals should be urged to attend. Subject also remarked that the Progressive Party office in Pittsburgh must be kept open, and ALEXANDER (WRIGHT) should become the Western Pennsylvania Regional Director, and if necessary the CP would pay his expenses.

November 16, 1949

T-1 advised that on the date indicated subject made the remark in regard to District Five, CP, funds, particularly the subsidy from the National Office, CP-USA, from which DAVE GRANT and SAM REED are paid for their work in the electrical concentration, that GRANT had received \$1025 in wages and that REED had been given \$500 more than what had been received from the National Office. Subject stated that GRANT should take this matter up when he went to New York and suggested that GRANT determine what plans the National Office had to continue this fund during 1950.

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December 1, 1949

T-1 advised that the subject was present at a CP meeting at Harrisburg, Pa., on December 1, 1949, and it was decided that the CP would not sponsor any candidate for governor or U. S. senator in the 1950 Pennsylvania State election; however, the CP should put up two candidates for a state office, and one of these candidates must be a negro who would run for the higher office. T-1 also said that subject was made a member of a committee consisting of two to go into greater detail on congressional district problems on a state wide basis, particularly the question of nominating a negro for the House of Representatives in the 1950 elections.

T-10 also advised that the subject attended the above-mentioned meeting at Harrisburg on December 1, 1949.

December 3, 1949

T-1 advised that the subject is, as well as being District Organizational Secretary, Press Director of District Five, CP, and is personally responsible for seeing that things are done, but he actually has very little opportunity to devote his attention to this job.

December 4, 1949

T-3 advised that the subject attended a meeting of the District Committee of the CP of Western Pennsylvania on the date indicated which was held at 943 Liberty Avenue. Subject spoke at this meeting and advised that STEVE NELSON, District Chairman, had been hospitalized as a result of a hunting accident in which he broke his leg and that District Five would assume the hospital bill which would eventually total \$1000. Subject then embarked on his principal report to the committee and stated that Eastern European democracies were gaining one important victory after another and that China was breaking up the U. S. spy ring in that country. He stated that since the Soviet Union now has the atomic bomb the position of Russia in world affairs has been strengthened. He continued, however, that the Soviet Union was using atomic energy for peaceful purposes at the present time. On the debit side ALBERTSON reported that American imperialist forces were still at work in Europe and had been able to

establish a toehold in Yugoslavia and that there was real danger that the Communists in the United States would be isolated in trade unions and political parties unless the CP began action to forestall the same. Subject stated that the CP must take an active part in the 1950 elections, and they should not in every case try to formulate policies in elections, but if the party sees that the majority of the voters want a certain candidate nominated on either the Democratic or Republican tickets the Communists should go along with the majority.

T-2 also verified subject's presence at the above-mentioned meeting.

December 6, 1949

T-1 advised that in the Nationality Group assignment, which had been made by District Five, CP, the subject was supposed to work with the youth and Slovenes.

December 7, 1949

T-1 advised that in regard to the Pittsburgh page in the "Daily Worker," which was scheduled to start in February, 1950, the "political responsibility" would be assumed by the subject.

December 8, 1949

T-1 advised that the subject was present at a meeting on the date indicated of several CP members which included members from the National Office, CP-USA, and the principal topic of discussion was the CP's position in the current dispute between the UERMWA and the International Union of Electrical Radio, and Machine Workers-CIO. It was stated that anyone, who is willing to fight the company, was welcome in the UERMWA, and the main struggle at the present time is to convince the "right wing" to return to the UERMWA in order to unite the UERMWA in its fight for the workers.

December 10, 1949

T-4 advised that the subject contacted FRED FINE of the National Office, CP-USA, requesting a loan of \$500 for District Five, CP.

December 12, 1949

T-4 advised that the subject contacted JACK KLING, National Treasurer, CP-USA, and told KLING that STEVE NELSON,

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District Five, CP, Chairman, had been removed from the hospital, and District Five had paid the hospital bill of \$218.70 but that a doctor bill of \$150 was still outstanding. Subject requested a loan of \$150 to cover NELSON'S hospital expenses and advised KLING that if District Five raised the money in Pittsburgh it would be returned. (C)(u)

December 27, 1949

T-6 advised that the subject attended a special meeting of the AFL union members of the CP in the Pittsburgh area which was held at 943 Liberty Avenue. Subject delivered a lengthy report in which he pointed out that the leadership of the USSR is making a strong bid for world peace and is developing atomic energy for peaceful uses such as the irrigation of waste desert land; however, the Soviet Government is also prepared to wage war with its atomic weapons. Subject discussed the recognition of the Communist Government in China by England and predicted that the United States would soon recognize the Chinese Communists. Subject also reported on the Third Party movement and indicated that the Progressive Party would soon disintegrate. He urged CP members to become active in the Democratic Party and not to isolate themselves in the Progressive Party since this party was not actually a true representative of labor.

T-2 also verified the subject's presence in the above-mentioned meeting.

December 28, 1949

T-2 advised that the subject attended a meeting of District Five, CP, members who are active in the Progressive Party of Western Pennsylvania which was held on the date indicated at 943 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh.

January 5, 1950

T-7 advised that the subject was present on the date indicated at a meeting of the North Side Section of District Five, CP, which was held at 943 Liberty Avenue. Subject spoke at this meeting and described the Party's efforts to

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organize a "united front" in the H. J. Heinz Plant as well as in the various foreign language groups.

T-2 also verified the subject's presence at the above-mentioned meeting.

January 7, 1950

T-3 advised that a meeting of Communist coal miners from Ohio, West Virginia, and Western Pennsylvania was held on the date indicated at East Liverpool, Ohio. Subject spoke at this meeting and stated that the coal miners were in the battle of their lives in that big business was attempting to break up the UMW union. Subject accused PHILIP MURRAY and the United Steelworkers of America of cooperating with big business.

January 19, 1950

T-8 advised that the subject attended a meeting of North Side Section organizers which was held on the date indicated at District Five, CP, headquarters, 426 Bakewell Building, 417 Grant Street. The meeting was called by the subject to check on Party registration.

January 21, 1950

T-1 advised that the subject attended a meeting of District Five, CP, section organizers which was held on the date indicated, and the principal address was delivered by the subject whose talk dealt with the current strike of the UMWA. Subject stated that an article which appeared in the January 18, 1950, issue of the "Daily Worker" set forth the CP line regarding this strike.

#### B. ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS

It is to be noted that the Civil Rights Congress is an organization which was declared subversive by the Attorney General and comes within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

November 19, 1949

T-8 advised that the subject was present at a banquet--meeting which was held on the date indicated in the Gold Room of the Fort Pitt Hotel. The featured speaker of the evening was GEORGE W. GROCKETT, Defense Attorney at the recent trial of the CP National Board members in New York.

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This meeting was organized by the CRC of Pittsburgh and was ostensibly promoted, according to tickets for same, by a sponsoring committee composed of thirteen individuals, some of whom were Pittsburgh business men and six of whom were CP members. CROCKETT spoke at this meeting regarding the trial of the CP leaders in New York, stating that the CP leaders had been tried because of their political views and had been charged with advocating the use of force and violence to overthrow the U. S. Government on the basis of books which had been written many years ago and which were not presently applicable.

Subject's presence at the above-mentioned meeting was verified by T-9 and T-11.

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AT PITTSBURGH, PA.

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DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS, DETROIT AND NEW YORK

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[REDACTED] OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, ADVISED THAT ALBERTSON WOULD LEAVE NEW YORK, NY, FOR DETROIT, MICH., ON APRIL TWENTY EIGHT, FIFTY, TO ASSUME DUTIES AS TRADE UNION DIRECTOR, DISTRICT SEVEN, CP. ALBERTSON'S TRANSFER REPORTEDLY AT REQUEST OF SOLLY PARENTHESIS BELIEVED BY INFORMANT TO REFER TO SAUL WELLMAN PARENTHESIS AND DISTRICT SEVEN, CP, REPORTED TO HAVE ARRANGED FOR APARTMENT FOR ALBERTSON AND WIFE, FRANCINE. ABOVE FOR INFORMATION.

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MRS. William Albertson

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 12, 1950

FROM : SAC, Detroit

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SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON

INTERNAL SECURITY

Pittsburgh teletype, April 28, 1950. u

(U) DE-319 of known reliability, advised that he had learned on May 11, 1950 that ALBERTSON and his wife FRANCINE were apparently moving into the residence at 1449 Collingwood, Detroit, which was previously occupied by CARL WINTER. DE-319 has previously furnished information which indicated that ALBERTSON will probably take over a position as Trade Union Director in Communist Party, District Seven, as soon as he has permanently settled.

(U) DE-319 also advised that ALBERTSON and his wife are flying to Pittsburgh at four a.m. on May 12, 1950. However, the purpose of this Pittsburgh visit was not known.

It is requested that the office of origin in this case furnish pertinent serials, including photographs, to this office. u

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TITLE WILLIAM ALBERTSON, wa. Bill Albertson u			CHARACTER OF CASE <del>CONFIDENTIAL</del> INTERNAL SECURITY - C u

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject continued to reside at 3122 Iowa St., Pittsburgh, Pa., and was employed on a fulltime basis as Organizational Secretary, District 5, CP, of Western Pennsylvania, until approximately 4/26/50, at which time subject was sent by National Office, CP-USA, to Detroit, Michigan, to assume duties of Trade Union Director, District 7, CP. Subject was active, until his departure from Pittsburgh, supervising District 5, CP activities, during which time subject participated in the following: Attended meetings of District 5, CP Section Organizers on 8/31/49 and 2/18/50; attended District Committee meeting on 9/6/49; attended meeting of North Side Section, District 5, CP, on 1/5/50; attended CP rummage sale and luncheon on 1/21/50; attended meeting of District 5, CP Buro on 2/6/50; attended meeting of Hill Club, District 5, CP, on 2/11/50; attended meeting of Pittsburgh Chapter, Labor Youth League, on 2/12/50; and attended a mass meeting sponsored by District 5, CP, on 2/17/50. Additional CP activities set forth chronologically.

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(U) In this capacity as Organizational Secretary, subject was actively engaged on a fulltime basis in organizing and supervising the activities of District 5, CP. u

(U) It was ascertained through [T-1 and T-10] that the subject departed Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on or about April 26, 1950, and proceeded to New York City, where he was supposed to receive a new assignment from the National Office, CP-USA.

(U) [T-1 and T-10] also advised that the subject was supposed to leave New York City on or about April 28, 1950, for Detroit, Michigan, to assume the duties of Trade Union Director, District 7, CP.

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~~T-2~~ <sup>~~ALBERTSON~~</sup> advised on May 11, 1950, that the subject had recently arrived in Detroit, Michigan, with his wife, FRANCINE and was expected to assume the duties of Trade Union Director for District 7, CP. ~~T-2~~ advised that the subject's residence is 1449 Collingwood and subject's business address will probably be District 7, CP Headquarters, 645 Randolph Street, (Room 902), Lawyers Building, Detroit, Michigan.

## II. ACTIVITIES

### A. ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA, DISTRICT 5

(U)

August 15, 1949

~~T-1~~ advised that on the date indicated the subject, in making remarks regarding the possibility of organizing an educational class for the more promising youth members of District 5, CP, suggested that the Organizing Committee of the Labor Youth League, plus two or three other CP members, should attend. Subject felt that the CP could not take over the functions of the Labor Youth League, which must organize its own meetings and raise its own funds, etc. He said, however, that CP members could be invited to speak at LYL meetings, as well as furnish guidance on certain problems.

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August 16, 1949

~~T-1~~ advised that the subject attended a meeting of several District 5, CP leaders at District 5, CP Headquarters, 426 Bakewell Building, 417 Grant Street, on the date indicated. The principal address was delivered by DAVE GRANT, East Pittsburgh (Electrical) Section Organizer, and concerned the results of the union election of Local 601, UERMWA-CIO, in which seven "right-

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wingers" and two "left-wingers" were elected delegates to the UE National Convention.

August 26, 1949

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~~C~~ [T-1] advised that the subject met with several District 5, CP members at District 5, CP Headquarters on the date indicated, to discuss the action to be taken by District 5, CP members who belonged to Local 237, Hotel and Restaurant Employees Alliance, AFL, in order to change the union contract, which stated that no white person could take a Negro's job and vice versa, in order to permit a Negro person to take a white person's job.

August 31, 1949

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~~C~~ [T-1] advised that the subject attended a meeting of District 5, CP Section Organizers at District 5, CP Headquarters, on the date indicated. The principal address was delivered by the subject, who outlined the activities planned by District 5, CP, in protest against the action by the Allegheny County Commissioners in removing the Progressive Party from the ballot in the November, 1949 elections.

September 6, 1949

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~~C~~ [T-3] advised that an enlarged District Committee meeting, District 5, CP, was held at 943 Liberty Avenue and the subject was present. The first report was delivered by STEVE NELSON, District 5, CP Chairman, in which he dealt with the Tito question. NELSON sketched the history of Tito's heresy and called attention to the two papers issued during that week by the USSR, in which the incumbent Yugoslav Government was severely criticized. Subject also spoke at this meeting, stating that the role of the CP is not to defend the Soviet Union, but to expose Tito as the head of world capitalistic imperialism in Eastern Europe, and that Yugoslavia, as a fascist state which is

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masquerading as a socialist state, represents the only break in the "progressive peace, anti-war, pro-democratic camp".

September 6, 1949

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X [T-1] advised that the subject attended a meeting with several District 5, CP leaders at District 5, CP Headquarters on the date indicated, at which STEVE NELSON reported on his recent trip to the National Office, CP-USA, and advised that the CP policy in their future protests concerning the trial of the twelve National Board members, CP-USA, would be directed to the President and Attorney General McGRATH, urging that the indictment be quashed, rather than protesting to Judge HAROLD R. MEDINA.

September 8, 1949

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X [T-1] advised that the subject was present on the date indicated at a meeting at District 5, CP Headquarters of several CP members, and a discussion was had regarding the action to be taken by District 5, CP, in protesting against the vandalism perpetrated against the home of BEN ARSHAN (District 5, CP member) in Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, when ARSHAN invited Negroes to visit him.

September 9, 1949

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X [T-1] advised that on the date indicated the subject criticized BEN ARSHAN because ARSHAN had furnished the names of various members of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress to District Attorney RAHAUSER in connection with the action taken by ARSHAN in protesting against the vandalism perpetrated at his home in the Mt. Lebanon section as a result of interracial social parties being held at the ARSHAN home. Subject suggested that ARSHAN drop his present attorney and retain either

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~~HY~~ (SCHLESINGER) or ~~YER~~ (STEINBERG), both Pittsburgh attorneys who are utilized by District 5, CP, on various occasions.

September 14, 1949

(U) ~~C~~ [T-1] advised that the subject attended a meeting at District 5, CP Headquarters with several other District 5, CP members, at which time ANDY ONDA, Monongahela Valley Section Organizer, gave an address which dealt with the report of the Fact Finding Board on the steel strike question. ONDA characterized this report as a complete sell-out of the workers' demands, and urged that the CP members must point out to the steel workers this fact and urge all labor to fight against it.

[December 23, 1949] ~~C~~ (U)

(U) ~~C~~ [T-1] advised that the CP members working in the Progressive Party held a meeting at 943 Liberty Avenue, and the subject was present. The purpose of the meeting was to make assignments to those individuals present to work in the Progressive Party. ~~C~~ (U)

December 28, 1949

(U) ~~C~~ [T-1] advised that on the date indicated the subject made the remark that District 5, CP functionaries were three weeks behind in their pay (dues and literature) and that to balance their 1949 budget, District 5, CP, would need four thousand dollars.

January 5, 1950

(U) ~~C~~ [T-1] advised that the subject instructed, on the date indicated, that inasmuch as BILL GORDON had assumed the duties of Section Organizer of the North Side Branch of District 5, CP, GORDON should not spend so much time in the office of the Progressive Party of Western Pennsylvania, and that the Progressive Party will have to obtain non-CP individuals to assist in its work.

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[January 5, 1950] ~~(U)~~

(U) ~~(U)~~ T-4 advised that the subject attended a membership meeting of the North Side Section, District 5, CP, which was held at 943 Liberty Avenue. The meeting was called for the purpose of hearing a report on the united front (the new Party line) by JOHN VIDMAR, North Side Section Secretary, which was supplemented by a talk by the subject. Subject stated that the work in the united front was henceforth a most important task for the Communists. ALBERTSON stated that if we (Communists) can get several persons to join with us on any one issue, whether it be a strike for a wage increase, the Negro question, peace, or a fare increase (Pittsburgh Railway Company), this is what is meant by united front work.

[January 21, 1950] ~~(U)~~

(U) ~~(U)~~ T-5 advised that District 5, CP held a rummage sale and luncheon on the evening of the date indicated, at the Jewish Cultural Center, 6328 Forbes Street, and the subject was present. Informant advised that the proceeds were for the benefit of the subscription drive.

[January 30, 1950] ~~(U)~~

~~(U)~~ T-6 advised that the subject requested that BETTY GANNETT, national functionary, CP-USA, arrange to send members of the Labor Youth League to Pittsburgh from New York to distribute copies of the "Daily Worker" throughout the coal mining area in Western Pennsylvania during the UMWA strike.

January 31, 1950

(U) ~~(U)~~ T-1 advised that the subject issued instructions to the LYL members from New York who were in Pittsburgh in connection with the "Daily Worker" distribution campaign, that in their distribution of the "Daily Worker" they should carry the newspapers

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in shopping bags; that the papers would be given away free; that if persons refused the paper, no argument was to be given; that those distributing the papers should not force them on anyone; that they should make no notes as to names and addresses and that if the paper was accepted, they should advise those taking it that they would return the following day with another issue. Subject instructed those working on the distribution to point out that the "Daily Worker" was the only paper in the nation supporting the strike of the UMWA and that they should request a subscription upon their return the following day.

February 1, 1950

(U) ~~C~~ [T-1] advised that the subject had remarked on the date indicated that District 5, CP had decided to reduce the number of persons who would visit Pittsburgh from the LYL in New York in connection with the "Daily Worker" distribution, from fifty to twenty, since it was believed that a quieter and more effective job could be performed with only twenty individuals.

February 1, 1950

(U) ~~C~~ [T-1] advised that the subject had instructed that if any trouble was experienced by the LYL members while distributing the "Daily Worker" throughout the coal mining area in Western Pennsylvania, the details should be noted and furnished to YEE STEINBERG (Pittsburgh attorney who is utilized by District 5, CP, on various occasions).

February 3, 1950

(U) ~~C~~ [T-1] advised that the subject made the remark on February 3, 1950, regarding the coal strike of the UMWA, that the most important question was the preservation of the unity

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of the miners, and he urged that everything possible be done to assist the Negro coal miners during the strike and to solicit subscriptions for the "Worker".

[February 6, 1950]

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T-7 advised that a meeting of the District 5, CP Buro was held on the date indicated at the home of the subject, 3122 Iowa Street, and was attended by the subject and several other District 5, CP members. It was decided at this meeting that the Progressive Party, Young Progressives, and the Labor Youth League would collect food for the miners on strike and that the CP was not to work openly in the food collection.

February 7, 1950

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T-1 advised that the subject gave instruction on the date indicated to various members of the LYL who had come from New York to Pittsburgh to distribute the "Daily Worker" throughout the coal mining area of Western Pennsylvania, to avoid all contacts with the UMWA and not to distribute the newspapers on the street, in union halls, or any other place where the coal miners congregate, but to make the distribution on a house-to-house basis.

February 8, 1950

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T-1 advised that the subject made the remark on the date indicated that he estimated the circulation of the "Worker" in Western Pennsylvania to be approximately one thousand copies per issue.

February 9, 1950

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T-1 advised on the date indicated that a meeting of the Negro Commission, District 5, CP, was to be held on February 10, 1950, to discuss the plans for the mass meeting at which PETTIS PERRY, Chairman, Negro Commission, CP-USA, would be guest of honor. Informant advised that the subject

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suggested that BEN CAREATHERS, Hill Section CP Organizer, raise the question at this meeting as to what could be done to develop the peace movement by the Negro Commission.

February 11, 1950 ~~(U)~~ (U)

~~(U)~~ T-7 advised that a meeting of the Hill Club, District 5, CP, was held at the home of the subject, 3122 Iowa Street, on the date indicated. At this meeting the PETTIS PERRY meeting was discussed, as well as how to work with the miners' food committee.

February 16, 1950 ~~(U)~~ (U)

T-6 advised that the subject had requested from HENRY WINSTON, national functionary, CP-USA, financial assistance for District 5, CP. ~~(U)~~ ~~(U)~~

February 17, 1950

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~~(U)~~ T-8 advised that the subject was present at an open meeting sponsored by District 5, CP, on the date indicated, at the A. Leo Weil School, Center and Soho Streets, Pittsburgh. A short talk was given by the subject calling for united support of the strike of the UMWA by providing relief in the form of food and clothing for the striking coal miners. PETTIS PERRY, Chairman of the National Negro Commission, CP-USA, delivered the principal address, in which he reviewed the history of the colored race in the United States.

February 18, 1950

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~~(U)~~ T-1 advised that the subject, on the date indicated, attended a meeting of District 5, CP Section Organizers, which was held at District 5 Headquarters, 426 Bakewell Building, 417 Grant Street. Subject, in discussing the strike of the UMWA, stated that the CP considers this a major question and that every CP member must take an active part in the relief campaign for the UMWA which is being carried on by the Progressive Party.

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March 17, 1950

The following article appeared in the "Pittsburgh Press" newspaper of March 17, 1950, on page 12, column 2, with regard to the subject: u

"Meanwhile, in a statement in which he likened Communists to Quakers, William Albertson, Secretary of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania, demanded a hearing before the School Board. u

"He has asked the Board to receive a committee from the Communist organization at its Tuesday meeting. u

Blisters Board

"His statement blistered the Board ruling that Communist and Progressive Party meetings no longer can be held in public school buildings. He termed the ruling a violation of the right of free speech and assembly. u

"'Communists pay their taxes..... just as do Republicans and Democrats'. He said, 'The Communist stands for peace and against war; the Quakers stand for peace and against war.'" u

B. MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

February 12, 1950

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~~C~~ T-9] advised : that a meeting of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Labor Youth League was held at 943 Liberty Avenue and the subject was present. The purpose of the meeting was for the election of a new organizing committee for the Pittsburgh Chapter of the LYL; to hear a report on the past year's work of

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the LYL; and to plan future activities of this organization in Pittsburgh. JULIAN ~~OWITT~~, national figure of the LYL, was present and spoke on the necessity of the LYL joining forces with other mass organizations, particularly on the basis of the desire of all individuals and organizations for peace.

ALBERTSON spoke at this meeting and briefly reviewed the mistakes made by the LYL during the first year of its organization in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, particularly with regard to the problem of White Chauvinism and urged that the poisonous trend of White Chauvinism must be stamped out if the Pittsburgh Chapter of the LYL is going to recruit members from among the Negroes and the coal miners in Western Pennsylvania. u

(U) (It is to be noted that the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Labor Youth League is a youth organization which was formed in Pittsburgh in June, 1949, and according to T-4 has been infiltrated and dominated by District 5, CP members since its inception.)

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THE DETROIT DIVISION

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Will continue to follow and report the Communist activity of the subject. u

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A copy of this report is being designated for the New York Office for information purposes inasmuch as the subject previously resided in the jurisdiction of the New York Division and is a top functionary of the CP-USA. u

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The information furnished by the following confidential informants was received by the following employees of the Pittsburgh Office (except where otherwise noted) on the dates indicated below:

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(U) [9/6/49] ~~C~~(U) T-4 is C-113. ~~C~~SA JOSEPH F. CONDON  
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REFERENCE:

Report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, 3/24/50  
Letter from Detroit to Director, 5/12/50

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH  
SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON, wa.  
Bill Albertson  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: June 2, 1950

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

Residence Address: 1449 Collingwood  
Detroit, Michigan

Business Address: District 7, CP Headquarters  
645 Randolph Street (Room 902)  
Lawyers Building  
Detroit 26, Michigan

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Check the following applicable statements:

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

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

- ☒ Security Index Cards (original and duplicate)
- 3 photographs of subject
- Serials (specify)

- 1 Report SA R. K. RAMSEY, New York City, 11/7/41
- 2 Report SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, 1/10/42
- 3 Report SA [redacted] New York, 3/18/47
- 7 Report SA THOMAS T. WILKINSON, Pittsburgh, 7/18/47

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651	Report SA	[REDACTED]	Pittsburgh, 3/24/50

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Detroit

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTON, wa  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
(65-38100)

DATE: June 16, 1950

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Subject has been tabbed for DETCOM and COMSAB at this office.  
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William Alberton

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

July 21, 1950

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Transmit the following message to: SAC, DETROIT

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, INTERNAL SECURITY DASH C. [ PROVIDED FULL SECURITY

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RESIDENCE OF ALBERTSON, ONE FOUR FOUR NINE COLLINGWOOD, DETROIT, TELEPHONE

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Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Egan  
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Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

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United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO  
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July 18, 1950

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER



Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
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Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: WILLIAM ALBERTSON  
Internal Security - C

William Albertson is trade union secretary of the Communist Party, District No. 7, Detroit, Michigan. He was recently appointed to this position, having previously served as organizational secretary of District No. 5, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Since his arrival in Detroit, he has been active on the state board and instrumental in furthering decisions of the National Committee of the Communist Party in Michigan. He resides at 1449 Collingwood, Detroit, Michigan, telephone Townsend 56308.

A technical surveillance on the residence telephone of Albertson will be of material assistance in obtaining information on the trade union activities of the Communist Party in Michigan and will furnish results of conferences between leading Communist Party functionaries in that area.

I recommend, therefore, authorization for a technical surveillance on William Albertson's present address, 1449 Collingwood, Detroit, Michigan, telephone Townsend 56308, or such other address to which Albertson may move in the future.

Respectfully,

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Subject WILLIAM ALBERTSON

INTERNAL SECURITY - C

(U) This serial, the original memorandum from the FBI to the Attorney General dated 7/18/50, which was returned to the Bureau signed by the Attorney General authorizing FBI to conduct electronic surveillance, has been permanently removed for retention in the National Security Electronic Surveillance File per memorandum T. J. Smith to Mr. E. S. Miller dated 7-13-73. See 62-115687-1 for details and where maintained.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: RE: WILLIAM ALBERTSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: September 8, 1950

*cc to Detroit by stamp*  
*9/21/50*  
 (LOUIS BUDENZ 400)  
*HN*

LOUIS F. BUDENZ, formerly managing editor of the "Daily Worker" and a Communist Party functionary until he broke with the Party in October, 1945, has been interviewed during the past few months concerning the concealed Communists whom he knew. The person named above as the subject of this case, was one of those individuals whom BUDENZ described as a concealed Communist. BUDENZ describes a concealed Communist as one who does not hold himself out as a Communist and who would deny membership in the Party.

BUDENZ advised SA [REDACTED], on July 5, 1950, of all he knew concerning the subject that he felt was pertinent, and he dictated this information to a stenographer of this office, who was present during the interview.

He used, in order to bring out all he knew about the subject, the following set of questions. He considered all questions in connection with this subject. Where he did not comment on some particular question as to the activity of the subject, then it is because he had no knowledge. If he recalled anything about the subject as a result of these questions he dictated what he knew. The questions are as follows:

1. Identify individual
  - a. If observed a description and other identifying data;
  - b. If not seen, enough descriptive data about individual to positively identify him or her;
  - c. Any aliases
2. Narrate how he knows individual as a Communist.
  - a. If seen at a closed meeting, get date, place and persons present at meeting;
  - b. If told officially that individual was a Communist, who said it, what were the circumstances, and who was present;
  - c. Relate all occasions when he met or heard of individual as Communist.
3. Documents
  - a. Did individual ever write anything that might be considered Communist literature.
    1. For "Daily Worker", "New Masses", "Political Affairs", any front publications or other publications.

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Was individual active in front organizations.

- a. Which organizations
- b. How active was individual

5. Espionage

Was individual ever involved in secret work;

What Work;

Who knew it;

Did individual ever do any special work for party.

6. Is individual still active or sympathetic toward Party.

7. Can you recall any trips abroad particularly to Russia and the approximate date of the trips? Can you recall the nature of the trips.

8. Did you ever hear that he had attended any of the training schools in Russia?

9. Did this subject appear to have entree to the Russian Consulate or did he receive special consideration and attention from known Russian Agents or Communist Officials in U.S.?

10. Is the subject working for the U.S. Government or is he affiliated in any way in Confidential Government work at this time?

11. Did this individual have military training, Abraham Lincoln Brigade, U.S. Army, other service?

12. Was this individual employed in vital industry?

13. Do you know any other members of his family who are Communists?

14. Do you know of any other activity on the part of the individual which would indicate that the individual is a concealed Communist?

Additional questions were asked as a result of his answers to the above questions in order to fully develop his information.

Letter to Director

Attached is a blind memorandum dictated by LOUIS F. BUDENZ and containing all the pertinent information concerning the subject which BUDENZ could presently recollect.

The original of each memo has been reviewed by Mr. BUDENZ and he has made any necessary corrections and he has signed the original. The signed original of each memo is being retained in the confidential informant file of LOUIS F. BUDENZ, NY file 62-8988.

Since the individuals such as the subject of this case are, according to BUDENZ, concealed Communists and since they are, in most instances, persons of some prominence, it is suggested that if the information appearing in the attached blind memo is reported, then Mr. BUDENZ should be given a temporary confidential informant symbol.

For the information of the Bureau the subject is one of the 400 concealed Communists whom BUDENZ stated he knew. The names of these concealed Communists were sent to the Bureau in the case captioned "Communist Party, USA, Internal Security -C".

WILLIAM ALBERTSON

Also known widely as BILL ALBERTSON.

In 1943, ALBERTSON was the general organizer of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Local 16.

I had met him repeatedly as a Communist trade unionist in many conferences prior to that time and starting in the later 1930's. ALBERTSON was one of those who appeared before the State Trade Union Commission in the late 1930's in New York; also was eventually a member of that commission.

Although ALBERTSON worked openly with the "DAILY WORKER", he denied Communist Party membership during a considerable part of the period I knew him up to 1945, although now and then appearing in such capacity for the Communist Party that it made his non-Communist role a rather peculiar one. Up to the time I left the Party, it is my personal knowledge in meeting with ALBERTSON he remained a very active Communist.

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SAC, Pittsburgh

October 26, 1950

Director, FBI

WILLIAM ABERTSON, wa.  
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Attached hereto is a copy of a communication received from Assistant Attorney General James H. McInerney of the Criminal Division.

You are instructed to immediately furnish the appropriate United States Attorney copies of all pertinent reports in the captioned case. Either at this time or as soon thereafter as desired by the United States Attorney, you are personally to make arrangements with the United States Attorney for the Agent who is handling this case in your office to discuss with him the available evidence and determine whether any specific investigation is desired and what action the United States Attorney contemplates taking.

The identities of confidential informants must not be disclosed to the U. S. Attorney without prior Bureau authority.

The Bureau should be promptly advised of any decision reached by the United States Attorney in this matter.

*Re: 10/28*  
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TO : The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 FROM : James M. McInerney, Assistant Attorney General,  
 Criminal Division  
 SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON, wa.  
 Organizational Secretary,  
State Communist Party, District #5, Pennsylvania.

DATE: October 19, 1950

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It will be appreciated if, as expeditiously as possible, you will make available to the United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania copies of all investigative reports pertaining to the above subject and, further, will have the agent assigned to this case discuss the available evidence with the United States Attorney or his representative. The Department has requested the United States Attorney to examine into the matter for the purpose of determining whether evidence of violation of any Federal statute is available.

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SAC, Detroit

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DIRECTOR, FBI

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, WA.  
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(Detroit: 100-16560)

The Bureau's files reflect that you have not submitted a report in the captioned matter since being designated the office of origin by the Pittsburgh Office in Form FD-128, dated June 2, 1950.

You are instructed to initiate immediate investigation and bring the subject's employment, associations and activities up to date.

This report should be submitted without delay.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: November 4, 1950

FROM : SAC, Detroit

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SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON, wa.  
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RESIDENCE ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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

CP, USA, District #7

2419 Grand River Ave., Detroit, Michigan

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: November 10, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON  
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On October 9, 1950, [redacted] was interviewed regarding SIDNEY STEINBERG, the subject of a New York case. He stated that SIDNEY STEINBERG replaced BILL ALBERTSON, who was former Assistant Labor Secretary of the Communist Party, USA, at New York.

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The informant stated that ALBERTSON then went to Pittsburgh as a District Organizer.

According to the informant, ALBERTSON is the most important individual at present in the Pittsburgh area, and he has the complete confidence and support of the Party. The informant stated that ALBERTSON is definitely the leader of the Party in Pittsburgh, and added that STEVE NELSON is just a figurehead and that ALBERTSON ranks over him in importance and ability.

cc-Pittsburgh

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: November 27, 1950

FROM : SAC, Detroit

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SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON  
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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Trade Union Secretary, CP, District 7, is presently designated a top functionary in the Detroit Office.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: November 27, 1950

FROM : SAC, Detroit

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

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CP, USA, District 7

2419 Grand River Avenue, Detroit, Michigan (previously submitted 11-5-50.)

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REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN <i>u</i>	DATE WHEN MADE 11/27/50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/28-11/17/50 <i>u</i>	REPORT MADE BY HARVARD E. HEYSTEK <i>u</i> EAK
TITLE <del>WILLIAM ALBERTSON</del> <i>u</i> <b>CHANGED</b> <del>CONFIDENTIAL</del>			CHARACTER OF CASE <i>u</i> INTERNAL SECURITY - C INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, former Organizational Secretary, CP, District 5, Western Pennsylvania, assumed position as Trade Union Secretary, CP, District 7, at Detroit in latter part of April, 1950, and lives at 1449 Collingwood Avenue, Detroit. According to informants, ALBERTSON acts as chief assistant to CARL WINTER, Chairman, CP, District 7; is CP Regional Organizer for General Motors, including the Lansing, Flint, Pontiac, General Motors Detroit and Foster Professional Sections; is in charge of General Motors concentration work and other trade union activities, and is reportedly assigned to the LaBelle Communist Club, Detroit. Attended special meeting in New York, August 8, 1950, and upon return outlined CP position regarding "war against Korea." Has functioned on a policy making level in CP, District 7. Background and description set out. *u*

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DETAILS: At Detroit, Michigan:

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~~HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED~~ deletion of the alias BILL ALBERTSON  
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I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence and Employment

WILLIAM ALBERTSON resides with his wife, FRANCENE, and sons, [redacted] and [redacted] at 1449 Collingwood Avenue, Detroit, and

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has been employed since April, 1950, on a full-time basis as Trade Union Secretary, Communist Party, District 7, with headquarters at 2419 Grand River Avenue, Detroit. u

B. Prior Activities and Party Position

ALBERTSON was employed as a labor official of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees - AFL from approximately 1932 to 1943, was formerly Organizational Secretary of Kings County, New York, CP, and in 1946 was appointed Assistant National Labor Secretary of CP, USA. In October, 1947, he became Organizational Secretary for CP, District 5 of Western Pennsylvania, with headquarters in Pittsburgh, continuing in that position up to the time he took over his present assignment. He was also Press Director, CP, District 5. u

(U) u Informant Detroit T-1 of known reliability, stated on July 5, 1950, that ALBERTSON was formerly general organizer of Local 16, Hotel and Restaurant Workers. He appeared before the State Trade Union Commission (CP) in the late 1930's in New York and was eventually a member of that Commission. The Informant further stated that although ALBERTSON worked openly with the "Daily Worker," east coast Communist publication, he denied CP membership in the early 1940's. However, according to the Informant, he remained a very active Communist.

II. PRESENT POSITION IN THE PARTY

(U) Informant Detroit T-2 of known reliability, stated on April 27, 1950, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON would leave New York, New York, for Detroit, Michigan, April 28, 1950, to assume duties as Trade Union Director, CP, District 7.

(U) Informant Detroit T-3 of known reliability, stated that on May 2, 1950, HENRY WINSTON, National Organizational Secretary, CP, USA, had advised him that ALBERTSON had been assigned as Trade Union Secretary in Michigan.

(U) Informant Detroit T-4 of known reliability, stated on May 11, 1950, that ALBERTSON and his wife, FRANCENE, were moving into the residence at 1449 Collingwood Avenue, Detroit, previously occupied by CARL WINTER, Chairman, CP, District 7, and would take over the position of Trade Union Secretary, CP, District 7, as soon as he was settled.

(U) Informant Detroit T-5 of known reliability, stated on May 29, 1950, that CARL WINTER had proposed that SAUL WEITMAN, National CP

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Auto Coordinator, be given a two and a half months' leave of absence and that ALBERTSON be placed in charge of General Motors concentration work and given the title of Acting Labor Secretary with Flint and Pontiac as his main responsibilities.

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*u* Informant Detroit ~~T-6~~ of known reliability, stated on June 8, 1950, that ALBERTSON was permanently assigned to the CP office at 2419 Grand River Avenue, Detroit, and was living in the flat vacated by CARL WINTER.

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*u* Informant Detroit ~~T-5~~ stated on June 12, 1950, that, according to HELEN ALLISON, State Administrative Secretary, CP, District 7, the Secretariat was dissolved and an Organizational Bureau made up of ALBERTSON, TOM DENNIS, State Organizational Secretary, CP, District 7, and herself had been set up.

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*u* Informant Detroit ~~T-7~~ of known reliability, stated on July 2, 1950, that the key concentration point in Michigan is now the General Motors Corporation and that to further CP work in this organization and other automotive units, ALBERTSON was working full time for the Party and commuting from Detroit to Flint when necessary.

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*u* Informant Detroit ~~T-1~~ of known reliability, stated on July 12, 1950, that ALBERTSON had a flight reservation for New York and would return to Detroit on July 15.

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This Informant stated on July 27, 1950, that ALBERTSON had remarked that when he was called to the Center, he attended a Secretariat in New York at which a report was made on how to carry out activities on the branch level. He indicated that while the report might apply to New York City, they had no concept of what goes on in "our" branches. *(C) u* *Declassified by 8160-m/ 12-30-01/ AHR*

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*u* Informant Detroit ~~T-6~~ stated on August 27, 1950, that ALBERTSON was to be assigned as a member of the LaBelle Communist Club, Detroit, without being liable for Club activities. The Informant was of the opinion that ALBERTSON was replacing CARL WINTER in Michigan.

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*u* Informant Detroit ~~T-8~~ of known reliability, stated on October 24, 1950, that ALBERTSON was Trade Union Secretary for the District and chief assistant to CARL WINTER. The Informant stated that ALBERTSON was also CP Regional Organizer for General Motors, including the Flint, Lansing, Pontiac, General Motors Detroit and Foster Professional Sections, CP, District 7.

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(U) <sup>u</sup> Informant Detroit <sup>u</sup> T-9, of known reliability, stated on October 24, 1950, that ALBERTSON, in addition to his activities as Trade Union Secretary, has taken over some of the functions of CARL WINTER and of SAUL WELLMAN during intervals when the latter are out of the district.

(U) Informant Detroit <sup>u</sup> T-5 stated on November 15, 1950, that ALBERTSON since assuming the position of Trade Union Secretary, CP, District 7, has worked out of CP Headquarters, 2419 Grand River Avenue, where he has met with district officials and other CP functionaries and has helped to formulate district policy relative to organization, allocation of personnel, industrial concentration, the peace campaign, the Korean war, youth groups, Negro problems and miscellaneous matters.

III. ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH PARTY POSITION

(U) Informant Detroit <sup>u</sup> T-10, of known reliability, stated on May 16, 1950, that, according to FRANK MELDER, CP member at Grand Rapids, ALBERTSON had been sent to Grand Rapids to investigate the case of ROBERT LeBARON whose expulsion from the Party was under consideration. MELDER stated that ALBERTSON was familiar with the problem of "renegades" and FBI "stools" inasmuch as he had been in New York and Pittsburgh and had conducted investigation prior to the expulsion of MATT CVETIC. MELDER further advised Informant that ALBERTSON wanted to speak to CP members in that area regarding LeBARON so that he could decide whether LeBARON left anyone in Grand Rapids to carry out his work as MATT CVETIC was trying to do.

<sup>u</sup> The Informant said that on May 14, 1950, ALBERTSON attended a meeting at the home of TED THEODORE, CP Sectional Organizer, Grand Rapids, and criticized the members for not stopping LeBARON much before. ALBERTSON stated that the Bourgeoisie were trying to destroy the CP because they were afraid of it. He gave as an example the conviction of the eleven CP leaders in New York, and said that the ruling class was trying to destroy the Party (1) by passing such laws as the Mundt - Nixon Bill, (2) by planting FBI Agents in CP clubs and sections and by gettinghold of dissatisfied members and in some cases forcing them to give information, and (3) by using "renegades like HARRISON GEORGE on the west coast." ALBERTSON also analyzed the situation which allowed Trotskyism to gain headway among CP members and gave examples of "stool pigeons" together with suggestions as to how to detect them. He stated the situation all started with EARL BROWDER.

The Informant further stated that ALBERTSON attended a similar meeting in Muskegon on May 15, 1950, at the home of JENNIE HUBBARD and discussed the same matters covered at Grand Rapids.

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(U) Informant Detroit ~~T-17~~<sup>4x</sup> stated on May 22, 1950, that ALBERTSON as a member of the CP district staff would conduct interviews with CP members in Flint relative to a section convention to be held there.

(U) Informant Detroit ~~T-5~~ stated on June 9, 1950, that ALBERTSON attended a district leadership meeting at which the concentration program and reorganization of the Trade Union Section were discussed. During the course of the meeting it was stated that General Motors is a national CP concentration point.

~~WHITE~~, Flint Section Organizer, had advised him that he had met with WILLIAM ALBERTSON on June 9, 1950, had outlined the Party situation in Flint and Pontiac for ALBERTSON and had arranged to have ALBERTSON meet five members of the Flint Section Committee on June 18, 1950. WHITE indicated that ALBERTSON had said that, according to the national plan, the peace campaign was to be the main campaign bar none with concentration second. (U)

(U) Informant Detroit ~~T-17~~ stated on June 12, 1950, that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, CP National Committeeman, and ALBERTSON had attended a Party picnic in Flint on that date. ~~Classified by 8160 m 1-5-80 221444~~

(U) Informant Detroit ~~T-10~~<sup>7ux</sup> stated on June 12, 1950, that ALBERTSON was in Muskegon, Michigan, [arranging through TED THEODORE, CP ~~organizer~~], to make a check on the loyalty of all Party members there. ~~7ux~~

(U) Informant Detroit ~~T-5~~ stated on June 27, 1950, that in discussing the Korean war, ALBERTSON had stated that the Party's approach to the people should be one showing that the Korean People's Government is defending the nation against imperialist penetration and that the Party should raise the question of "hands off Korea and Formosa." He said that they should raise the question of a Presidential declaration of war being contrary to the Constitution but pointed out that they must be careful in this not to raise the question of an alliance of Communists. Finally, he said it had to be pointed out that this was a Korean - American war and not a Soviet - American war. He said that they had to get people to fight against having America or anyone else interfering in the Korean war.

(U) Informant Detroit ~~T-17~~ stated on July 20, 1950, that he had been advised by ALBERTSON that the latter had some dues money and two registrations to turn in from Flint.

(U) Informant Detroit ~~T-11~~ of known reliability, stated on July 20, 1950, that ALBERTSON went to the offices of the Civil Rights Congress ~~7ux~~  
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to confer with ANN SHORE, Administrative Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress, relative to organizing a meeting to protest the barring of the "Daily Worker" sales on the Detroit streets. The Civil Rights Congress comes within the purview of Executive Order 9835. b4

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Informant Detroit T-7 stated on August 1, 1950, that ALBERTSON had attended a recent CP meeting at the home of HOWARD TALK of Flint and was the principal speaker and instructor. The Stockholm Peace Pledge was discussed and it was stated that only 2,500 signatures had been obtained in Flint and that these had been secured by only four or five comrades. In reply to a question as to whether it was time to go underground, ALBERTSON stated that the Party entertained no such thought but that the Communists had to be prepared to take a great deal more abuse than they were presently taking. He said that leaflet distribution might have to be discontinued at plant gates during the day and be distributed at night. He also said that groups were being broken down into four members and that these members were to have discussions with members only in their own group. The Informant said that it had been decided that the industrial group should be under the direct supervision of ALBERTSON and that no one was to contact JACK WHITE, CP organizer in Flint, in this regard. At this meeting ALBERTSON also discussed the situation in Korea, comparing it to the situation in this country in 1776. He stated that the United States was using the same tactics as HITLER, said the Negroes in Korea were being used to put fear into the Negro people and said it was a shameful tactic using one group of oppressed colored people against another group of oppressed people. u

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Informant Detroit T-4 stated on August 4, 1950, that ALBERTSON, TOM DENNIS and CARL WINTER had been called in to attend a special meeting at New York City on Tuesday, August 8, 1950. u

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Informant Detroit T-13, of known reliability, stated on August 10, 1950, that several CP sections met together at CP Headquarters, 2419 Grand River Avenue, Detroit, to hear WILLIAM ALBERTSON's report on the Korean war. ALBERTSON stated in this connection that the Korean war was an unjust war and that the Koreans were fighting for their independence. u

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Informant Detroit T-14, of known reliability, stated on August 10, 1950, that ALBERTSON attended the meeting previously reported by Informant T-13 regarding "the war against Korea" and stated, "We must continually explain the unjust character of this war - that it is a war against people who fight to determine their own destiny." ALBERTSON stated

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that the task of the peace forces in the United States was to get millions more signatures for the Stockholm Peace Pledge, that they must struggle to seat China in the United Nations, must force the United Nations to declare publicly against the use of atomic instruments, and to support the proposals of Premier NEHRU. He said further that they must struggle for the rights of the Negro people as it would be impossible to stop the "American" war makers without mass support of the Negro people and Negro workers."

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Informant Detroit [T-15] of known reliability, stated on August 11, 1950, that ALBERTSON attended a meeting of CP west side leaders at Magnolia Hall, Detroit, where he was introduced by PHIL SCHATZ, Dearborn Section Organizer, for the CP as "one of our Party educational leaders" and again outlined the Korean situation and "our activities in connection with this all out imperialist attack on the people of Korea."

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Informant Detroit [T-16] of known reliability, stated that on August 18, 1950, PHIL BART, associated with the "Daily Worker" in New York, met ALBERTSON at his home, 1449 Collingwood, at 8:00 A.M. and remained with him until approximately 3:30 P.M. that afternoon.

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Informant Detroit [T-12] of known reliability, stated on September 5, 1950, that ALBERTSON met with LOUIS WEINSTOCK, CP national functionary, who was in town for the AFL painters' convention.

Informant Detroit T-17 stated on September 25, 1950, that ALBERTSON had told him that he had met with Party members GERALD BOYD, NAT GANLEY and TOM DENNIS on that day to discuss means of postponing the hearing to be held at the Buick local in Flint on charges against BERRY BLASSINGAME, CP member who was accused of conduct unbecoming a union member for passing out subversive literature and making certain statements. ALBERTSON had taken the position that the line of defense would be of a mass character on the subversive literature phase and that the supporting campaign for BLASSINGAME should be in terms of his right to think what he wants. It had been decided to get the local to block the resolution and to elect a committee to investigate.

#### IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Informant Detroit [T-6] stated on August 4, 1950, that ALBERTSON had attended a birthday party for GEORGE CROCKETT, Jr. held at 269 Erskine Avenue, Detroit. CROCKETT was the attorney for CARL WINTER at the New York trial.

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Informant Detroit [T-11] also identified ALBERTSON as being present at the same function.

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Informant Detroit (T-12) <sup>4x</sup> stated on September 4, 1948, that GEORGE CROCKETT was a close personal friend of ALBERTSON and meets with him socially at the ALBERTSON home. <sup>u</sup>

The following is an up to date description of ALBERTSON:

Name	WILLIAM ALBERTSON
Age	40
Date of birth	May 7, 1910
Place of birth	Odessa, Russia
Height	5'8"
Weight	160 pounds
Build	Stocky
Hair	Black, graying, curly, thinning at temples
Eyes	Gray
Complexion	Dark
Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	United States derivative citizenship through mother, <del>ESTHER ALBERTSON</del> , formerly <del>ABRAMSKI</del> nee <del>ESTHER DASHWSKY</del> CP functionary
Occupation	Married
Marital status	<del>FRANCENE ALBERTSON</del> nee <del>FRANCENE SCHNEEBERG</del>
Wife	
Children	
Residence	1149 Collingwood Avenue, Detroit
Characteristics	Heavy eyebrows; wears glasses with heavy horn rims
Social Security No.	113-12-4679

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The following is the more or less complete text of ALBERTSON's statements on CP policy relative to the Korean war as reported by Informant Detroit T-14 on August 10, 1950. ~~SECRET~~ u

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"The United States has moved from the stage of war preparations to the stage of open aggression; aggression now is a key peg in U.S. foreign policy. This is true not only in Korea, but in other countries in Asia. U.S. policy from now on will be aggression against any people striving for national liberation. This struggle will be carried on in the name of Wall Street. u

"As the CP has always pointed out, U.S. policy had to lead to an invasion against peoples striving for national liberation. We, as Communists, must have the answers to questions which will convince the workers that this is an unjust war. Is this the beginning of World War III? The answer to that is that Korea does not have to be the beginning of the third world war. The key to stopping the Korean war from spreading to World War III is the American people; they have the power to smother the warmongers. If Wall Street sustains a victory in Korea, American Imperialism will move further. If American Imperialism experiences defeat in Korea, Wall Street will spread war to other countries. Korea can be the beginning of World War III just as Ethiopia was the beginning of World War II. But it need not follow that pattern. There are four possible patterns of development: u

- "1. The possibility of World War III with its various atomic weapons. u
- "2. Wall Street's 'one-at-a-time policy,' a policy of one protracted, undeclared war after another. That is Wall Street's present policy. u
- "3. The possibility of a temporary retreat by Wall Street which can be brought about by the rise of the peace movement and militant resistance among the peace forces in this country. Such a rout of Wall Street could create a basic change in American foreign policy. u
- "4. To change American foreign policy, the present U.S. Government will have to be changed into a people's government. A change in the present government can develop much more rapidly than we can foresee at the u

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"moment, considering the movement toward war. What does Wall Street want in Korea? They want military bases, political things, etc., but they also want the rich resources of Korea, the rich oil deposits, the gold, the rubber, the tin, and especially the cheap labor in Korea. u

"We must continually explain the unjust character of this war—that it is a war against the people who fight to determine their own destiny. This war is directed not only against Korea; it is directed against the Phillipines, the Viet Nam, and China. The purpose of this Korean war is to also destroy the UN and make it a smoke screen to cover aggression, to drive the Soviet Union out of the UN and to keep China out. It is also intended to destroy all commitments which grew out of World War II, to establish a treaty with Japan in which the Soviet Union will be excluded, to establish bases in Japan which Wall Street needs for aggression. u

"The Stockholm Peace Pledge has grown to tremendous proportions. One objective of this war was to develop a counter-movement against this pledge. To this pledge belongs credit for TRUMAN's failure to use the A-bomb in Korea. u

"American militarism has taken a tremendous step toward World War III, even though that is not its particular objective at the moment. The Capitalist press states that the U.S. is not the aggressor in Korea. Wall Street was surprised in Korea. They expected developments in that country to parallel those which took place in Latin America in the 20's in which American Imperialism established puppets without the use of American troops. Thus they expected the RHEE army to fight and the North Korean army to fold up. But they forgot that the Koreans had years of experience against armed aggression. The Korean is a new type of fighter, a fighter for national liberation who is determined to free his country from any imperialist aggression. There was chauvinism among the brass which led them to suspect that colored people would not fight as whites fight. The imperialist country always has had a superiority in arms against the peoples fighting for liberation—as in Korea. Great Britain was an example of this during the American Revolution, and it is of ominous portent to the U.S. that Britain lost. Wall Street miscalculated in Korea, and when Wall Street invades Formosa, the Philippines, and China, they will meet the same resistance as in Korea. American Imperialism will not succeed as it did in the 20's. u

"Now we have heard a lot about the peaceful co-existence of Capitalist and Communist nations. The Capitalist press is saying that this u

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"peaceful co-existence is not possible. When we spoke of that peaceful possibility, we did not and never did say that the status quo must be maintained. Peaceful co-existence does not mean that the struggle for socialism will be postponed. There can never be peace through slavery. The greatest force for peace is the liberated peoples. Korea would be a great asset to the peace campaign if it were liberated from the yoke of U.S. Imperialism. Peaceful co-existence is still possible, but that does not mean that the struggle for Socialism in Capitalist countries will not continue, that does not mean that colonists will not fight for national liberation. u

"As for the UN we should have no illusions. We must have no illusions as to its role. Remember the League. The UN could move in the same direction. Today, the UN is the hope of millions as an instrument for peace. But the UN has never succeeded in playing the role for which it was designed. Even in mediations, it was never able to fulfill its role. Now in the future, the UN cannot be neutral; it must uphold imperialist aggression. The UN, to be an instrument for peace, must oppose imperialist aggression against any country fighting for national liberation. The UN can never really be an instrument for peace unless New China is in its rightful seat in the Security Council. TRYGVE LIE is an active mobilizer against the people of Korea--a Capitalist representative. LIE was the person who called in HENRY WALLACE to his (LIE's) UN office and persuaded him to take the position he took with regard to the Progressive Party. LIE has today refused to make any statement with regard to use of the atomic bomb in Korea or any other place in the world. u

"The task of the peace forces in the U.S. at the present time is to fill the Stockholm Peace Pledge, with questions of the atomic bomb as the most active force with which to mobilize people. The Pledge has already performed a tremendous service in the U.S. But among our tasks we must get millions more of these signatures before the campaign--30,000 to 40,000 in Michigan alone. We must explain--so that the American worker will understand--that this is an unjust war, an Imperialist war, a war against colored people who want their freedom. We must continually explain this. Only by understanding this can Americans stop an unjust war. Also, we must struggle to seat China in the UN as provided by the UN charter. We must force the UN to declare publicly against the use of atomic instruments in general and to support the proposals of Premier NEHRU to end the Korean war. We must establish organizations in the shops and in the communities to carry out this program; we must establish a wide network of committees for this. We must struggle for the rights of the Negro people; it will be impossible to stop the American war-makers without mass support of the Negro people and the Negro workers. We must have concrete struggles on police brutality against Negroes, against lack of housing, against discrimination, for upgrading and other rights of Negro workers in the shops and unions, also, against the firing of Negro workers. u

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"These struggles must not only be initiated, but they must be raised to a higher level in order to make them an active force for peace. We must open new CP discussions on white chauvinism because this is a chauvinistic war against a colored people." u

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LEADS

One copy of this report is designated for the information of the New York Office in view of the fact that WILLIAM ALBERTSON is considered a top functionary in CP, USA. U

One copy of this report is designated for the information of the Pittsburgh Office inasmuch as ALBERTSON was assigned to CP, District 5, prior to his becoming Trade Union Secretary, CP, District 7. U

THE DETROIT DIVISION

At Detroit, Michigan:

Will follow and report the activities of WILLIAM ALBERTSON in connection with his position in CP, District 7. U

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- (U) ~~(C)~~ [T-1].....is LOUIS BUDENZ, former Managing Editor of the "Daily Worker" and CP functionary until October, 1945. BUDENZ furnished this information July 5, 1950, and his identity should be protected. ~~u~~
- (U) ~~(C)~~ [T-2].....is Pittsburgh Informant [ ] who furnished the information April 27, 1950, to the Pittsburgh Office. ~~u~~
- (U) ~~(C)~~ [T-3].....is a letter dated May 2, 1950, from HENRY WINSTON to WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN obtained by SA [ ] on May 4, 1950, from the building located at 35 East 12th Street, New York. ~~u~~

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Report of SA [redacted], 6-2-50, Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh letter, June 2, 1950.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4/24/51</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/15-17, 30/51</b>	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div>
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## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject still residing at 1449 Collingwood and functioning as trade union secretary CP, District 7. Has participated in numerous conferences in Detroit, Flint and Grand Rapids, Michigan, in connection with the administration and development of the various activities of District 7.

## DETAILS:

At Detroit, Michigan:

## RESIDENCE AND BUSINESS ADDRESSES

On March 19, 1951, confidential informant Detroit T-1 of known reliability, stated Subject was residing at 1449 Collingwood, Detroit, Michigan.

On March 21, 1951, confidential informant Detroit T-2 of known reliability, stated that Subject was still functioning as trade union secretary, District 7, CP.

## ACTIVITIES

### A. Security Measures and Defensive Tactics

According to information furnished by informants Detroit T-2, T-3 and T-4 of known reliability, Subject met with CARL WINTER, SAUL WELLMAN, NATHAN GANLEY, PHIL SCHATZ and other leading members of the CP in Detroit on several occasions during November.

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and December of 1950 and February of 1951.] Informants stated that during these meetings, the following topics were discussed among others:

1. The basis to be used for the defense of CARL WINTER (as one of the eleven national Communist leaders tried in New York City).
2. Security measures for Party operations.
3. Policy to be followed by CP members when questioned concerning subversion.
4. Formulation of "Party Line."

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According to informants [T-2 and T-3], Subject met with CARL WINTER, BILLY ALLAN, SAUL CROSSMAN, NAT GANLEY and other prominent members of District 7 of the CP on several occasions during October, November and December, 1950 and during January and February of 1951. Informants stated that during these meetings, discussions were held to establish the Party line with reference to the following subject matter: a proposed amendment to the Federal constitution; the McCarran Bill; the Atom Bomb; the War Effort; the U. S. foreign policy; re-arming of Germany; military training; wages; prices and taxes.

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#### B. Propaganda Publications

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Informants Detroit [T-2 and T-5], of known reliability, stated that during the period from November, 1950 through February, 1951, Subject conferred with BILLY ALLAN, NAT GANLEY, SAUL WELLMAN and other CP leaders concerning the circulation of the following Communist publications: "The Worker," "Political Affairs," "March of Labor," and a leaflet regarding the Western Germany situation.

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#### C. Activity in the Auto Industry

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Informants Detroit [T-2, T-5 and T-6], all of known reliability, furnished information that Subject met with BILLY ALLAN, NAT GANLEY, SAUL WELLMAN and other leading members of the CP on several occasions from October, 1950 to February, 1951. Informants stated that discussions were held on the following subjects: the CIO Convention, the possibility of a United Front Committee in the various United Auto Worker shops, the Rolling Mill strike at the Ford Motor Company, the general council elections at the Ford Motor Company,

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the question of an organized "Left Center" in the auto industry and a fund-raising campaign at Friggs Manufacturing Company, Hudson Motor Company, Chrysler Motor Company and Packard Motor Company.

D. Local Politics

- (U) Informants Detroit T-2, T-6 and T-7, all of known reliability, stated that Subject met with CP leaders JERRY SHORE and BILLY ALLAN and CARL WINTER on three occasions during November of 1950 and discussed various phases of the November 7 elections in Detroit.

E. CIO Activities

- (U) According to informants Detroit T-3, T-6 and T-7, Subject conferred on several occasions from October, 1950 to February, 1951 with CP leaders ANN SHORE, SAUL GROSSMAN and CARL WINTER concerning the following matters: a mass rally, Michigan State Conference to Protect the Bill of Rights, a delegation to Virginia to defend the Martinsville Seven (convicted rapist of the State of Virginia).

F. Activity Among the Negroes

- (U) During the period from October, 1950 to February, 1951, informants Detroit T-2, T-3 and T-5 furnished information that Subject held several meetings with CARL WINTER, ART McPHAIL, ANN SHORE, TOM LENNIS and other Communist leaders to plan a campaign against police brutality. Informants further advised that this campaign came about as a result of the CHARLES GORDY case. GORDY, a Negro, is the subject of a local police case in which he and a policeman, in a dispute over an arrest of GORDY's son, engaged in an argument in which the policeman was shot and killed.

According to informants, during these conferences, plans were also made to fight against white chauvinism and to hold a New Year's Eve party in a number of homes to which both white and colored individuals would be invited. Informants also advised that plans were discussed to obtain Negro representation in the Michigan State Government and to cultivate the support of the Negro vote in union elections.

G. Miscellaneous Activities

- (U) According to informants Detroit T-2, T-5 and T-6, Subject met with BILLY ALLAN, NAT SANLEY, JERRY SHORE, SAUL WELLMAN and other Communist leaders on a number of occasions from October,

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1950 to February, 1951 to discuss plans for various organizations and activities of interest to the CP. Informant stated that some of these were the Progressive Party of Michigan, the "March of Labor" movement, a mass meeting in Cadillac Square, the Labor Youth League, the Jewish Chorus, the Jewish Cultural Center and the Michigan Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born.

H. Activities Outside of District 7

- (U) Informants Detroit T-2, T-4, T-6, T-7, T-8, T-9, and T-10, all of known reliability, stated that during the period November, 1950 through February, 1951, Subject conferred on several occasions with CARL WINTER, TOM DENNIS, HOWARD POSTER, BERRY BLASSINGAME and other leading Communists in New York, New York and Flint and Grand Rapids, Michigan to discuss various matters of concern to the CP. According to the informants, plans were made to obtain representation in the Federal Government and the Government of the State of Michigan. Informants also advised that plans were made to send a delegation to the World Peace Conference at Sheffield, England during November, 1950 and to send a delegation to Washington, D. C. during March of 1951.

I. Administration of District #7

- (U) According to information furnished by informants Detroit T-2 and T-4, Subject held discussions at different times during October and November of 1950 and January of 1951 with TOM DENNIS, ART McPAUL, CARL WINTER, SAUL WELLMAN and other leading CP members of Michigan for the purpose of preparing a new mailing list for the CP, a new personnel questionnaire for individual members of the CP, the yearly report for District #7 of the CP, and to set the budget for the forthcoming year.

J. Re-Assignment of CP Personnel

- (U) During the period November, 1950 to February, 1951, information was received from informants Detroit T-2, T-6 and T-7 that Subject held several conferences with CARL WINTER, NAT GANLEY, EILLY MILAN and other prominent CP officials for the purpose of discussing changes or assignment for CP members SAUL WELLMAN, JACK COPE, JERRY BOYD and JOE WIRNEAM.

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THE DETROIT DIVISION

At Detroit, Michigan:

Will follow and report activities of Subject. u

Will conduct investigation to ascertain whether  
Subject has been fingerprinted. u

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RE: DRENGER:

Report of SA HARVARD E. HEISTEK dated November  
27, 1950 at Detroit, Michigan. ~

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SAC, Detroit

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Director, FBI

WILLIAM ALBERTSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
Detroit file 100-16560

It is anticipated that the United States Supreme Court will, in the near future, render a decision relative to the eleven members of the National Board of the Communist Party, USA, who were found guilty of violating the Smith Act by the District Court Jury for the Southern District of New York.

In the event the Supreme Court upholds the constitutionality of the Act, it is quite possible the Department may desire to prosecute other leaders of the Communist Party.

You are instructed to make certain that:

Copies of all pertinent reports in this case were furnished to the interested United States Attorney including reports prepared subsequent to the discussion with the United States Attorney.

All requests by the United States Attorney for additional investigation have been complied with; and all leads relating to prosecution have been fully investigated and reported.

I desire that you make certain that all investigation necessary for trial purposes has been completed and reported and furnished to the United States Attorney in order that any delay in bringing this case to trial cannot be attributed to this Bureau.

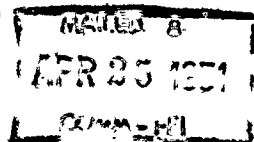
The Bureau desires to be advised of the investigative status of this case, whether pertinent serials have been furnished to the United States Attorney and the present prosecutive status of this case.

The information requested should be furnished the Bureau by return mail.

cc: Pittsburgh (65-749)

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SAC, Detroit

April 27, 1951

Director, FBI

WILLIAM ALBERTSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950  
Your file 100-10500  
Bureau file 65-33160

You are instructed to initiate immediate investigation and bring the subject's employment, associations and activities up to date.

This report should be submitted without delay. A report is requested every ninety days in this case.

Detroit is requested to furnish a copy of the report of SA Harold L. Loystek dated November 27, 1950, on this subject to the USA at Pittsburgh.

Three copies of all reports submitted should be furnished to the Pittsburgh Office which is designated as the office of prosecution until advised to the contrary.

cc: Pittsburgh

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 1, 1951

FROM : SAC, Detroit

SUBJECT: <sup>①</sup> WILLIAM ALBERTSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Reurlet dated April 25, 1951.

A review of Subject's file in the Detroit Office reflects this case is not one of the group previously referred to the United States Attorney for a prosecutive opinion.

Accordingly, copies of pertinent reports will be furnished to the United States Attorney and upon the receipt of a prosecutive opinion; the Bureau will be immediately advised.

- A pending inactive report was written on April 24, 1951.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 3, 1951

FROM : SAC, Detroit

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950  
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Reference is made to your letter dated April 25, 1951 entitled WILLIAM ALBERTSON, INTERNAL SECURITY - C, instructing this office to make certain that copies of all pertinent reports were furnished to the United States Attorney and instructing that the Bureau be advised as to the investigative and prosecutive status of this case.

Reference is also made to your letter dated April 27, 1951 entitled WILLIAM ALBERTSON, INTERNAL SECURITY - C, INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950, instructing the Detroit Office to bring the investigation up to date and to furnish a copy of the report of SA HARVARD E. HEYSTEK, dated November 27, 1950, on this Subject to the Pittsburgh Office, which was designated as office of prosecution.

From a review of the Detroit file in this case, it is felt that it is the Bureau's desire that this case be prosecuted in the Pittsburgh Division. Accordingly, copies of the reports of SA HARVARD E. HEYSTEK, dated November 27, 1950 and SA [redacted] dated April 24, 1951 at Detroit, are being transmitted to the Pittsburgh Office.

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Pittsburgh will be considered as the office of prosecution and will be furnished with three copies of future reports UACB.

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cc. Pittsburgh (Encls.)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh  
 SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON  
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DATE: May 10, 1951

ReBullets to Detroit dated 4/25/51 and 4/27/51.

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This is to advise that copies of pertinent reports in this case have been furnished to the United States Attorney at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and include the following:

1. Report of SA [redacted] dated 11/19/47, at New York.
2. Report of SA [redacted] dated 1/27/50, at Pittsburgh.
3. Report of SA [redacted] dated 3/24/50, at Pittsburgh.
4. Report of SA [redacted] dated 6/2/50, at Pittsburgh.
5. Report of SA HARVARD E. HEYSTEK, dated 11/27/50, at Detroit.
6. Report of SA [redacted] dated 4/24/51, at Detroit.

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Several serials have been routed to the subject's file subsequent to his departure from Pittsburgh and the RUC report of SA [redacted] dated 6/2/50, at Pittsburgh. This sporadic information which has been received is currently being incorporated in a report, and when said report is completed a copy will be furnished to the United States Attorney at Pittsburgh.

In regard to the prosecutive status of this case, United States Attorney EDWARD C. BOYLE advised that he has directed a letter to the Department of Justice, under date of April 30, 1951, in which he indicated to the Department of Justice that he felt that

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TO: Director, FBI  
FROM: SAC, Pittsburgh  
RE: WILLIAM ALBERTSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

May 10, 1951

immediate action in this case should be delayed until the outcome of the trial of STEVE NELSON, ANDREW ONDA, and JIM DOLSEN, currently pending in the Criminal Court of Allegheny County, under the Pennsylvania Sedition Act. United States Attorney BOYLE stated that he had advised the Department that he was withholding prosecutive action on the above-captioned subject until the completion of the state sedition trial since he did not want to take any action at this time which might in any way reflect on or prejudice the current state prosecution.

May 28, 1951

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Re: WILLIAM ALBERTSON  
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POSITION IN PARTY: Trade Union Secretary, Communist Party,  
District No. 7, at Detroit, Michigan.

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: Detroit, Michigan

OFFICE OF PROSECUTION: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

USA's OPINION: USA, Edward Boyle, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania,  
felt that immediate action should be delayed  
in this case until the outcome of the trial  
of Steve Nelson, Andrew Onda and Jim Dolson  
has been determined. They are by prosecu-  
tion under the Pennsylvania Sedition Act.

WHEREABOUTS: As of April 24, 1951, Albertson resided at  
1449 Collingwood Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

REPORTS: A pending report was submitted in this case  
on April 24, 1951.

A summary report was received dated January  
27, 1950.

Copies of all reports have been furnished  
to the United States Attorney at Pittsburgh,  
Pennsylvania.

INFORMANTS:

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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PI-28 -- (Misur) - 20th Cent. Indust. Export.  
DE-140 -- (Misur) CP  
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DE-319 -- (Tesur) - CP  
DE-348 -- (Tesur) - William Albertson (C) b6  
ND-426 -- (N.Y.P?) [redacted] active, b7C  
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SURVEILLANCES:

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PERSONAL DATA:

William Albertson was born May 7, 1910, at Odessa, Russia. His mother was naturalized June 29, 1927, and he received derived citizenship. He was formerly Organizational Secretary of the Kings Company, New York Communist Party in 1946, and was Assistant National Labor Secretary of the Communist Party - USA as well as former Organizational Secretary, CP, District 5, western Pennsylvania.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 27, 1951

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

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SPECIAL DELIVERYSUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON, wa.  
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Reference Bulet to New York dated 6-6-51, captioned "CP, USA - BRIEF (PROSECUTION OF ADDITIONAL COMMUNIST FUNCTIONARIES UNDER THE SMITH ACT) INTERNAL SECURITY." Reference report of SA [ ] New York, November 19, 1947.

A review of the Pittsburgh files and the New York reports therein reflect that the subject was in New York City from 1930 to 1947. During this period the subject resided at several addresses. From this review the following is a list of addresses and approximate dates that the subject resided at:

EXPEDITE PROCESSING

1. 107 East Tenth Street, New York City  
June, 1932 (source marriage record)
2. 107 A Hampton Avenue, Manhattan Beach  
(Brooklyn) New York City, prior to  
December, 1940. (Source New York PD  
report)
3. 872 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, New York City,  
prior to 1940 (home of in-laws)
4. 59 West End Avenue, Manhattan Beach,  
New York City, June, 1940 to April, 1943  
(source Selective Service file)
5. 602 Banner Avenue, Brooklyn, New York City,  
April, 1943 to April, 1944 (source Selective  
Service file)
6. 1980 East Twelfth Street, Brooklyn, New York City,  
April, 1944 to October, 1947 (source Selective  
Service file)

It is requested that the New York Office furnish in letter form for inclusion in the prosecutive summary report being prepared for the subject, a chronological history of his residences while in New York City, as well as legally admissable evidence to substantiate the same. (Suggestions in this connection are

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certified photostatic copies of Water Department records, Light Company records, Gas Company records, Voters Registration records, etc). The name of the individual who can produce the original document in each case should also be furnished.

EMPLOYMENTS:

A review of the New York reports indicate the following employments for the subject (other than CP) while in New York City:

1. Labor Union official in an executive capacity from 1932 to 1940 (source Selective Service file)
2. Affiliated with the Food Workers Industrial Union, Local #119, prior to 1940.
3. Secretary, Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, AFL, Waiters and Bartenders Local #16, 752 Eighth Avenue, Manhattan, New York City, prior to 1940.
4. Waiter, Havana-Madrid, 1650 Broadway, Manhattan, New York City, approximately October, 1940.

It is requested that the New York Office furnish in chronological order the various employments of the subject while he was in New York City as well as legally admissable evidence such as certified photostatic copies of employment records, to substantiate the same. The names of those individuals who can produce the original records should also be furnished.

MARRIAGE RECORDS:

It is requested that the New York Office obtain a certified photostatic copy of the subject's marriage record (Certificate number 9306) which is on file at the Brooklyn, New York, Hall of Records. Subject was married June 19, 1932, at Brooklyn, New York. The name of the individual who can produce the original documents

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should also be furnished.

SELECTIVE SERVICE RECORD:

It is requested that the New York Office obtain a certified photostatic copy of pertinent records maintained for the subject by the Selective Service Board and the name of the individual who can produce the original documents. According to the report of SA [redacted] at New York, dated March 18, 1947, several pertinent documents are maintained therein (subject registered with Local Board #144, Brooklyn, New York, on October 16, 1940, Serial Number 20785, Order Number either 80 or 780).

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VOTERS REGISTRATION RECORD:

It is requested that the records at Voters Registration be checked by the New York Office for pertinent information regarding the subject and if same exists, obtain a certified photostatic copy of said record and the name of the individual who can produce the original document.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS:

It is requested that the New York Office make a check of the records maintained by the Board of Elections for any pertinent records concerning the subject since the file indicates that the subject was a candidate in New York City in 1934 on the Communist Party ticket for Congressman. Subject is also believed to have been a candidate for other offices on the Communist Party ticket while in New York City. If pertinent records exist, a certified photostatic copy of the same should be obtained and the name of the individual who can produce the original document.

PARTY CONNECTIONS IN NEW YORK:

It is requested that a chronological history of the subject's Communist Party activity and positions held while he was in New York City be furnished. For each position held in New York, it is requested that a detailed paragraph be furnished concerning the duties of the offices which the subject held. The above should

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include dates, places, etc.

With respect to the summary report of SA [redacted] at New York, dated November 19, 1947, it is requested that the New York Office identify and advise as to the availability of the informants set forth below which were utilized in the above-mentioned report. The following type of information should be furnished: correct name (or symbol number) and current address, whether admissible, present availability, a brief background statement in accordance with instructions set out in reBulet, to include any information of interest to the United States Attorney at Pittsburgh in evaluating the creditability and usefulness of each potential witness. In the case of confidential informants, the background statement should include a statement as to whether the informant is a paid informant, whether still active, present status and position in the Party and whether the informant has been compromised.

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Witnesses and informants are as follows:

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LOUIS BUDENZ  
BENJAMIN GITLOW

[redacted] (set forth as T-1 in referenced report)

[redacted] (set forth as T-2)

[redacted] (set forth as T-3)

[redacted] (set forth as T-4)

[redacted] (set forth as T-5)

[redacted] (set forth as T-6)

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It is also requested that the New York Office ascertain if RALPH A. SEALS, Director of Reference Section, New York Public Library, Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street, New York City, continues

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(U) to be the individual who can produce the 1937 Year Book of the Young Communist League of America which is maintained in the library (mentioned on Page 17 of SA [redacted] report).

Confidential informant [redacted] and [redacted] of the Cleveland Office, were utilized in the summary report of SA [redacted] New York, November 19, 1947, and, therefore, it is requested that the Cleveland Office furnish the pertinent information set forth above regarding these two informants as to identify, availability, admissability, etc., as set forth in reBulet.

The Bureau is requested to advise as to the present whereabouts and status of SA's [redacted] and [redacted], whose prospective testimony is set forth on Page 15 of the report of SA [redacted] New York, November 19, 1947. Request that the Bureau also furnish same information regarding SA [redacted] whose testimony is on Page 16 of same report.

ATTENTION ALL OFFICES:

The Bureau has instructed that a new prosecutive summary be submitted in this case without fail by July 15, 1951. All offices should, therefore, handle the above investigation requested as expeditiously as possible and furnish replies to the Pittsburgh Office no later than July 7, 1951. It is requested that replies be furnished by AMSD letter or by teletype if necessary, in order to reach Pittsburgh no later than July 7, 1951. In the event it becomes necessary to direct leads to other offices in this matter, such leads should be set forth by teletype and the auxiliary offices advised as to dead lines and expeditious nature.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: July 6, 1951

FROM : SAC, Detroit

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON  
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Rebulet July 2, 1951 captioned "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - BRIEF  
(PROSECUTION OF ADDITIONAL COMMUNIST FUNCTIONARIES UNDER THE SMITH ACT).

Following news broadcasts concerning the arrest of seventeen  
CP leaders on June 20, 1951, ALBERTSON arranged to meet with CARL WINTER  
and later told his wife "he had been to a doctor and had been placed on a  
diet". She agreed that he would be needing a rest for a long time and,  
from their conversation, it appeared that she did not expect to see him for  
some time.

ALBERTSON has not been seen by agents or informants of the  
Detroit office since that time and apparently has not returned to 1449 Colling-  
wood, which is his permanent address in Detroit.

Informants have been alerted to be on the lookout for the subject  
and spot checks of his wife are being conducted to determine if he is in  
contact with her.

[redacted] informed on July 5, 1951 that ARTHUR McPHAUL, Executive  
Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress of Michigan, had attended a meeting  
on that date and had received instructions to expand the CRC. It is believed  
that McPHAUL and WILLIAM ALLAN, DAILY WORKER correspondent, met with the State  
Board of the CP of Michigan, which includes ALBERTSON.

Investigation is continuing to determine ALBERTSON's whereabouts  
and the Bureau will be advised when he is located.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: July 14, 1951

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON  
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ReBulet to New York, 6/6/51, captioned "Communist Party - USA Brief (Prosecution of Additional Communist Functionaries Under the Smith Act), Internal Security." (u)

Transmitted herewith are five copies of a Prosecutive Summary Report of SA [redacted] dated July 14, 1951, at Pittsburgh, Pa., which sets forth the admissible evidence contained in the files of the Pittsburgh Office regarding the subject. (u)

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b7CINVESTIGATION TO BE CONDUCTED

Leads are currently outstanding in connection with this case in regard to possible prosecutive action at the New York, Detroit, and Washington Field Offices. At the time of the submission of this report, information setting forth the identity of the informants at New York and Detroit who may possibly be utilized in prosecutive action has not been received by the Pittsburgh Office and therefore, this information, which is relatively small in amount, has not been included in this report. (u)

~~EXPEDITE PROCESSING~~

New York is currently developing information in connection with the subject's former addresses while in New York City, his employments while in New York City, and various Party positions held by the subject while in New York City from 1930 to 1947. New York is also checking the subject's alleged application for naturalization at Brooklyn, New York (through a derivative application status). New York is also obtaining photostatic copies of the following records: marriage records, Selective Service records, and any other records in connection with the desired information mentioned above. Leads are also outstanding in New York to interview several informants for additional information, as well as to check records at the Voters' Registration and the Board of Education. (u)

The Detroit Office is currently developing additional information regarding the subject's activities since his arrival there in April, 1950, which was requested by the Pittsburgh Division. (u)

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(U) As soon as the above investigation is completed by the New York and Detroit Offices, this information will be incorporated in a supplemental report. (The attached report consists of approximately 85 per cent of all admissible evidence with the exception of T-1 informants, which is a small amount, and the Bureau instructed not to utilize these informants in the preparation of the Prosecutive Summaries upon Communist Party functionaries.)

The Washington Field Office is currently obtaining, at the Library of Congress, photostatic copies of publications which have been utilized in the attached report as Exhibits and will be furnished to the Bureau under separate cover as soon as they are received by the Pittsburgh Office. The photostatic copies of records currently being obtained by the New York Office and which records were set forth as Exhibits in the attached report, will also be furnished to the Bureau under separate cover as soon as they are received. u

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE INFORMANTS  
UTILIZED IN THE ATTACHED REPORT OF SA  
[REDACTED], DATED JULY 14, 1951,  
AT PITTSBURGH.

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(U) Confidential Informant [T-1] ~~C~~

T-1 is Detroit Informant [REDACTED] a current member of the Communist Party and is considered reliable. (Background information was not received from Detroit) ~~C~~

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(U) Confidential Informant [T-2] ~~C~~

T-2 is LOUIS E. BUDENZ, who became a member of the Communist Party in 1935 and made rapid rise in the movement. In 1936, he became Labor Editor of the "Daily Worker" and ~~C~~

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held various positions until 1941 when he became Managing Editor of the "Daily Worker", as well as President of the Freedom of the Press Company, Inc. BUDENZ became a high ranking member of the Communist Party and a member of the National Committee. He publicly broke with the Communist Party in October 1945 and was utilized as a witness at the trial of the Communist Party leaders.

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(U) Confidential Informant [T-3] ~~C~~

T-3 is Pittsburgh [ ] who is colored, age 68, male, and a current member of the Communist Party. He has had 3 years grade school and has attended high school. He joined the Communist Party in Norfolk, Virginia, in January 1932 and was Communist Party organizer in Norfolk until 1939. He joined the Communist Party in Pittsburgh in February 1943 and has been on the District Committee and District Buro, and a member of the Executive Board of the Hill Club, District 5, Communist Party, and is well acquainted with several National Communist Party leaders. He was arrested in Norfolk, Virginia, in 1933, on a charge of aggitating against a free Government, paid \$25.00 fine; was arrested in 1934 at Newport News, Virginia, for inciting a riot but charges were dismissed; and ~~C~~

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(U) was arrested in 1939 in Suffolk, Virginia, for holding a public meeting without a permit, but the charges were dismissed. He has been furnishing information since April 1943 and has never been compromised. ~~C~~

(U) Confidential Informant [T-4] ~~C~~

[redacted]  
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(U) T-4 is Cleveland [redacted], who was a Communist Party member from 1942 to 1948; was an Executive Board member of a Communist Party Section in Ohio; has no known criminal record; and is considered reliable. ~~C~~

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(U) Confidential Informant [T-5] ~~C~~

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(U) T-5 is Pittsburgh [redacted] who is 37 years of age, male, white, a current member of the Communist Party and attended High School, but did not graduate. He joined the Communist Party at Pittsburgh in the Summer of 1942 and has been active as a member since that time. He has no known criminal record and has not been compromised. ~~C~~

(U) Confidential Informant [T-6] ~~C~~

[redacted]  
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(U) T-6 is Pittsburgh [redacted] who is white, age 38, female, and attended business high school, but did not graduate. She joined the Communist Party at Pittsburgh in the Spring of 1944 and has been active since that time. She has been [redacted] a member of the Executive Board, and [redacted] of the North Side Club, District 5, Communist Party. She has no known criminal record and has never been compromised. ~~C~~

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(U) Confidential Informant [T-7] ~~C~~

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(U) T-7 is former Pittsburgh [redacted] who is 59 years of age, female, white, and a former member of the Communist Party. ~~C~~

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at Charleston, West Virginia, from April 1943 to November 1950, at which time she was dropped from the Communist Party because the Party was "trimming" down. This informant was quite active in the Party at Charleston, West Virginia. In January 1951, Communist Party members became suspicious of her in that they thought she was giving out information about the Communist Party. She has no known criminal record and has not been compromised.

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Who is former Pittsburgh [redacted] age 42, white, male, two years of college and two years of business school education. [redacted] joined the Communist Party at Pittsburgh in February 1943. He has held the following positions in the Communist Party: [redacted]

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Lawrenceville Branch, District 5, Communist Party; member of Pittsburgh City Executive Board; member of the National and District 5, Communist Party, Nationality Commissions; member of District 5, Communist Party Organizational and Education Committee; and a member of the National Slovenian Section, Communist Party - USA. [redacted] has had close associations with several National Communist Party - USA leaders. [redacted] was arrested and indicted for assault and battery upon his sister-in-law in 1939, however, the charge was not pressed the same year. [redacted] furnished information to the Pittsburgh Office from 1943 to January 1950, when he was

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discontinued after disclosing his confidential relationship with the Bureau. During the Spring of 1950, [ ] testified before the House of Representatives Committee on Un-American Activities at Washington, D. C., regarding his knowledge of Communist Party activities in the Western Pennsylvania area. [ ] is considered reliable.

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Origin **DETROIT**

Report Made At: <b>PITTSBURGH</b>	Date: <b>7/14/51</b>	Period: <b>6/25-30; 7/1-3, 5-13/51</b>	Report Made By: <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 15px;"></div>
Title: <b>WILLIAM ALBERTSON</b>			Character: <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C Smith Act of 1940</b>

Prosecutive SUMMARY REPORT

*William Albertson*

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Birth Data

The records of the Clerk's Office, United States District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, contains a petition for naturalization, number 71893, dated March 30, 1927, for the subject's mother, Mrs. ESTHER ABRAMSKI, alias Mrs. ESTHER ALBERTSON. This petition reflects that the subject's mother was naturalized at Pittsburgh on June 29, 1927, and that on the same date, by order of the Court, the name of the petition was changed from Mrs. ESTHER AMBRAMSKI to Mrs. ESTHER ALBERTSON. This record also sets forth that she has one child, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, born May 7, 1910, in Russia.

Exhibit No. 1

Final petition for naturalization, # 71893, dated March 30, 1927, for subject's mother, Mrs. ESTHER ALBERTSON.

Witness:

STEPHEN P. LAFFEY,  
Clerk of the United States District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania.

(Copy of document could not be obtained)  
Do Not Write In Those Spaces.

Approved & Forwarded: *[Signature]* Special Agent In Charge

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The records maintained for the subject at the Office of Voters' Registration, County Office Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, under number 889427, sets forth that the subject was born May 7, 1910, in Russia.

Exhibit No. 2      Certified photostatic copy of subject's Voters' Registration records; dated September 7, 1948, # 889427.

Witness:              JOSEPH A. SCHMITT, Chief File Clerk, Pittsburgh Board of Registration Commissioners, County Office Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The records of the Registrar's Office, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, reflect that the subject was born May 7, 1910, in Odessa, Russia.

Exhibit No. 3      Certified photostatic copy of subject's school records (Transcript of Record), maintained at the Registrar's Office, University of Pittsburgh.

Witness:              Dr. J. GILBERT QUICK, Registrar, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

B. Naturalization

The records maintained by the Pittsburgh Office of Voters' Registrations, for the subject, under number 889427, sets forth under the Section "Naturalization Data" that the subject was naturalized at Brooklyn, New York, on June 29, 1927, and was issued certificate number A-95946.

Exhibit No. 2      Certified photostatic copy of subject's Voters' Registration

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record, number 889427, maintained at Office of Voters' Registrations.

Witness:

JOSEPH A. SCHMITT, Chief File Clerk, Pittsburgh Board of Registration Commissioners, County Office Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

C. Education

The records of the Registrar's Office, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, maintained for the subject, sets forth, on the subject's Transcript, that the subject graduated from Schenley High School, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on June 29, 1927; that he attended the University of Pittsburgh, taking a pre-Medical course for two semesters in the school year 1927-1928 and two semesters in the school year 1928-1929; and the subject's grades were approximately a "B" average. The Transcript of the subject's record carried the following notation: "May 2, 1929 - dismissed by order of the Chamcellor for activities in connection with the 'Liberal Club' on and after April 19, 1929."

Exhibit No. 3 Certified photostatic copy of subject's school records (Transcript of Record), maintained at the Registrar's Office, University of Pittsburgh.

Witness:

Dr. J. GILBERT QUICK,  
Registrar, University of  
Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Penn-  
sylvania.

The records maintained in the subject's file, University of Pittsburgh, contained a copy of a letter, dated May 2, 1929, from L. P. SIEG, Dean, addressed to J. G. QUICK, Registrar, which stated the following:

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"Today, upon the Chancellor's order, the following two students in the College, ARTHUR G. MC DOWELL and WILLIAM ALBERTSON, were expelled from school, as a result of certain of their activities in connection with the 'Liberal Club'. I have informed the instructors of these students and I am informing you in order that you may enter this action upon the records of each of these students."

Exhibit No. 3      Certified photostatic copy of subject's school records (copy of letter dated May 2, 1929, from L. P. SIEG, Dean, to the Registrar, University of Pittsburgh).

Witness:              Dr. U. GILBERT QUICK, Registrar,  
University of Pittsburgh,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

A record maintained in the subject's file at the Registrar's Office, University of Pittsburgh, entitled "Certificate of High School Education Record", which is Side One of the subject's application for admission to the University of Pittsburgh, dated August 25, 1927, and which was filled in by an official of the Schenley High School, reflected that the subject attended Schenley High School, from September 4, 1923 to June 29, 1927, and was graduated on that date in the first fifth of his class with high honor.

Exhibit No. 3      Certified photostatic copy of subject's school records (Side One of subject's application for admission to the University of Pittsburgh, dated August 25, 1927).

Witness:              Dr. J. GILBERT QUICK, Registrar,  
University of Pittsburgh,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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D. Employment

August 1932 to 1940

Labor Union official - General organizer, in an executive capacity.

Exhibit No. 4 Photostatic copy of records maintained in subject's Selective Service file, located at Brooklyn, New York. (Subject registered under Local Board # 144, Brooklyn, New York) (To be obtained)

Witness: A competent official of the Selective Service System of New York maintaining the records of former Local Board #144, Brooklyn, New York, under Selective Service Act of 1940.

October 1940

Havana-Madrid Corporation, 1650 Broadway, New York City, as waiter.

Exhibit No. 4 Photostatic copy of records maintained in subject's Selective Service file, located at Brooklyn, New York (on DSS Form #1). (To be obtained)

Witness: A competent official of the Selective Service System of New York maintaining the records of former Local Board #144, Brooklyn, New York.

May 1940 to February 1942

A waiter (probably at Havana-Madrid Corporation)

Exhibit No. 4 Photostatic copy of records maintained in subject's Selective Service File, located at Brooklyn, New York (DSS Form #311). (To be obtained)

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Witness:

A competent official of the Selective Service System of New York, maintaining the records of former Local Board #144, Brooklyn, New York.

May 4, 1942 to May, 1943  
(and possibly to November, 1943)

Hotel and Restaurant Workers' Union, Local #16, American Federation of Labor, 752 Eighth Avenue, New York City - Labor Union Official, General Organizer

Exhibit No. 4

Photostatic copy of records maintained in subject's Selective Service File, located at Brooklyn, New York  
(To be obtained)

Witness:

A competent official of the Selective Service System of New York, maintaining the records of former Local Board #144, Brooklyn, New York.

E. Marital Status

The marriage records, maintained at the Hall of Records, Brooklyn, New York, contain the marriage certificate, number 9306, for the subject, which reflects that the certificate was issued on June 15, 1932; that the subject was married, under the name of WILLIAM ALBERTSON, to FRANCENE SCHNEEBERG, on June 19, 1932, at Brooklyn, New York, by Rabbi S. WEISS, 171 Van Buren Avenue.

*Francene X Albertson;*

Immediate Relatives

*Mrs. William X Albertson,*

The subject's marriage record further reflected that his father

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was SOLOMON ~~(ABRAMSKI)~~ and that his mother was ESTHER ~~DASHEVESKY~~ (ABRAMSKI), both born in Russia. The record reflected his father-in-law as ADOLF ~~SCHNEEBERG~~, 872 Bedford Avenue, New York City, and his mother-in-law as SALI ~~GLANZ~~ ~~SCHNEEBERG~~, 872 Bedford Avenue, New York City, both born in Austria.

Exhibit No. 5 *Mrs Adolf Schneeburg* Photostatic copy of marriage records of subject, certificate #9306, located at the Hall of Records, Brooklyn, New York. (To be obtained)

Witness: Competent official at the Hall of Records, Marriage Record Section, Brooklyn, New York

The subject also listed, on December 1, 1943, on Selective Service Form DSS Form #41, regarding family status and dependents, the following immediate relatives: Mother, ESTHER ALBERTSON, 481 Robinson Court, Pittsburgh; Wife, FRANCENE ALBERTSON; Mother-in-law, SALI SCHNEEBERG, 872 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, New York; Brother-in-law, JOE ~~SCHNEEBERG~~, [redacted]

Sister-in-law, CLARA ~~SCHWARTZ~~, [redacted]

The subject listed the following children on his Selective Service Form, DSS Form #41, dated May 10, 1943: son, Born [redacted] and [redacted] son, born [redacted]

Exhibit No. 4 Photostatic copy of records maintained in subject's Selective Service File, located at Brooklyn, New York. (To be obtained)

Witness: A competent official of the Selective Service System of New York, maintaining the records of former Local Board #144, Brooklyn, New York.

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F. Chronological History of Residences

1923 to 1927

5628 Jackson Street, Pittsburgh,  
Pennsylvania.

Exhibit No. 3     Certified photostatic copy of  
subject's School Records (Ap-  
plication for Admission to the  
University of Pittsburgh, dated  
August 25, 1927).

Witness:             Dr. J. GILBERT QUICK, Registrar,  
University of Pittsburgh,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

1927 to 1929

222 Coltart Avenue, Pittsburgh,  
Pennsylvania.

Exhibit No. 3     Certified photostatic copy of  
subject's School Records (Trans-  
cript of Record), maintained at  
the Registrar's Office of the  
University of Pittsburgh.

Witness:             Dr. J. GILBERT QUICK, Registrar,  
University of Pittsburgh,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

June 1932

107 East 10th Street, New York  
City, New York.

Exhibit No. 5     Photostatic copy of marriage  
records of subject, certificate  
# 9306, located at the Hall of  
Records, Brooklyn, New York.  
(To be obtained)

Witness:             A competent official of the Hall  
of Records, Marriage Records  
Section, Brooklyn, New York.

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October, 1940 to April 13, 1943

59 West End Avenue, Brooklyn,  
New York.

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Photostatic copy of records  
maintained in subject's Selec-  
tive Service File, located at  
Brooklyn, New York. (DSS Form  
#1)  
(To be obtained)

Witness:

A competent official of the  
Selective Service System of New  
York, maintaining the records of  
former Local Board, #144,  
Brooklyn, New York.

April 13, 1943 to April 4, 1944

602 Banner Avenue, Brooklyn,  
New York.

Exhibit No. 4

Photostatic copy of records  
maintained in subject's Selec-  
tive Service File, located at  
Brooklyn, New York (DSS Form #1)  
(To be obtained).

Witness:

A competent official of the  
Selective Service System of New  
York, maintaining the records of  
former Local Board #144, Brook-  
lyn, New York.

April 4, 1944 to (October 1947)

1980 East 12th Street,  
Brooklyn, New York.

Exhibit No. 4

Photostatic copy of records main-  
tained in subject's Selective  
Service File, located at Brook-  
lyn, New York (DSS Form #1).  
(To be obtained)

Witness:

A competent official of the  
Selective Service System of New  
York, maintaining records of  
former Local Board #144, Brook-  
lyn, New York.

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May 1948 to May 1950

3122 Iowa Street, Pittsburgh,  
Pennsylvania.

Exhibit No. 6 Certified photostatic copy of  
Duquesne Light Company and Equi-  
table Gas Company Motor Book  
Shoots and IBM Motor Reading and  
Listing Records, showing that  
lights and gas were cut in at  
residence of subject, 3122 Iowa  
Street, Pittsburgh, on May 8,  
1948, and were discontinued on  
May 26, 1950.

Witness: Mr. R. D. MC KINNIS, Secretary,  
Duquesne Light Company, and  
HENRY S. NETTING, Secretary,  
Equitable Gas Company, both  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

May 1950 to present

1449 Collingwood Avenue, Detroit,  
Michigan.

Witness: (U) Confidential Informant [T-1.]

G. Military Service

The subject has had no military service.

H. Criminal Record

The subject has no known criminal record.

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The records of the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation were checked against the name and a complete description of the subject, and the Identification Division advised, by letter, dated July 11, 1951, that they were unable to identify any record for the subject on the basis of the information furnished.

### I. Status of Health

No information has been developed indicating that the subject is in ill health.

The subject was observed on approximately June 15, 1951, at which time the subject appeared to be in good health and was able to work regularly.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant [T-1.]

### II. COMMUNIST PARTY CONNECTIONS

#### A. Data Surrounding Admission to Party

In the 1937 Year Book of the Young Communist League of America, there appeared in the Section thereafter captioned, "Alumni Tintypes", a biographical article concerning Young Communist Leaguers who had graduated into the Communist Party.

Among the biographical sketches was the following one, pertaining to the subject:

"BILL ALBERTSON, today Secretary-Treasurer of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers' Union, Local 16, is one of the comparatively new-comers to the Young Communist League. He joined in 1928.

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"Born in Pittsburgh, in 1910, BILL has held every imaginable kind of job, soda-jerk, waiter, newsboy, grocery clerk, and packer. At the age of 18, he organized his first strike, in the Hermes Ice Cream Plant. That was the year Pittsburgh University kicked him out of college for speaking his mind about the frame-up of TOM MOONEY.

"BILL's interest in sports brought him to the Western Pennsylvania Labor Sports Union, of which he soon became Secretary. Later, he became National Secretary of the Union and editor of 'Workers' Sports'. He served a period as Young Communist League District Organizer in Pittsburgh and the anthracite region. In 1932, BILL became a member of the Food Workers' Industrial Union, Editor of 'Food Worker', and Head of the New York Trade Union City Council."

Exhibit No. 7    Certified photostatic copy of  
the 1937 Year Book of the Young  
Communist League of America,  
Section captioned "Alumni  
"Tintypes"  
(To be obtained)

Witness:                      Librarian, Library of  
Congress, Washington, D. C.

B. Chronological History of Party Positions

The subject was formerly General Organizer of Local 16, Hotel and Restaurant Workers' Union. He appeared before the State Trade Union Commission (Communist Party) in the late 1930's in New York and he was eventually a member of that Commission.

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Although the subject worked openly with the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist publication, the subject denied Communist Party membership in the early 1940's. However, he remained a very active Communist.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant [T-2.] ~~C~~

An article appeared in the October 8, 1942, issue of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist publication, on page 1, column 5, concerning the candidacy of ISRAEL AMTER for the Governorship of the State of New York on the Communist Party ticket. The subject was listed in this article as the Secretary of the Labor Committee for the election of AMTER as Governor.

Exhibit No. 8 Certified photostatic copy of an article in the "Daily Worker" October 8, 1942, issue, Page 1, Column 5.

Witness: Librarian, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

The Selective Service File of the subject, which contains a supplemental affidavit to DSS Form #41, which was submitted to Local Board #1144, on December 6, 1943, at Brooklyn, New York, sets forth, under "Employment Status" of subject, that his monthly wage was \$223.12; that he was employed by the New York State Committee, Communist Party - USA; that his employer's business was a political Party; and that he was the Kings County Labor Secretary and had entered his present job on November 8, 1943.

A Selective Service Form, DSS Form # 42-B, was submitted on December 18, 1944, by the Brooklyn Communist Political Association, under the signature of JOSEPH ROBERTS, Executive Secretary.

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This form advised Local Board # 144 that the subject was employed by the Brooklyn Communist Political Association at 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York, as Vice-President, and that his duties were executive and administrative; that he was in charge of educational activities, and was employed on a full-time basis.

On July 19, 1945, the Brooklyn Communist Political Association submitted DSS Form 42-A to Selective Service Local Board # 144. In this form, ROBERTS certified that the subject was employed as Vice-President of the Brooklyn Communist Political Association; that he was an executive, and in charge of education of membership and general propaganda work; that he was employed on September 1, 1943; entered his present job in November, 1943; received \$55.00 per week; that his prior experience was as a waiter, food clerk, and newspaper editorial worker; that his educational background was two years at the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and that it would take thirty days to replace him. JOSEPH ROBERTS certified that he was Executive Secretary of the Brooklyn Communist Political Association and that the foregoing statements were true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Exhibit No: 4 Photostatic copy of records in subject's Selective Service File, maintained at Brooklyn, New York (DSS Form #41, #42-B, #42-A) (To be obtained)

Witness: A competent official of the Selective Service System of New York, maintaining the records of former Local Board #144, Brooklyn, New York.

In listing the events for the following week, an article appeared in the November 26, 1944, issue of "The Worker", an East Coast Communist publication, page 13, column 5, Section I; that WILLIAM ALBERTSON, described as Vice-President of the Kings County Communist

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Political Association, was set out as a lecturer on the topic, "Economic Problems in the Post War Period", at the East Flatbush Club, 1124 Clarkson Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, on Tuesday, November 28, 1944.

Exhibit No. 9      Certified photostatic copy of an article in November 26, 1944, issue of "The Worker", page 13, column 5, Section I.

Witness:              Librarian, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

An announcement was carried on page 8 of the June 2, 1947, issue of the "Daily Worker", which set out that a Bath Beach-Bensonhurst Section Membership Meeting of the Communist Party would be held June 3, 1947, at the International Workers Order Center, 275-86th Street, Brooklyn, New York, and would feature WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Assistant National Labor Secretary of the Communist Party - USA, as a speaker on the topic, "A Third Party For 1948".

Exhibit No. 10      Certified photostatic copy of an article in the "Daily Worker" issue of June 2, 1947, page 8.

Witness:              Librarian, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

October 1947 to April 1950,  
at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

During the period from October, 1947 until April, 1950, the subject was employed on a full time basis as the Organizational Secretary of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.

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District 5, Communist Party - USA, the second highest ranking position in the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania. During the course of the subject's employment as organizational secretary, he was also a member of the District Committee and the District Bureau. The District Bureau, which originally consisted of 15 members and was later reduced to 7 members, was elected by members of the District Committee from among its members and was responsible for directing the day to day activities of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.

The subject, in his position as organizational secretary, was partially responsible for the over-all supervision and direction of the Party's work throughout Western Pennsylvania. In this connection, he met regularly with the District 5, Communist Party, Chairman, ROY HUDSON, and later, STEVE NELSON. As organizational secretary, he met with District officials and functionaries, and helped to formulate District policy relative to organization, allocation of personnel, industrial concentration, the peace campaign, Youth Groups, Negro problems, the educational program, and miscellaneous matters.

The subject also attended National Communist Party Conventions as the representative of District 5, Communist Party - USA; attended and helped

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to formulate policy at District Conventions; acted as instructor at various meetings of District Section Leaders; and met with Section Organizers on numerous occasions.

Witness:

~~MATTHEW CVETIC,~~ *gcu*  
William Penn Hotel,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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~~April, 1950~~ to present,  
at Detroit, Michigan

The subject is Trade Union Secretary for District 7, Communist Party - USA, at Detroit, Michigan, and the Chief Assistant to CARL WINTER, District 7, Communist Party, Chairman. The subject is also Communist Party Regional Organizer at General Motors, including the Flint, Lansing, Pontiac, General Motors, Detroit and Foster Professional Sections, District 7, Communist Party - USA.

Witness:

Confidential Informant ~~T-1.~~  
(October 24, 1950) *gcu*

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III. REVOLUTIONARY STATEMENTS  
MADE BY THE SUBJECT SHOWING  
ADVOCACY OF THE OVER-THROW OF  
THE GOVERNMENT BY FORCE OR  
VIOLENCE

A. Revolutionary Statements Made By the Subject

The subject was present, ~~as~~ *gcu* instructor, ~~at~~ *gcu* a Communist Party *gcu*

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Ⓢ Educational Class for Group Leaders of the North Side Section (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania), on January 18, 1949, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh. The class was devoted to a discussion of the "Theory and Practice of Communism". Subject stated that the Socialist Labor Party teaches that the fight is won if the economic struggle can be won; that the Anarchists teach that the fight is won if the political struggle is won; but that the Communists teach that the struggle can be won by winning the economic, political, and ideological fronts. During the course of the evening, the subject also stated that China has been liberated and that word might be expected any day of an upheaval within Italy or France, which will in turn finish the United States Marshall Plan.

Witness:

Ⓢ MATTHEW CVETIC Ⓢ u

Subject was present as an instructor at the Communist Party Educational Class held on January 25, 1949, for Leaders of the North Side Section of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The class discussed imperialism as set out in the "Marxist Study Book I". Subject stated that the United States is now in the imperialistic stage of Capitalism and that the next stage will be Socialism. With reference to the accusation made against the Communist advocacy of force and violence, JOE MANKIN, North Side Section Organizer, pointed out that Marx and Lenin both taught that a peaceful revolution is impossible. Subject said that MANKIN's statement was not true and that "we must be very careful, especially at the present time, in how we answer this question". According to the subject, force and violence is the result of the Capitalists' resistance to change. He elaborated that it was the Capitalists who caused force and violence by the workers; that if the majority of the people wanted Socialism and the Capitalists would not give up, then the only way the people can get Socialism is by fighting for it. As an example, he stated that if the workers are out on strike, and the Company tries to bring in "scabs", the workers resist. As a result, the Company calls the Police and the latter begin to club the workers, leaving

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the workers in a position where they have to defend themselves, their economy, and their jobs. MANKIN argued that the "Communist Manifesto" set out that a revolution was not possible without violent over-throw. Subject answered that peaceful changes are possible only if the Capitalists give up their way of living without a fight. Subject continued that it would have been possible to achieve a peaceful change in the Soviet Union except that events made it necessary for Lenin to use force and violence. Subject added that a peaceful transition to Socialism could have been achieved in China, except for the fact that American and British imperialists armed the reactionary Chinese Government and made it necessary to use force to bring Socialism to that Government. Subject admitted that when the Capitalists will not give up their way of life without a fight, and the majority of the people want Socialism, then the only way to get it is by resorting to force. The conclusions drawn by the subject were that it is the Capitalists who control the Army and the Police force and who start the use of force and violence; the workers merely defend themselves because the Capitalists will not give up without a fight. He also stated that in the past it had been necessary to organize the workers for a struggle; that at the present time, such organization was not necessary, but that one could not say that it would not again be necessary at some future date. The subject concluded the class by condemning EARL BROWDER for trying to cooperate with Capitalism and attempting to reach the stage of Socialism by peaceful means..

Witness:

MATTHEW CVETIC *JE u*

(U) The subject was present ~~as~~ an instructor, at the weekly Communist Party Educational Class of the North Side Section (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania) of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, which was held on February 1, 1949, at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The class dealt with Imperialism, war, and Fascism. Subject presented the question, "Is War Inevitable Under The Capitalistic System?". He answered this question by stating that Capitalism inevitably breeds war, but that war is not inevitable under Capitalism - if the people do not want to fight, the Capitalists cannot compel them to fight. Informant advised that most of the

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individuals in attendance were of the belief that war is inevitable under Capitalism, but the subject answered that if this were so, what was the purpose of the Communist Party in working for peace. He reiterated that although Capitalism breeds war; if "we" can convince enough workers that war is not necessary, there will not be war; otherwise, subject continued, there would be no purpose in the Communist Party waging a peace struggle. Subject remarked that if the Capitalists in Italy and France attempt to take those countries into war, the people will not fight - certainly, they will not fight the Soviet Union. He added that it was also doubtful whether the people of Great Britain would support a Capitalistic war.

Witness:

[MATTHEW CVETIC] *TC* *u*

B. Statements Made by the Subject Showing Adherence to the Principles of Marxism-Leninism.

Subject attended a [regular meeting of the City Council of the Communist Party of Pittsburgh on January 14, 1948, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.] At this meeting, the subject mentioned that the Food Branch of the Communist Party had secured more than 100 names on a petition backing HENRY A. WALLACE (for President of the United States), which had been circulated in the Hotel and Restaurant Workers' Union, American Federation of Labor. Subject also mentioned that although it was true that the Communist Party was, for the first time, recognized as a force within the coalition for Wallace, the Party members must not forget the independent role of the Party to fight within the coalition for Socialism. Subject stated that for the first time, known Communist leaders had been accepted in support of WALLACE, under their true affiliations, but he cautioned that the Party must work correctly within the coalition so that the WALLACE backers will not be in a position where they will have to repudiate the Party.

Witness:

[MATTHEW CVETIC] *TC* *u*~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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A letter, dated July 26, 1948, was issued by District 5, Communist Party - USA, Headquarters, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, addressed "To All Club Executive Committees, To All Delegates To The District Convention", and enclosed a brief memorandum (consisting of fourteen pages), providing the main facts and information concerning the three day session of the District Convention of the Communist Party which was held July 9 - 11, 1948, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. All of the major resolutions adopted by the Convention were included in the enclosed memorandum, as well as the section of the report delivered by Comrade ALBERTSON at the Convention, dealing with the Party's concentration work. The letter set forth that this section of Comrade ALBERTSON's report was adopted officially by the Convention as the resolution to guide the Party's work in the concentration industry and areas. Set forth, hereinafter, is a portion of the subject's report on concentration.

"But we are not just a group in these Unions. We are a political Party, a Marxist-Communist Party. We are the vanguard of the working class. As such, we must be in constant struggle to win the minds of the workers ideologically, to raise their level of understanding, to raise their level of class consciousness, to mobilize them in the fight for peace and against war, to arm them with the economic and political arguments for understanding in fighting the Marshall Plan, to lead them to an understanding of Socialism, based on their own daily experiences, as the only way for the working class."

Exhibit No. 11    Original    copy of a 14 page memorandum on the District 5, Communist Party, Convention, held July 9-11, 1948, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, issued by District 5, Communist Party Headquarters as an enclosure to their letter, dated July 26, 1948, addressed "To All Club Executive Committees, To All Delegates To The District Convention".

Witness:

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(U) The subject was present [as an instructor at the Marxist-Leninist Class of the North Side Section Leaders of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, held on February 8, 1949, at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The class] was based on Lesson III, entitled "War and Fascism", as contained in the "Theory and Practice of the Communist Party - Leninist Study Series I", which was prepared by the National Education Department of the Communist Party. The class, under the subject's guidance, discussed whether the first World War was a just war and it was finally decided that it was an unjust, imperialistic war. It was stated that the second World War was different from the first and the subject quoted STALIN by stating that the entry of the Soviet Union into the second World War strengthened the anti-Fascist and liberating character of the war. Subject stated that the American Communist Party had been wrong when it had branded World War II as an imperialistic war during 1940 and 1941. He stated that the slogan of "The Yanks Are Not Coming", etc., and the entire Communist Party program of opposition to the war, was a mistake.

Witness:

[MATTHEW CVETIC.] *du*

Subject was present [as an instructor at a Marxist School of the North Side Section of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, on March 1, 1949, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. During the course of the class,] the subject pointed out the danger of white chauvinism. Also at the meeting, subject mentioned "We would not support a war against the European Democracy or the Soviet Union or against Puerto Rico, if the United States went to war against these countries, because their patriotism is to the people and not to the Capitalist class. As Marxists, our patriotism is to them, not the Capitalists." In answer to a question as to how the Communist Party discussed the issue of Socialism with the workers, subject emphasized that "We work and struggle for the immediate needs of the workers and while we do this, we educate the working class to the needs and aims of Socialism." In answer to a question as to whether the United States was ready for Socialism, subject stated that the United States is "rotten ripe" for Socialism. He added that this country

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had reached the highest stage of Capitalism - imperialism, and that Socialism would come to this country when the people were ready for it. He concluded that the people would be ready when the Communist Party, as the vanguard, convinced the workers that the Socialist program is the correct program.

Witness:

[MATTHEW CVETIC.] / u

Subject was present, [as an instructor, at the final session of a Marxist Class of the North Side Section of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, held on March 22, 1949, at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The class] was based upon Lesson VI of Marxist Study Series I - "Theory and Practice of the Communist Party". With reference to the structure of the Communist Party, the subject stated that the Shop Branch was the basic branch, as compared with the Industrial and Community Branches. He stated that the character of the Congress of Industrial Organizations would be a lot different if the Communist Party had four or five members in the 100 Shop Branches in the Steel, Auto and Electrical Districts. He then cited several examples of how the Communist Party has given the impression of having more members in Shop Branches than actually exist. He stated that a comrade named JIM WEST, of Gary, Indiana, had recently related, at a meeting of the "Daily Worker" editors, held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, that a non-Communist had once mentioned to WEST that the Communists could accomplish more in a certain Gary, Indiana, Steel Plant, if they had four or five thousand members instead of one thousand. "The truth," stated ALBERTSON, "was that there were only about a dozen Communist members in the above Steel Plant, but their activities had given the average steel worker the impression of a large Communist Party membership." He also stated that each Party member in a Shop should attempt to get four or five non-Party members to work in conjunction with him, so that when a non-Party member champions the same program as that advocated by the Communists at the meeting, he would also be looked upon as a Communist. Subject continued that the history of the Russian Revolution

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revealed that the Revolution was lead by the Shop Branches and that all Communists say the workers will lead the Revolution with our Party as the vanguard.

With regard to the Democratic Centralism of the Communist Party, subject compared the general staff of the Army to the Communist Party National Committee. He stated that the Communist Party is both democratic and politically central - democratic in the sense that the National Leadership is chosen at the National Conventions and is entrusted with the responsibilities of leading the Party in policy, direction, and method. He continued that all Communist Party members are bound by the rule of the Convention to abide by the decisions of the chosen representatives of the Party, and that Comrades STALIN and LENIN had both stressed the necessity of democratic centralism.

Witness:

[MATTHEW CVETIC.] / u

C. Meetings Attended by Subject at Which the Principles of Marxism - Leninism were Advocated

Subject attended the 80th Birthday Banquet, sponsored by the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, in honor of PAT COUSH, an old-time militant Pittsburgh Communist, which was held on the evening of October 31, 1947, at the Fort Pitt Hotel, Tenth and Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Informant advised that at this meeting, ANDREW ONDA, Communist Party Secretary, Youngstown, Ohio, Branch, and later District 5, Communist Party - USA, Steel Organizer, delivered an address which he regarded as being one of the most inflammatory speeches made within recent years by a Communist Party member. ONDA's speech frequently made reference to the Bolshevik Revolution, the struggle of the people against the Capitalists, and intimated that such a struggle would come to the United States sometime in the near future. ONDA stressed that the Capitalists in this country are already frightened.

Witness:

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The subject attended the District Convention of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, District 5, Communist Party - USA, which was held on July 9-11, 1948, at the North Side Carnegie Music Hall, Federal and East Ohio Streets, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

A letter from District 5, Communist Party, Headquarters, dated July 6, 1948, addressed "To All Club Executive Committees and To All Delegates to the District Convention", enclosed a brief memorandum (fourteen pages) providing the main facts and information concerning the three day session of the District Convention, which was held July 9-11, 1948, at Pittsburgh. All of the major resolutions adopted by the Convention were included in the enclosed memorandum. Set forth hereinafter are excerpts from the "Resolutions on the Party's Tasks in the Struggle on the Theoretical Front":

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"Our Party can play this vanguard role, only if All its activities are based on Marxist-Leninist theory. Without such a revolutionary theory, there can be no revolutionary movement. The profound truth of this Leninist principle must become the basis for the struggle within the ranks of the Party to master Marxist-Leninism. In the course of this struggle, we must develop a fundamental understanding of the Marxist principle, that the class struggle has a three-fold aspect and must be conducted on all three fronts - the economic, the political, and the ideological. Neglecting the struggle on the ideological front would result in destroying our Party's ability to play this role as the vanguard of the working class.

"The essence of the struggle for Marxism-Leninism must be based on the fight for the unity of theory and practice. Marxism is not a dogma, to be learned merely for formal knowledge. We must study Marxism-Leninism as a method, as a weapon, that will help determine our course in all struggles, whether they be political, economic, or personal.

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"IT IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON OUR COMMUNIST PARTY HAS. It provides confidence and perspective in all our activities. Above all, it arms the working class with a correct understanding of its fundamental role as the leading class force in the present day situation. Our ability to master Marxism-Leninism depends primarily on how well we learn to apply it in our day to day life and activities, on how we conduct the fight to make it the profit of the Party membership. Only on this basis can we bring our theory in convincing manner to the working class and the American people."

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"At the same time, the sharpening class struggle and the pressure of bourgeois ideology creates greater dangers for the emergence of opportunists' tendencies, based on an out-look of abandoning the basic principles of Marxism-Leninism, find their reflection in an under estimation of building the United Front from below, in neglecting to conduct a merciless fight against white chauvinism, and, above all, the strong tendencies in our District toward liquidating the vanguard role and Marxist character of our Party."

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"To start a plan of work for the Marxist-Leninist Training of cadres and Club Leadership, with the emphasis to be on the concentration areas and in developing Negro comrades for leadership in the Clubs and on All leading Committees. Such a plan should be based upon the organization of classes, basic political discussions, and clubs and higher Committees, and assistance toward stimulating independent, individual study of the basic works of Marxism-Leninism and of our Party's theoretical organization and 'Political Affairs'. In these concentration areas, it is essential that special attention be given to developing women and youth forces. Without doing this, it would be impossible

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to speak seriously about fulfilling the responsibilities of our Party in these fields of work."

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"The struggle for these tasks on the theoretical front will help steel our Party for the sharpening battles ahead, will raise the political level of our membership, and aid us to develop the cadres necessary to strengthen all phases of Party work and build our Party first and foremost in the basic industries and among the Negro people. As we develop this powerful weapon of Marxism-Leninism understanding within our Party, we can feel the greatest confidence that our Party will successfully meet all its grave responsibilities in the fight for peace, democracy, and a Socialist America."

Exhibit No. 11 Original copy of a 14 page memorandum on the District 5, Communist Party, Convention, held July 9-11, 1948, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, issued by District 5, Communist Party Headquarters as an enclosure to their letter, dated July 26, 1948, addressed "To All Club Executive Committees, To All Delegates To The District Convention".

Witness:

[MATTHEW CVETIC.] *u*

(U) The subject attended a meeting of the [leading cadres of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania on the evening of March 18, 1949, which meeting was held at the Jewish Cultural Center, 6328 Forbes Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.] At this meeting, STEVE NELSON,

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District 5, Communist Party - USA, Chairman, delivered the principal report in which he stated, "If, despite the efforts of the peace forces of America and the world, Wall Street should succeed in plunging the world into war, we would oppose it as an unjust, aggressive and imperialistic war, and as an un-democratic and anti-Socialist war, destructive of the deepest interests of the American people and American traditions."

Witness:

[MATTHEW CVETIC] *u*

IV. OTHER ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT  
INDICATING FURTHERANCE OF  
OVER-ALL MARXIST-LENINIST  
PROGRAM OF COMMUNIST PARTY  
AIMED AT EVENTUAL OVER-THROW  
OF THE GOVERNMENT

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A. Speeches

Subject spoke over Radio Station WKPA, New Kensington, Pennsylvania, on November 21, 1948, for five minutes, from 3:30 PM to 3:35 PM. The time for the broadcast was purchased by the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania - District 5, Communist Party - USA, and the subject was introduced as Secretary of said Party. Subject's speech was a discussion of the problems of Local 302 (Aluminum Company of America) of the United Steelworkers of America, Congress of Industrial Organizations, and during his speech, he accused WILLIAM HART, Director of District 19, United Steelworkers of America, of smearing Local 302 Union officers with the Communist issue and that no chance had been given to the Local officers to debate the matter. During the course of subject's speech, he challenged HART to a debate.

Exhibit No. 12 Original recording of speech  
made by subject on a wax record  
and maintained in the Pittsburgh  
Office.

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Witness:

EDWARD J. KROEN, Manager, Radio Station WKPA, New Kensington, Pennsylvania, can testify that time for the above mentioned speech was purchased by the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.

ROBERT J. LANDSEADEL, former announcer of Radio Station WKPA, New Kensington, Pennsylvania, can introduce the record mentioned above (Exhibit) of the subject's speech, which LANDSEADEL recorded on a recording machine at the time the above mentioned speech was made by the subject.

ROBERT J. LANDSEADEL's home address is 548 Penn Street, Verona, Pennsylvania. He is currently serving with the United States Army, Far Eastern Command, Yokohama, Japan.

B. Writings

An article appeared in "The New Masses" for June, 1929, Page 6, which was an article by WILLIAM ALBERTSON, entitled "We Get Expelled From College". This article indicated that ALBERTSON was Chairman of the Liberal Clubs Executive Committee - on class justice - at the University of Pittsburgh, and that the organization, by demanding its rights as a campus organization, had brought before the workers and students the basic issue in the fight, "the class control of education by Capitalists". This fight, according to the article, was based on the case of

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TOM MOONEY and WARREN BILLINGS, who were given a life sentence for the purported hurling of a bomb into a preparedness parade in San Francisco at a strike of the San Francisco street car workers in 1916. ALBERTSON, as a member of the International Labor Defense, held a meeting in protest of MOONEY's case and as a result, was ordered to dissolve the "Liberal Club" at the University of Pittsburgh, but failed to do so.

On May 2, 1929, ARTHUR C. MC~~D~~<sup>L.P.</sup>OWELL and the subject were told "By order of Chancellor JOHN C. BOWMAN, you are expelled because of your activities in the 'Liberal Club' since April 18, 1929". The expulsions took place and ALBERTSON related that "I was charged with being a Communist in the expulsion statement".

The article then related that this case was to be fought on the basis that a Communist had the right to go to school.

Exhibit No. 13    Certified photostatic copy of article on Page 6 of the "New Masses", June, 1929, issue.

Witness:                      Librarian, Library of Congress,  
Washington, D. C.

The September 27, 1942, issue of "The Worker", an East Coast Communist publication, Page 2, Column 1, Section I, carried an article by WILLIAM ALBERTSON, entitled "Ready For All Sacrifices" which gives the highlights of a speech delivered by ALBERTSON at the Union Square Section Front Rally. ALBERTSON stated that tens of thousands of members of the American Federation of Labor in the City of New York are for the opening of the second front in Western Europe. The article continued by stating that all arguments against immediate opening of the second front in Europe only strengthened Hitler's war machine by giving him more time.

Exhibit No. 14    Certified photostatic copy of article in "The Worker", September 27, 1942, issue, Page 2, Column 1, Section II.

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Witness: Librarian, Library of Congress,  
Washington, D. C.

The May 1, 1943, issue of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist Publication, Page 3, Column 2, carried an article made up of May Day Greetings by various trade union leaders over the name of WILLIAM ALBERTSON as General Organizer of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers' Union, Local 16, American Federation of Labor.

In this article, ALBERTSON called for unity of the United Nations in the post-war world. The message called upon the leaders of the American Federation of Labor to over-ride the few Soviet baiting appeasers in the Federation who stand in the way of Anglo-American-Soviet trade unity which will be a guarantee of victory.

Exhibit No. 15 Certified photostatic copy of  
article in the May 1, 1943, issue of the "Daily Worker",  
Page 3, Column 2.

Witness: Librarian, Library of Congress,  
Washington, D. C.

The April 26, 1946, issue, of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist publication, on page 6, carried an article by the subject on the recruiting campaign of the Brooklyn Communist Party and noted that too few Party members had been clarified about the urgent need of building the Party as the Marxist vanguard in the struggle for peace and the defense of the people's immediate economic interests. He noted that a stronger Party would be much more effective in mobilizing the masses to crush both the imperialistic plans of big business abroad and their on-slaught against the economic conditions at home.

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Exhibit No. 16    Certified photostatic copy of  
article in April 26, 1946,  
issue of the "Daily Worker"

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Washington, D. C.

The September, 1947, issue of "Political Affairs", Pages 827 to 835, inclusive, contains an article by the subject, entitled "Labor Fights Back", which deals with the purported unconstitutionality of the Taft-Hartley Law. There is being set forth herein- after a pertinent portion of this article.

"And to the extent that Communist and non-Communist trade Union leaders fight this red-baiting as an employer instrument, to that extent will the red-baiters find their employer instigated cries falling on deaf ears. Nothing and no one, not even the Slave Labor Law, and its conscious and unconscious aids inside the labor movement, can take away the right of the workers to elect anyone they choose, whether they be Communists or not, to positions of Union leadership.

"The Communist Party has proved by its policies and actions that its only interests are the advancement of the needs and desires of the workers and the defense of those interests against the attacks of big business. It is no accident, therefore, that members of trade unions, who are Communists, are always among the front line fight for victory for the workers and their unions in the struggle to improve labor's economic and political conditions. Progressive trade unionists are learning that the Communist Party is part and parcel of the American Labor and Progressive Movement, that the policies of that Party are in the interests of the workers and people generally, and to the extent that trade unionists who agree with these policies, speak out for them and defend them in discussions and debates with all trade union members, to that extent

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will the red-baiters take 'second money' .

"Now that the Taft-Hartley Law has become law, such united labor action as was witnessed against its enactment must be increased a hundred-fold. Single unions, acting by themselves, will not find it easy to defend the interests of their membership. To be successful, they will have to unite in defense of one another, on a local community scale as well as nationally."

Exhibit No. 17    Certified photostatic copy of  
article in September, 1947, issue  
of "Political Affairs", pages 827  
to 835, inclusive.  
(To be obtained)

Witness:                      Librarian, Library of Congress,  
Washington, D. C.

The August 1, 1948, issue of the Pennsylvania Edition of "The Worker", an East Coast Communist publication, in Section III, Page 1, Column 1, carried an article entitled, "Problems of Concentration and Party Building in Western Pennsylvania", which was written by the subject. Subject stated that the Communist Party, well organized and actively supported by the working class, is the only way to promote the struggle of the working class. The Party should be built along the political, ideological and organizational lines, and primarily among the basic industrial workers. He cited the achievements of the Party in the Pittsburgh District, making reference to the steel, coal, and electrical workers, economic gains, and the organized resistance to the Mundt-Nixon Bill. He mentioned that one way to increase growth in the Communist Party in influence and membership is to concentrate on steel, mining, and electrical workers, and also on the Negroes; and that the Communist Party should take an active part in any questions arising in relation to the foregoing. He stated that the main industrial base of the Party in this area is in the electrical organization, and that this base must be strengthened; that the

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Party must not be content to concern themselves only with wages, WALLACE agitation, and the building of the Progressive Party organizations, but must attempt to win the minds of the worker, ideologically, to make them class conscious and to mobilize them for the fight for peace and against war; and that they may understand and fight against the Marshall Plan, and thus realize the advantages of Socialism. This concentration, he stated, means that every organization in which the Party has influence must develop the theories of class consciousness. The year 1948 was announced to be the year of building for the Party and that all decisions coming from higher levels on Party policy should be brought to the clubs for discussion and execution amongst the masses. He mentioned the matter of Communists, stating that they were individuals who had voluntarily accepted the position of leading the working class to win for them the reorganization of the Capitalist Society to a Socialist Society. He cautioned about the infiltration of non-believers and urged the highest degree of vigilance to assist in wiping them out.

Exhibit No. 18      Certified photostatic copy of article in "The Worker", Pennsylvania Edition, August 1, 1948, issue, Section III, Page 1, Column 1.

Witness:              Librarian, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

C. Party Directives and/or Educational Outlines, Signed or Issued By the Subject, or Issued While the Subject was an Officer.

A letter was issued by District 5, Communist Party - USA, Headquarters, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, dated July 26, 1948, addressed to "All Club Executive Committees and To All Delegates to the District Convention", which enclosed a 14 page memorandum

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on the District Convention of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, District 5, Communist Party - USA, held on July 9-11, 1948, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This letter was written over the name of the subject, "Comradely Yours, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Executive Secretary". The letter stated that in addition to the information regarding the District Convention contained in the memorandum, that there were also all of the major resolutions adopted by the convention, together with that Section of Comrade ALBERTSON's report dealing with the Party's concentration work. The letter further stated that:

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"This memorandum is intended both as information for the Clubs, as well as a means of assistance to those comrades making reports concerning the Convention in their clubs. The resolutions should be considered as basic documents to guide the work of all Party Clubs during the next period. It is therefore essential that their contents be made the property of the Party membership. The entire membership must be won for, and involved in, the struggle to make these resolutions living documents whose policies will be carried out in life by all Party clubs."

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Exhibit No. 11    Original.    copy of letter  
issued by District 5, Communist  
Party - USA, Headquarters,  
dated July 26, 1948, to "All  
Club Executive Committees and  
To All Delegates To District  
Convention", and enclosing a  
14 page memorandum regarding  
activities and resolutions  
adopted at the District Con-  
vention, held July 9-11, 1948,  
at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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Witness:

[MATTHEW CVETIC.] *u*

- D. Contacts Between the Subject and the Eleven Convicted Communist Party Leaders and Other National, District, and State Leaders.

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The May 8, 1946, issue of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist publication, on page 15, carried a photograph which pictured the subject, then Organizational Secretary of the Brooklyn Communist Party, among leaders of the New York and Kings County Communist Party meeting with State Vice-President ISRAEL AMTER, mapping the competition between the two counties in the Communist Party membership drive.

Exhibit No. 20. Certified photostatic copy of the article in the "Daily Worker" of May 8, 1946, issue, page 15.

Witness:

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Washington, D. C.

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(U) The subject attended a membership meeting of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, which was held on December 8, 1946, at the Knights of Pythias Hall, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. There were 83 members present, including the subject and STEVE NELSON, from the National Committee of New York. At this meeting, the "Daily Worker" drive was discussed, with the Committee deciding that the sales must be increased and that it was particularly applicable to the securing of new subscriptions from the coal miners.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant [T-3.] ~~C~~

The August 21, 1947, issue of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist publication, on page 5, contains a photograph of EUGENE DENNIS, General Secretary of the Communist Party; JOHN GATES, "Daily Worker" editor; HENRY WINSTON, Communist Party Administrative Secretary; JACK KLING, Communist Party National Treasurer; and the subject, Assistant National Labor Secretary of the Communist Party, and his wife, indicating that they were present at Ebbets Field, New York, attending the Dodger ball game together.

Exhibit No. 21 Certified photostatic copy of the article in the "Daily Worker" of August 21, 1947, Page 5.

Witness: Librarian, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

The subject was present at a Mass Rally sponsored by District 5, Communist Party - USA, on April 2, 1949, which was held at the North Side Carnegie Library, Federal and East Ohio Streets, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. HENRY WINSTON, National Communist Party Board Member, spoke at this meeting in behalf of the 12 Communist Party leaders.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant [T-3.] ~~C~~

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(U) The subject attended, [on May 5, 1948, a meeting of Communist Party leaders of Western Pennsylvania, which was held at 5:30 PM in the Victoria Room of the Roosevelt Hotel, Sixth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.] At this meeting, LOUIS WEINSTOCK, National Communist Party representative, deliver the principal address, during the course of which he reported in detail concerning a visit made by him to Europe. He dealt, specifically, with some of his experiences in Hungary and Czechoslovakia. He then spoke concerning the Mundt-Nixon Bill, stating that said Bill would make future Party work ineffective and destroy the Party's Nationality movement, and such organizations as the International Workers Order.

Witness:

[MATTHEW CVETIC.] ~~u~~

(U) Subject was present at a [Communist Party meeting, on October 9, 1948, at the A. Leo Weil School, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, which was held for the purpose of protesting the arrest of the 12 Communist Party leaders. The subject was Chairman of the above mentioned meeting. HENRY WINSTON, National Board Member, Communist Party - USA, delivered the principal address which dealt with the international situation. He stated that the Berlin crisis was not a political maneuver, but a long range plan of this country's bi-partisan foreign plan to create war.]

Witness:

[MATTHEW CVETIC.] ~~u~~

(U) (Subject's presence at the above meeting was also verified by Confidential Informant [T-3]) ~~u~~

(U) E. Attendance at Important Meetings. (such as National Conventions and Plenums, District and State Conventions. (This Section also includes local meetings believed pertinent, showing extent of subject's Communist Party activity.) ~~u~~

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The September 10, 1944, issue of the "Worker", page 7, Column 3, Section I, carried an advertisement announcing the meetings of all Communist Party Clubs (New York City area), on September 12, 1944, for the purpose of reviewing the activities of the three months following the National Convention of the Communist Party and the change from the Communist Party to the Communist Political Association, which indicated among the list of Club meetings to be held that date, the speakers assigned to each. WILLIAM ALBERTSON's name appeared as the speaker for the Boro Park Club Meeting to be held at 49-03 12th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Exhibit No. 22      Certified photostatic copy of article in the "Worker" issue of September 10, 1944, page 7, column 3, Section I.

Witness:              Librarian, Library of Congress,  
Washington, D. C.

The April 9, 1946, issue of the "Daily Worker", page 7, column 3, set forth that the subject was listed as a speaker for the Kings County Communist Party at a special series of meetings of 300 Communist Clubs at which subject was to speak on the topic, "The Struggle For Peace and Building the Communist Party."

Exhibit No. 23      Certified photostatic copy of article in the "Daily Worker", April 9, 1946, issue, page 7, column 3.

Witness:              Librarian, Library of Congress,  
Washington, D. C.

The October 13, 1946, issue of the "Worker", an East Coast Communist publication, on page 13, listed WILLIAM ALBERTSON as a speaker at the Regional Communist Party Membership Meeting at

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Brooklyn, New York, on October 15, 1946. The subject was scheduled to address the Bensonhurst Section of the Communist Party, at the International Workers Order Center, 2078 86th Street, Brooklyn. These meetings were sponsored by the Kings County Committee of the Communist Party.

Exhibit No. 24 Certified photostatic copy of an article in "The Worker", October 13, 1946, issue, page 13.

Witness: Librarian, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

(U) The subject attended a special meeting of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, which was held on December 21, 1946, at the Hotel Pittsburgher, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and which was attended by prominent members of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania. One of the purposes of the meeting was to analyze the personnel of the District to determine what qualities of leadership they possessed. The subject made a report on the coal situation, advising there were 127 miners in Western Pennsylvania enrolled in the Communist Party, plus 76 more members living in mining communities, although not miners. Subject stated that this was not enough and the Local Party should make a goal within the near future of many times that number. (Subject was then Assistant National Labor Secretary of the Communist Party - USA).

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant T-3 ~~C~~

(U) The subject attended a meeting of an American Federation of Labor Club of Summit County, Ohio; Communist Party, which was held at the Akron, Ohio, Communist Party Headquarters on January 12, 1947, at ~~which~~ which meeting the subject, Assistant National Labor Secretary, Communist Party - USA, was present. Subject made a speech emphasizing the mistake the Party had made in neglecting to build Party Clubs in the American Federation of Labor. However, it had

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been making progress in the Congress of Industrial Organizations. ALBERTSON stated that the top executives of the American Federation of Labor are reactionary in their thinking, but that there were plenty of progressives in the lower levels of the Local Union forces and in the rank and file members. Subject continued by declaring that the new policy of the Communist Party is the infiltration of the ranks of the American Federation of Labor and to seek to undermine the policy of its top executives and to achieve a unity with the Congress of Industrial Organizations in "the fight against the forces of big business and reaction represented by the new Congress", which seeks to crush the progressive movement, smash the Unions, and establish American Fascism preparatory to following an American imperialistic line abroad.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant [T-4.] ~~SC~~

Subject attended a meeting of the [District Committee of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, on July 12, 1947, which was held in the Lecture Room of the Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny, Federal and East Ohio Streets, North Side, Pittsburgh. Subject was listed, at this meeting, as a member of the National Committee of New York. A discussion was had at this meeting regarding the Marshall Plan and the expansionist policy of the United States.] ~~SC~~ u

Witness: [MATTHEW CVETIC.] ~~SC~~ u

Subject attended a meeting of the [District Committee of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, on October 5, 1947, which was held at the Carnegie Music Hall, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from 10 AM to 5 PM. A discussion was had at this meeting on the high cost of living, the election campaign, the WALLACE banquet, the PAT CUSH banquet, and recruiting.] ~~SC~~ u

Witness: Confidential Informant [T-3.] ~~SC~~ (U)

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The subject attended a meeting of the [Pittsburgh City Council of the Communist Party, which was held on the evening of November 12, 1947, at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.] At this meeting, DAVE GRANT, Communist Party, District 5, paid functionary, and the subject reported on the proposed special session of Congress, the American Federation of Labor Convention, and the Congress of Industrial Organizations Convention. GRANT and the subject also discussed at length the statement made by former Assistant Attorney General O. JOHN ROGGE, at Los Angeles, on November 7, 1947, which was to the effect that mass raids against alleged Communists would be made in key cities throughout the United States by the Federal Bureau of Investigation within ten days. Both speakers interposed the above statement that a series of "Palmer Raids" would be conducted.

Witness:

[MATTHEW CVETIC.] *LU*

(U) [Subject had a discussion in Pittsburgh on December 2, 1947, with ROY HUDS, District 5, Communist Party - USA, Chairman, and DAVE GRANT, District 5, Communist Party - USA, paid functionary, regarding] the Communist Party Conference to be held in New York on December 2-3, 1947, by the National Committee, Communist Party - USA. It was stated at this meeting that a pre-Convention meeting to prepare the agenda was had in New York and that within ten minutes after the meeting, the agenda was announced over a New York radio station and, therefore, the scheduled conference was called off.

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Witness:

Confidential Informant [T-3] *X*

*La.P.* (U) Subject attended a meeting of the [District Büro of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, which was held on December 3, 1947, at   home, at 3827 Beechwood Boulevard, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.] At this meeting, the subject gave a report on the steel commission and the fight for a wage increase.

Witness:

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Subject attended the first session of the District Conference of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, District 5, Communist Party - USA, on December 13, 1947. The District Conference was held on December 13 and 14, 1947, in the Lecture Hall of the Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny, Federal and East Ohio Streets, Pittsburgh (North Side), Pennsylvania. At the first session meeting, the subject presented the organizational report, during the course of which he dealt with registration, recruiting, and club elections. Subject continued that all Clubs with ten members or more should elect a Chairman, an Educational Director, a combined Membership Secretary-Treasurer, and a combined Press-Literature Director. He stated that in the larger Clubs, the latter two positions might be separated.

Witness:

MATTHEW CVETIC. ~~U~~

(U) (Subject's presence at the above mentioned meeting was also verified by Confidential Informant T-3) ~~U~~

(U) The subject attended a meeting of the District Buro of District 5, Communist Party - USA, which was held on December 22, 1947, at 527 Fifth Avenue, third floor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from 6:30 PM to 12:30 PM. At this meeting, a report was given by ROY HUDSON, District 5, Communist Party - USA Chairman; and ALEX WRIGHT, Pittsburgh Negro Communist Party member, on the Progressive Citizens of America Meeting which was held at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on December 21, 1947. It was agreed at this meeting that the Communist Party would organize the January 11, 1948, meeting of the Progressive Citizens of America, which will be the launching of the Third Party in the 1948 election.

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Witness:

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The subject held a lengthy discussion on January 28, 1948; at District 5, Communist Party - USA, Headquarters, 426 Bakewell Building, 417 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with several leading Communist Party members, regarding the Communist Party's activity in opposition to Universal Military Training.

Witness:

[MATTHEW CVETIC.] *ku*

The subject attended a meeting held at District 5, Communist Party - USA, Headquarters, 426 Bakewell Building, 417 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on the evening of February 16, 1948. The meeting was concerning the arrangements for the EUGENE DENNIS Rally to be held on July 28, 1948, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and the subject was one of three Communist Party members who were to supervise the over-all arrangements for the Rally. (Eugene Dennis was General Secretary of the Communist Party - USA.)

Witness:

[MATTHEW CVETIC.] *ku*

*C.P.* [The subject met, on the afternoon of February 20, 1948, with PETE KARPA and MATTHEW CVETIC, both District 5, Communist Party, members, at District Headquarters, 426 Bakewell Building, 417 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. During this discussion, which mainly concerned the EUGENE DENNIS meeting to be held at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on February 28, 1948, it was mentioned that approximately 10,000 pamphlets had been ordered by the Party in order to publicize the meeting.] *ku*

Witness:

[MATTHEW CVETIC.] *ku*

(U) Subject attended a meeting of the District Committee of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania - District 5, Communist Party - USA, on February 21, 1948, which met at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. At this meeting, ROY HUDSON, District 5, Communist

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Party - USA, Chairman, gave a report on a recent Communist Party Plenum which dealt with the strengthening of the Party's work in the Third Party movement, and a general review of the Party's activities.

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Witness:

Confidential Informant [T-3.]

Subject attended the EUGENE DENNIS Mass Meeting, which was held at the Carnegie Music Hall, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on February 28, 1948. ROY HUDSON, District 5, Communist Party - USA, Chairman, introduced the subject, and in his introductory speech, stated that ALBERTSON, by being expelled from the University of Pittsburgh, has proven that he is a welcome member to the Communist fold. The subject spoke at this meeting on the Un-American Committee and stated that although some of their leaders had been arrested, there would be other leaders to take their place. Subject stated that big business and not the people are worried about the situation, and that big business is shivering in its boots, about what is going on in Czechoslovakia and all over the world. EUGENE DENNIS, General Secretary, Communist Party - USA, was the principal speaker at the above mentioned meeting.

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Witness:

Confidential Informant [T-5.]

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(Confidential Informant [T-6] corroborated the information set forth above)

The March 4, 1948, issue of the "Daily Worker", carried an article on Page 7, Columns 4 and 5, that an open membership meeting would be held at the Irving Plaza Hall, Irving Plaza, and 15th Street, New York City, at 7:30 PM, Thursday, March 4, 1948. The article set forth that the meeting was sponsored by the Furniture Section of the Communist Party of the USA. The article further stated that WILLIAMS could not attend, however, BILL ALBERTSON, Assistant Labor Secretary, would speak on "Problem's

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of Organized Labor Today", and protest un-American deportations.

Exhibit No. 25 Certified photostatic copy of an article in the "Daily Worker" issue of March 4, 1948, page 7, columns 4 and 5.

Witness: Librarian, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

Subject attended a meeting of the Steering Committee of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania on the evening of April 23, 1948, at the home of [REDACTED] 259 Melwood Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss plans for future political activities in the 30th Congressional District. During the meeting, tentative plans were made to hold a conference on May 2, 1948, regarding the political activities mentioned above.

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Witness: MATTHEW CVETIC. *[Signature]*

Subject attended a meeting on April 24, 1948, of the District 5, Communist Party - USA, Bureau, held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from 12 Noon to 5 PM. At this meeting, a discussion was had on the November Election and also on the reorganization of the Communist Party in Pittsburgh. No agreement was reached on this and another meeting was set for May 2, 1948, in order that HENRY WINSTON, National Board Member, Communist Party - USA, might sit in on this meeting.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant T-3. *[Signature]*

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Subject met, [on the evening of April 28, 1948, with a small group of Communists in the Chrysler Restaurant, East Ohio Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.] At this meeting, the problem of handling liaison work between the Communist Party and the Third Party was discussed. Subject emphasized that Party Leaders and functionaries should not serve on any Third Party's Committee since this would tend toward "liquidationism." Subject pointed out that the Communist Party has not been accepted in the framework of the Progressive Party and, until it is accepted, Party members must carry on their own independent role, that is, they will work to strengthen the Progressive Party so that when the Communist Party is officially accepted as a part of the coalition, it can play its own independent role and its functionaries can then take their part on the Progressive Party Committees.

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Witness:

[MATTHEW CVETIC] ~~u~~

(U) Subject was present at a meeting of the [District 5, Communist Party - USA, Buro; on May 2, 1948, at the house numbered 5833, near Beechwood Boulevard, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.] [redacted] 5833 Morrowfield Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.] It was decided, at this meeting, to fight the Mundt Bill to keep it from passing, by sending telegrams and letters to Congress and to have delegations visit their Congressmen. It was also decided to do away with the City Committee, which consisted of Leaders of all Clubs in the City of Pittsburgh, to cut the District Committee from 41 to 17 members; and the District Buro from 15 to 7 members, in order to be able to go underground if the Mundt Bill was passed.

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Witness:

Confidential Informant [T-3] ~~u~~

(U) Subject was present at a meeting of the [District 5, Communist Party - USA, Buro, which was held on May 9, 1948, at the home of [redacted] 5833 Morrowfield Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.] It was agreed at this meeting to distribute 10,000 leaflets and special issues of the "Daily Worker", and to raise

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\$15,000 in the District by June 1, 1948.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant ~~T-3~~

(U) Subject attended a meeting of Communists, which was held on May 11, 1948, at District 5, Communist Party - USA, Headquarters, 426 Bakewell Building, 417 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The individuals at this meeting discussed the distribution of 18,000 Third Party leaflets, to be distributed with the help of the Communist Party. The Communist Party was to make distribution at the Jones and Laughlin Steel Mill Gates at 27th and Carson Streets, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant ~~T-3~~

Subject attended the District Conference of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, District 5, Communist Party - USA, on May 15 and 16, 1948, which was held at the Seventh Avenue Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The principal report during the session held on May 15, 1948, was delivered by the subject who stated that approximately 960 additional dues payments had to be collected by the Local District in order that the District would have three delegates to the National Convention of the Communist Party - USA, to be held in New York in the summer of 1948. He also presented a summary of the present situation in the steel, mining, and rubber industries, during the course of which he criticized the actions taken by PHILIP MURRAY and the United Steel Workers at the recent Steel Convention, held in Boston, Massachusetts. He also predicted a coal strike in the near future. The principal report on May 16, 1948, was delivered by ROY HUDSON, District 5, Communist Party - USA, Chairman, and he dealt with the current political situation and its problems, pointing out that big business is organized and that the Progressive and Trade Union elements were not working together. HUDSON severely criticized PHILIP MURRAY for the actions taken by him at the above mentioned

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Steel Convention. Also at this session, the subject was elected a member of the new District 5, Communist Party - USA, Board.

Witness:

[MATTHEW CVETIC.] ~~u~~

(U) Subject attended a meeting of the [District 5, Communist Party - USA, Buro, on May 15, 1948, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, between 5 PM and 7:45 PM.] ~~u~~ The meeting consisted of a discussion of the names of the 7 members of the Buro to be presented to the District Committee. The subject was one of the 7 individuals named to make up the new District Buro.

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Witness:

Confidential Informant [T-3.] ~~u~~

(U) The subject attended a meeting of the [District Committee of District 5, Communist Party - USA, on May 15, 1948, which was held at the Seventh Avenue Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.] ~~u~~ The purpose of the meeting was for discussing the matters to be taken up at the District Conference.

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Witness:

Confidential Informant [T-3.] ~~u~~

(U) Subject attended a meeting of the [District Buro of District 5, Communist Party - USA, on June 5, 1948, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.] ~~u~~ Plans for the coming District Convention were discussed at this meeting, as well as the Party resolutions to be presented at the Convention.

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Witness:

Confidential Informant [T-3.] ~~u~~

(Subject's presence at the above meeting was verified by [MATTHEW CVETIC.] ~~u~~

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The subject was present at a [special] meeting of the Communist Party on June 7, 1948, which was held at the home of DAVE GRANT, a paid District 5, Communist Party - USA, functionary, Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the leadership in the Third Party in Western Pennsylvania.

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Witness:

Confidential Informant [T-3] ~~u~~

The subject was present at a meeting of [Club] Chairmans of the Communist Party in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on June 30, 1948, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh. During the course of the meeting, a new reorganizational plan of the City Communist Party was attempted. It was pointed out that in the future, there would be four Section Organizers in the City of Pittsburgh, and the subject suggested that the Organizers meet each week.

Witness:

[MATTHEW CVETIC] ~~u~~

Subject was present on [July 9, 10, and 11, 1948, at the District Conference of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, District 5, Communist Party - USA, which was held at the North Side Carnegie Music Hall, Federal and East Ohio Streets, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The subject was re-elected to the position of Organizational Secretary of District 5, Communist Party - USA. At the session of July 10, 1948, the subject gave an organizational report on the District's activities. It was mentioned that STEVE NELSON and ANDREW ONDA had been assigned to this District as District Organizer and Steel Organizer, respectively, by the National Board, Communist Party - USA. The subject was also nominated as a delegate to the National Convention, Communist Party - USA. The subject stated that the coming National Convention might be the last Convention of the Communist Party for a long time, and cautioned the members on the necessity for selecting the right people.

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Witness:

MATTHEW CVETIC ~~u~~

(Subject's presence at the above  
Conference was also verified by  
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Subject attended, on the afternoon of August 14, 1948, a Communist Party meeting, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. ~~At~~ At this meeting, and with regard to a question which was asked by one of the members present, as to Party policy on membership, the subject informed that the National Communist Party Convention decided not to have a purge of Party membership at this time, but that any present Party member who does not desire to recognize the leadership and work under those leaders, can get out of the Party.

Witness:

MATTHEW CVETIC ~~u~~

(U) Subject attended a meeting of the Communist Party, which was held on September 1, 1948, at BEN CAREATHERS' Book Shop, 2205 Wylie Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, at 8 PM. ~~The~~ The meeting was called to map plans for the Youth Conference to be held at the Monumental Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on September 13, 1948. It was decided at this meeting, that the Conference adopt the following plans: 1) to set up an organization to fight segregation; 2) to fight for a City Fair Employment Practice Committee; 3) to fight for Civil Liberties.

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Witness:

Confidential Informant T-3. ~~u~~

Subject attended a Communist Party meeting, sponsored by District 5, Communist Party - USA, on October 9, 1948, at the A. Leo Weil ~~u~~

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[School, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania,] for the purpose of protesting the arrest of the 12 Communist Party Leaders.

Witness: [MATTHEW CVETIC] / u

(U) (The subject's presence at the above meeting was also verified by Confidential Informant [T-3]) /

Subject attended a meeting of the [North Side Section Committee (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania) of District 5, Communist Party - USA, on October 12, 1948, which was held at 844 East Ohio Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.] Subject stated that immediately after the 1948 elections, there will be some organizational changes inasmuch as the Communist Party set-up would call for not more than five comrades in each Group.

Witness: [MATTHEW CVETIC] / u

Subject was present at a meeting on [October 23, 1948, of leading Communist Party members of District 5, Communist Party - USA, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.] / u Subject reported upon the present Communist Party Recruiting Drive, the registration program, and stated that Shop Clubs will take priority over Communist and Language Clubs. He also reported that the Shop Groups will consist of no more than 7 individuals for security purposes.

Witness: [MATTHEW CVETIC] / u

(U) (Subject's presence at the above meeting was also verified by Confidential Informant [T-3]) /

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Subject attended a Communist meeting of the Lawrenceville (Pittsburgh) Communist Party Club at Anthon's Restaurant, Penn and Highland Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on November 6, 1948. At this meeting, the subject stated that the Club should be broken down in accordance with the security measures taken by the Local Communist Party. He stated that the Communist Party Group Captains will pick up all old Communist Party membership books and destroy them. He stated that no membership books were to be issued for 1949 and dues would be paid to Group Leaders who would furnish dues stamps to the members. Subject concluded that all members are to be requested to contribute a substantial sum for the purpose of creating a separate fund for purchasing printing equipment, paper, and office supplies for use in the event the Communist Party is compelled to operate illegally.

Witness:

MATTHEW CVETIC. *fu*

(U) Subject attended a meeting of the State Convention of the Communist Party of West Virginia, on December 5, 1948, which was held at 401 Jacob Street, Charleston, West Virginia. At this Convention, the subject talked approximately one and one-half hours, concerning Communist Party work in Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

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Witness:

Confidential Informant T-7. *C*

(U) Subject attended a meeting on December 28, 1948, with four Pittsburgh Communist Party members, which meeting was held at District 5, Communist Party - USA, Headquarters, 426 Bakewell Building, 417 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The discussion was in regard to the Civil Rights Conference to be held at Washington, D. C., on February 11 and 12, 1949, by a Group of Negro Leaders.

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Witness:

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Subject attended a Mass Protest Meeting, sponsored by District 5, Communist Party - USA, on the evening of January 15, 1949, which was held at the Music Hall of the Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny, Federal and East Ohio Streets, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The purpose of the meeting was to protest the indictment and pending trial of the twelve members of the National Board of the Communist Party - USA. Subject was in charge of arrangements for the above mentioned meeting.

Witness:

[MATTHEW CVETIC] *u*

Subject was present at a meeting of [Communist Party members on January 31, 1949, held at District 5, Communist Party - USA, Headquarters, 426 Bakewell Building, 417 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.] The meeting was called to check on the work of the delegates to the Conference to be held at Washington, D. C., on February 11 and 12, 1949. This Conference was described as a call to the Legislative Assembly and a rally to end segregation and discrimination. It was decided that the Communist Party would send two delegates and attempt to send ten others.

(U) Witness:

Confidential Informant [T-3] ~~C~~

Subject was present at the [District Conference of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, District 5, Communist Party - USA, on February 6, 1949, which was held in the Lecture Room of the Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny, Federal and East Ohio Streets, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.] Subject spoke at the afternoon session of the Conference, regarding activities planned by District 5, Communist Party, for the defense of the twelve indicted National Board Members, Communist Party - USA.

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[MATTHEW CVETIC] *u*~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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Subject was present on February 25, 1949, at a Communist meeting, which was held at District 5, Communist Party - USA, Headquarters, 426 Bakewell Building, 417 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The subject discussed the Legislative Conference (Civil Rights Conference) which was held in Washington, D. C., on February 11 and 12, 1949.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant [T-3.]

(U) Subject attended a meeting of the Section Committee of the Communist Party on March 5, 1949, which was held at BEN CAREATHERS' Book Shop, 2205 Wylie Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It was announced at this meeting that a Mass Rally would be held on May 2, 1949, at which HENRY WINSTON, National Board Member, Communist Party - USA, would be the principal speaker.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant [T-3.]

(U) Subject was present at a special meeting of District 5, Communist Party - USA, functionaries on March 9, 1949, which was held at the International Workers Order Hall, Forbes and Shady Avenue, (6328 Forbes Street), Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The meeting was for the purpose of discussing statements which had been made by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and EUGENE DENNIS, National Communist Party leaders. It was pointed out at this meeting, that their statements had stopped the war drive, or at least had slowed it down. (FOSTER and DENNIS had previously stated that in the event of war between Russia and the United States, and if it were an imperialistic war and sponsored by Wall Street Capitalists, the Communist Party - USA could not support such a war.)

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant [T-3.]

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(U) Subject was present at a meeting of District 5, Communist Party - USA, Leaders, on March 14, 1949, at the home of the subject, 3122 Iowa Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called in regard to a recent coal strike which had been called by JOHN L. LEWIS, United Mine Workers of America President.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant T-3 ~~(U)~~

(U) Subject attended a meeting of a Section Committee of District 5, Communist Party - USA, on Friday, April 15, 1949, at the subject's home, 3122 Iowa Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, at 8 PM. At this meeting, a report was made by BEN ~~COAREATHERS~~, Hill Section Organizer, regarding the Communist Party Mass Meeting held on April 2, 1949, at the North Side Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where HENRY WINSTON, National Communist Party - USA, Board Member, spoke.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant T-3 ~~(U)~~

(U) Subject was present, on April 18, 1949, at a meeting of the District 5, Communist Party - USA, Board, which was held at the home of the subject, 3122 Iowa Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It was decided at this meeting to expose Tito through the Language Groups and newspapers.

Witness: Confidential Informant T-3 ~~(U)~~

Subject was present at a meeting of the District 5, Communist Party - USA, Committee and other leaders of the Communist Party, which was held during the morning and afternoon of April 30, 1949, at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Subject's report at

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the afternoon session dealt with the defense of the Party's Leaders, Party organization, and white chauvinism.

Witness:

[MATTHEW CVETIC.] *U*

(U) Subject was present at a meeting of the [District 5, Communist Party - USA, functionaries on May 2, 1949, which meeting was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.] STEVE NELSON, District 5, Communist Party - USA, Chairman, reported on the National Communist Party Plenum and stated that the United States was losing the cold war and that the Communist Party must fight to block the Atlantic Pact.

Witness:

Confidential Informant [T-3.] *U*

Subject was present at a meeting of [leading Communist Party members from the North Side Section (Pittsburgh) of District 5, Communist Party - USA, on the evening of May 10, 1949, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.] The subject delivered the principal address and his remarks were concerned with the recent National Communist Party Plenum.

Witness:

[MATTHEW CVETIC.] *U*

(U) Subject attending a meeting on [June 7, 1949, of top Communist Party functionaries of District 5, Communist Party - USA, which was held at the home of [redacted] a paid District 5, Communist Party - USA, functionary, 721 1/2 Whitney Street, Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania.] At this meeting, a discussion was had regarding recent American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations Conventions, and it was concluded that the Communists are slowly gaining power within the Unions again, but that the members must

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continue to work with the rank and file to isolate the right-wing leaders by pressing the unemployment problem to show that the Marshall Plan is responsible for unemployment.

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Subject attended a meeting of [leading District 5, Communist Party - USA, members on July 9, 1949, which was held at the Jewish Cultural Center, 6328 Forbes Street, Pittsburgh. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss candidates of the Progressive Party and the possibility of a steel strike in the coming months.

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Subject was present at a meeting of the [Political Committee of District 5, Communist Party - USA, on August 11, 1949, which was held in the Office of the American Slav Congress, 1005 Berger Building, 449 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Informant advised that the Political Committee is a Standing Committee which will discuss the role and participation of the Communist Party in future elections, being principally concerned with the campaign activities of the Progressive Party.] 7u

Witness:

[MATTHEW CVETIC.] 7u

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Subject attended a meeting of the [Negro Commission of District 5, Communist Party - USA, on September 8, 1949, which was held at the home of [redacted] 3128 Cordell Place, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. A discussion was had at this meeting regarding the Dr. BEN ARSHAN affair in Mt. Lebanon, a suburb of Pittsburgh, where Negroes attended a meeting in ARSHAN's home and neighbors protested their presence in this neighborhood.] b6 b7c

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Subject attended a membership meeting of the North Side Section (Pittsburgh), District 5, Communist Party - USA, which was held at 943 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The meeting was for the purpose of hearing a report on the United Front (the new Party line), by JOHN VIDMAR, North Side Section Secretary, which was supplemented by a talk by the subject. Subject stated that the work in the United Front was henceforth a most important task for the Communists. ALBERTSON stated that if we (Communists) can get several persons to join with us on any one issue, whether it be a strike for a wage increase, the Negro question, peace or a fare increase (Pittsburgh Railways Company), this is what is meant by the United Front work.

Witness:

[MATTHEW CVETIC] *fu*

F. Attendance at Communist Party Schools or Subject's Acting as an Instructor at Communist Party Schools. *fu*

Subject conducted a Communist Party Educational Class of the North Side Section (Pittsburgh), Section Group Leaders, on January 11, 1949, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This class was the first in a series of six, conducted by the subject. At the outset of the class, subject stated that the following topics would be discussed during the course, which would consist of six lessons: 1) Capitalism; 2) Imperialism; 3) War and Fascism; 4) The Negro Question; 5) Socialism; and 6) The Role of the Communist Party. Subject stated that the material for the classes would be taken from "Theory and Practice of the Communist Party", Number I; Parts VI, VII, and VIII of "Value, Price and Profit"; and Part I of the "Communist Manifesto". During the course of the class, subject stated that China was an example of a country which was turning to Communism without having gone through a Capitalistic stage.

Witness:

[MATTHEW CVETIC] *fu*

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Subject was present, [as an instructor, of a class for the Club Leaders of the North Side Section (Pittsburgh) of the District 5, Communist Party - USA, which was held on February 15, 1949, at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.] The topic of discussion at this class meeting was that of the "Negro Question".

Witness:

[MATTHEW CVETIC] / u

Subject was present [as an instructor, on March 8, 1949, at a Communist Party Educational Class of the North Side Section (Pittsburgh) of District 5, Communist Party, USA, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.] The lesson was based upon Lesson V, Book I, Marxist Study Series, entitled, "Socialism". The subject developed the features of the Socialist system in the Soviet Union, meaning: 1 - common ownership and operation of the National economy; 2 - production for use; 3 - leadership of the working class; 4 - political domination by the working class.

Witness:

[MATTHEW CVETIC] / u

V. FALSE STATEMENTS MADE  
BY THE SUBJECT, INCLUDING  
THE USE OF ALIASES

No information has been developed indicating that the subject has made any false statements.

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The following are the witnesses, set forth in the order in which they appear in the previous Sections of this report:

Witness	Information Witness Can Furnish or Produce	Page Number
STEPHEN P. LAFHEY, Clerk, United States District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania;	This witness can produce, upon is- suanee of an appropriate subpoena, the final petition for naturali- zation, number 71893, dated March 30, 1927, for the subject's mother, Mrs. ESTHER ALBERTSON, which petition reflects that the subject was born May 7, 1910, in Russia and that the subject's mother was naturalized at Pittsburgh on June 29, 1927.	1
JOSEPH A. SCHMITT, Chief File Clerk, Pittsburgh Board of Registration Commissioners, County Office Building, Pitts- burgh, Pennsylvania	This witness can produce, upon is- suanee of an appropriate subpoena, the subject's original Voter's Registration record, number 889427, dated September 7, 1948, which is maintained at the Office of Voters' Registrations, Pittsburgh, Penn- sylvania.	2
Dr. J. GILBERT QUICK, Registrar, University of Pittsburgh, Pitts- burgh, Pennsylvania	This witness can produce, upon is- suanee of an appropriate subpoena, the school records of the subject, which are maintained at the Registrar's Office, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh; and which consists of a Transcript of the subject's record, a copy of a letter from the Dean to the	2

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	Registrar, dated May 2, 1929, showing subject's dismissal, and the subject's Application for Admission, dated August 15, 1927. These records reflect subject's education and former residence addresses.	2, 3, 4, 8
A competent official of the Selective Service System of New York, maintaining records of former Local Board #144, Brooklyn, New York, under the Selective Service Act of 1940.	This witness can produce, upon issuance of an appropriate subpoena, the Selective Service records of the subject. Subject registered with former Local Board #144, at Brooklyn, New York.	5, 6, 7, 9, 14
A competent official of the Hall of Records, Marriage Record Section, Brooklyn, New York	This witness can produce, upon issuance of an appropriate subpoena, the marriage records of the subject, certificate # 9306, reflecting that the subject was married on June 19, 1932, at Brooklyn, New York, and also sets forth immediate relatives on this document.	6, 7, 8
R. D. MC KINNIS, Secretary, Duquesne Light Company, 435 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.	This witness can produce, upon issuance of an appropriate subpoena, the records of the Duquesne Light Company's Meter Book Sheets and IBM Meter Readings and Listing Records, showing electricity was cut in at the residence of WILLIAM ALBERTSON, 3122 Iowa Street, Pittsburgh, on May 8, 1948, and was discontinued on May 26, 1950.	10

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HENRY S. NETTING,  
Secretary, Equi-  
table Gas Company,  
115 Sixth Avenue,  
Pittsburgh, Penn-  
sylvania.

This witness can produce, upon is-  
suanee of an appropriate subpoena,  
the records of the Equitable Gas  
Company's Meter Book Sheets and IEM  
Meter Readings and Listing Records,  
showing that gas service was initi-  
ated at the residence of WILLIAM  
J. PERTSON, 3122 Iowa Street, Pitts-  
burgh, Pennsylvania, on May 8, 1948  
and was discontinued on May 26, 1950.

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This witness is a current member of  
the Communist Party and is considered  
reliable. This witness can testify  
that the subject appeared to be in  
good health as of approximately June  
15, 1951; that the subject is Trade  
Union Secretary of District 7, Com-  
munist Party - USA, and Chief Assist-  
ant to CARL WINTER, District 7, Com-  
munist Party - USA, Chairman; and  
that the subject is also Regional  
Organizer for General Motors, including  
the Flint, Lansing, Pontiac, General  
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fessional Section, District 7, Com-  
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Librarian,  
Library of  
Congress,  
Washington, D. C.

This witness can produce, upon the  
issuance of appropriate subpoena,  
certain publications and newspapers,  
such as the "Daily Worker", the  
"Worker", and "Political Affairs  
Magazine", in which publications  
certain articles make reference to  
the subject.

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This witness is a former member of the Communist Party and member of the National Committee, Communist Party - USA, and is considered reliable. This witness can testify that

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the subject was a member of the New York State Communist Party Trade Union Commission and that the subject worked openly with the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist publication, but denied Communist Party membership in the early 1940's.

MATTHEW CVETIC,  
William Penn  
Hotel, Pittsburgh,  
Pennsylvania

This witness joined the Communist Party at Pittsburgh in February, 1943, and has held the following positions in the Communist Party: Chairman, Lawrenceville Branch, District 5, Communist Party - USA; member of Pittsburgh City Executive Board; member of the National and District 5, Communist Party, Nationality Commissions; member of District 5, Communist Party, Organizational and Education Committee; and a member of the National Slovenian Section, Communist Party - USA. CVETIC has had close contact with several National Communist Party - USA leaders. CVETIC testified in the Spring of 1950 before the House of Representatives Committee on Un-American Activities at Washington, D. C., regarding his knowledge of Communist Party activities in the Western Pennsylvania area. This witness is considered reliable. & U

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This witness can testify that the subject was Organizational Secretary of District 5, Communist Party - USA, from October 1947 until the time that he (CVETIC) disclosed his identity as a member of the Communist Party in approximately February 1950; that the subject held the second highest position in District 5, Communist Party - USA, and that the subject was partially responsible for the over-all supervision and direction of the Party's work in Western Pennsylvania. CVETIC can also testify that the subject helped to formulate District policy relative to organization, personnel, youth groups, Negro questions, etc. CVETIC can also testify that the subject attended as a District official the District Conventions and Conferences of District 5, Communist Party - USA; that he was a delegate to the National Conventions; and that he met, as a District official, with many smaller Communist groups. CVETIC can also testify that the subject acted as an instructor at Communist Party Educational Classes for leaders of the Party, at which classes the principles of Marxism-Leninism were taught. & u

EDWARD J. KROEN,  
1076 Woodberry Road,  
New Kensington,  
Pennsylvania.

This witness is the Manager of Radio Station WKPA at New Kensington, Pennsylvania, and can testify that the radio time which was utilized by the subject to make a speech regarding local Union problems of Local 302,

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(Aluminum Company of America), United Steel Workers of America, Congress of Industrial Organizations, from 3:30 PM to 3:35 PM, on November 21, 1948, was purchased by District 5, Communist Party - USA.

ROBERT J.  
LANDSEADEL,  
548 Penn Street,  
Verona, Pennsyl-  
vania, currently  
serving with the  
United States  
Army, Far Eastern  
Command, Yokohama,  
Japan.

This witness is the former announcer of Radio Station WKPA at New Kensington, Pennsylvania, and can testify that the radio speech made by the subject, regarding Union problems of Local 302, (Aluminum Company of America), United Steel Workers of America, Congress of Industrial Organizations, from 3:30 PM to 3:35 PM, on November 21, 1948, was recorded through the use of a recording machine on a wax record by him. This witness can also introduce this record which is being maintained at the Pittsburgh Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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This witness is a current member of the Communist Party and considered reliable. This witness can testify that the subject was Organizational Secretary of District 5, Communist Party - USA, from October 1947 to May 1950; that he held the second highest position in District 5, Communist Party - USA; and that the subject was partially responsible for the over-all supervision and direction of the Party's work in Western Penn-

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sylvania. This witness can testify that the subject helped to formulate District policy, was a member of the District 5, Communist Party - USA, Buro, whose job it was to direct the day to day activities of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, and that the subject attended the District Conferences of District 5, Communist Party - USA, at Pittsburgh in December 1947 and July 1948, as well as numerous other Communist Party meetings throughout the District. ~~3c~~ (U)

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Informant ~~T-4~~ ~~3c~~

This witness is a former member of the Communist Party from 1942 to 1948 and was an Executive Board member of a Communist Party Section. This witness is reliable and can testify that the subject, as Assistant National Labor Secretary of the Communist Party - USA, spoke at a Communist Party meeting at the American Federation of Labor Club of Summit County, Ohio, in Akron, Ohio, in January 1947 and emphasized the mistake that the Party had been making by not building Party Clubs within the American Federation of Labor. 40, 41 ~~C~~ (U)

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Informant ~~T-5~~ ~~3c~~

This witness is a current member of the Communist Party and is considered reliable. This witness can testify that the subject attended and also spoke at a EUGENE DENNIS Mass Rally held at Pittsburgh on February 28, 1948. ~~45~~ (U)

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(U)	<del>Confidential Informant T-6</del>	This witness is a current member of the Communist Party and is considered reliable. This witness can also testify that the subject attended and spoke at a EUGENE DENNIS Mass Rally held in Pittsburgh on February 28, 1948. <del>C</del> 45	(U)
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(U)	<del>Confidential Informant T-7</del>	This witness is a former member of the Communist Party from April 1943 to November 1950, and is considered reliable. This witness can testify that the subject attended and spoke at the State Convention of the Communist Party of West Virginia on December 5, 1948, regarding Communist Party activity in West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania. <del>C</del> 53	(U)
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1	<p>Final petition for naturalization, number 71893, dated March 30, 1927, for subject's mother, Mrs. ESTHER ALBERTSON.</p> <p>Located at the Clerk's Office, United States District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.</p> <p>Clerk, United States District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.</p> <p>(Photostatic copy of record could not be obtained)</p>	1
2	<p>Certified photostatic copy of subject's Voter's Registration Record, Number 889427, located at Pittsburgh FBI Office.</p> <p>Original record located at the Office of Voters' Registrations, Pittsburgh Board of Registration Commissioners, County Office Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.</p> <p>JOSEPH A. SCHMITT, Chief File Clerk, Pittsburgh Board of Registration Commissioners, County Office Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania,</p>	2

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3	<p>Certified photostatic copy of subject's school records (Transcript of Record; copy of letter dated May 2, 1929; from L. P. SIEG, Dean to Registrar, University of Pittsburgh; Application for Admission), located at Pittsburgh FBI Office.</p> <p>Original located at Registrar's Office, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.</p> <p>Can be introduced by the Registrar, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.</p>	2, 3, 4, 8
4	<p>Photostatic copy of records maintained in subject's Selective Service File.</p> <p>(To be obtained)</p> <p>Located at Brooklyn, New York. (Subject registered under Local Board, No. 144, Brooklyn, New York)</p> <p>To be introduced by a competent official of the Selective Service System of New York, maintaining records of former Local Board No. 144, Brooklyn, New York.</p>	5, 6, 7, 9, 14

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5	Photostatic copy of marriage records of subject, certificate number 9306.	7, 8
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Original located at the Hall of Records,  
Brooklyn, New York.

To be introduced by a competent  
official of the Hall of Records,  
Marriage Record Section, Brooklyn,  
New York.

6	Certified photostatic copy of Duquesne Light Company and Equitable Gas Company Meter Book Sheets and IBM Meter Reading and Listing Records, located at Pittsburgh FBI Office.	10
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Original located at the Offices of the  
Duquesne Light Company and Equitable Gas  
Company, both 435 Sixth Avenue,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Duquesne Light Company records can  
be introduced by R. D. MC KINNIS,  
Secretary, Duquesne Light Company.

Equitable Gas Company records can  
be introduced by HENRY S. NETTING,  
Secretary, Equitable Gas Company.

7	Certified photostatic copy of the 1937 Year Book of the Young Communist League of America, Section captioned "Alumni Tintypes".	12
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Washington, D. C.

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Certified photostatic copy of an  
article in the "Daily Worker" of  
October 8, 1942, Page 1, Column 5.

13

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Congress, Washington, D. C.

To be introduced by the Librarian,  
Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

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Certified photostatic copy of an  
article in the November 26, 1944,  
issue of the "Worker", Page 13,  
Column 5, Section I

15

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Congress, Washington, D. C.

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Certified photostatic copy of an  
article in the "Daily Worker" issue  
of June 2, 1947, Page 8.

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11	<p>Original copy of a 14 page memorandum on the District 5, Communist Party - USA, Convention held July 9-11, 1948 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, issued by District 5, Communist Party, Headquarters as an enclosure to their letter dated July 26, 1948, addressed to "All Club Executive Committees, To All Delegates To The District Convention".</p> <p>Original document being maintained at the Pittsburgh Office of the FBI.</p> <p>Can be introduced by <u>MATTHEW CVETIC.</u> <i>TCU</i></p>	21, 27, 35
12.	<p>Original recording of a speech made by subject on a wax record and maintained in the Pittsburgh Office. Speech was made over Radio Station WKPA, New Kensington, Pennsylvania.</p> <p>Can be introduced by ROBERT J. LANDSEADEL, former announcer of Radio Station WKPA, New Kensington, Pennsylvania. Residence address, 548 Penn Street, Verona, Pennsylvania. Currently serving with United States Army, Far Eastern Command, Yokohama, Japan.</p>	28
13	<p>Certified photostatic copy of an article on Page 6 of the June, 1929, issue of "New Masses".</p>	30

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	Original located at the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.	
	To be introduced by the Librarian, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.	
15	Certified photostatic copy of an article in the May 1, 1943, issue of "Daily Worker", Page 3, Column 2.	31
	Original located at Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.	
	To be introduced by the Librarian, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.	
16	Certified photostatic copy of article in the April 26, 1946, issue of the "Daily Worker", Page 6.	32
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18	<p>Certified photostatic copy of article in August 1, 1948, issue of the "Worker", Pennsylvania edition, Section III, Page 1, Column 1.</p> <p>Original located at Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.</p> <p>To be introduced by Librarian, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.</p>	34
19	DELETED	36
20	<p>Certified photostatic copy of article on Page 15 in the May 8, 1946, issue of the "Daily Worker."</p> <p>Original located at Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.</p> <p>To be introduced by Librarian, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.</p>	36

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of Congress, Washington, D. C.

22	Certified photostatic copy of article in September 10, 1944, issue of the "Worker", Page 7, Column 3.	39
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Washington, D. C.

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of Congress, Washington, D. C.

23	Certified photostatic copy of article in April 9, 1946, issue of the "Daily Worker", Page 7, Column 3.	39
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Washington, D. C.

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24	Certified photostatic copy of article on page 13, in October 13, 1946, issue of the "Worker".	40
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Certified photostatic copy of article  
in March 4, 1948, issue of the "Daily  
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