



Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

February 14, 2022

FOIPA Request No.: 1513246-000
Subject: BRENNAN, RAYMOND RUDDY

Dear

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Below you will find check boxes under the appropriate statute headings which indicate the types of exemptions asserted to protect information which is exempt from disclosure. The appropriate exemptions are noted on the enclosed pages next to redacted information. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted to indicate where pages were withheld entirely and identify which exemptions were applied. The checked exemption boxes used to withhold information are further explained in the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions.

Section 552

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14 pages were reviewed and 14 pages are being released.

Please see the paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request as well as the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.

- ☐ Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning, other Government Agency (ies) [OGA].
- ☐ This information has been referred to the OGA(s) for review and direct response to you.
- ☐ We are consulting with another agency. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is completed.

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 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.

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; 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. 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.



See additional information which follows.

Sincerely,



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

Enclosure(s)

This is the final release of information responsive to your FOIPA request. This material is being provided to you at no charge.

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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 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.
- (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. Additionally, requests can be submitted electronically at 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.



CHICAGO SUN-TIMES

MORNING AND SUNDAY / DIAL 321-3000 / 401 NORTH WABASH AVENUE, CHICAGO 11, ILLINOIS

April 13, 1965

Mr. Cartha DeLoach
Assistant Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. DeLoach:

This is a request for any assistance the FBI can give me in my preparation of a comprehensive article on organized crime in America.

My particular need is for quotes from Director Hoover. Copies of any speeches he has made touching on the subject over the past few years would be appreciated.

It would be of great help if the Director could supply 300 or 400 words of comment on the current situation. I know the progress made by the FBI in Chicago and elsewhere has been excellent.

Copies of any statistics or other material from the FBI files also would be most helpful.

To identify myself, I have been a Chicago newspaper reporter and writer in Chicago for more than 25 years. I believe your men in Chicago will vouch for me.

Sincerely,

Ray Brennan
Ray Brennan



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P.S. Incidentally, can you tell me the date or year when FBI agents first were authorized to carry weapons.

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Date: 3/27/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-77787-210) 2-1
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK [REDACTED] (P) ~~OH~~
SUBJECT: CUBAN MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS
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Enclosed for the Bureau are ten copies of an LHM,
dated and captioned as above, with information copies for
Chicago and WFO.

② NYO indices contain no information relative to
RAY BRENNAN (PH).

Source mentioned in the LHM is NY 3877-S*.

The LHM is classified "~~SECRET~~ ~~NO FOREIGN~~
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a foreign diplomatic establishment.

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Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

March 27, 1968

Cuban Mission to the United Nations

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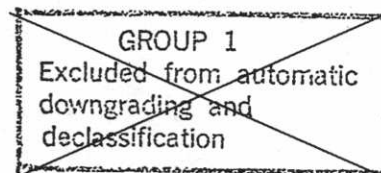
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On March 25, 1968, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised Ray Brennan (phonetic), who identified himself as a reporter for the "Chicago Sun Times", contacted the Cuban Mission to the United Nations (CMUN) in New York City (NYC), saying he was interested in travelling to Cuba. Brennan was advised he should apply for a visa through the Czechoslovakian Embassy but Brennan said he wanted to talk to someone about transportation and related matters. The source said that Brennan was given the name of Jose Viera Linares, First Secretary, CMUN, and was told to recontact Viera for an appointment.

On March 26, 1968, the same source advised that Ray Brennan, after failing to arrange a meeting with Viera, conversed with Jesus Jimenez Escobar, First Secretary, CMUN. The source said Brennan related he was thinking of going to Cuba and would be going to Washington for a visa on March 27. Brennan requested Jimenez to write a letter of introduction to Fidel Castro saying that during the Revolution he had been decorated by Castro. Brennan said he was one of twelve who had been so decorated and stated he was very proud of the decoration. The source stated Jimenez indicated he would write a letter to the Cuban Foreign Minister and suggested the name of Ramirez Del Rio (phonetic) in the Foreign Ministry as a contact for Brennan. The source also advised Brennan said he expected to go to Cuba from Mexico on April 5, 1968.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 4-19-65

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: RAY BRENNAN
REPORTER

"CHICAGO SUN-TIMES"

By letter dated 4-13-65 to you (Mr. DeLoach), Brennan requested that the FBI assist him in a proposed article on organized crime. He requested that the Director furnish 300 or 400 words of comment on the current organized crime situation and that he be furnished copies of speeches by the Director and other material dealing with this subject. He also indicated that statistical data or other material from FBI files would be most helpful.

Brennan identified himself as a Chicago newspaper reporter and writer for more than 25 years and indicated that he believed "your men" in Chicago would vouch for him.

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INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

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Ray Brennan was the subject of an impersonation case which grew out of his impersonation, in November, 1950, of the office manager of the Senate Crime Commission. Through his impersonation, Brennan obtained a copy of the transcript of a confidential Commission hearing. Brennan was at that time employed as a reporter for the "Chicago Sun-Times," and when Chicago newspapers were requested not to print the story on the hearing, the "Chicago Sun-Times" ignored the request and printed this story.

As a result of this action Brennan was indicted for impersonation but after considerable litigation the indictment was dismissed on a Government motion in January, 1955.

Brennan was the author, in 1959, of a book entitled "Castro, Cuba and Justice," which was highly favorable to Castro and indicated that he would bring justice and a new social order to Cuba. Brennan also wrote a book in 1959 with Roger Touhy entitled "The Stolen Years" which related to Touhy's life as a gangster and which was sympathetic to Touhy and indicated he had been convicted on perjured testimony.

Enclosure

Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure

Mr. Gale - Enclosure

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CRIME RECORDS

M. A. Jones to DeLoach memo
RE: RAY BRENNAN

Bufiles reflect that Brennan wrote a favorable review of "Masters of Deceit" which appeared in the "Chicago Sun-Times" of 3-9-58. No letter of appreciation was sent to Brennan because of his background, but a letter of thanks was sent to the editor of the "Chicago Sun-Times."

OBSERVATIONS:

In view of Brennan's background, it is believed the Director would not desire to furnish a statement to Brennan concerning the current organized crime situation and that we should not furnish him any information.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter, over your (Mr. DeLoach's) signature, be sent to Brennan advising that due to the pressure of official business we are unable to assist him.

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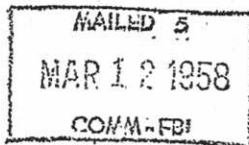
Mr. Herman Kogan
The Chicago Sun-Times
211 West Wacker Drive
Chicago 6, Illinois

Dear Mr. Kogan:

Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness in sending me the review of "Masters of Deceit" by Ray Brennan which appeared in The Chicago Sunday Sun-Times on March 9, 1958.

It was most kind of you to forward this article, and I assure you your support is certainly gratifying to me.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Bufiles reflect that former Special Agent in Charge Clyde Weatherford wrote a favorable review of "The FBI Story" by Don Whitehead at the request of Herman Kogan of The Chicago Sun-Times.

Bufiles reflect that Ray Brennan was the subject of an impersonation case growing out of his impersonation in November, 1950, of the office manager of the Senate Crime Commission to obtain a copy of the transcript from the Alderson Reporting Company of a confidential hearing. Chicago newspapers were warned not to print the copy but The Chicago Sun-Times ignored warning and printed story. Brennan was indicted, but after much litigation the indictment was dismissed on 1/17/55 on a motion by the Government. In view of this, it is not deemed advisable to write to Brennan.

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CHICAGO SUNDAY **SUN-TIMES** *** FINAL

No. 2 Newspaper in America's No. 2 Market

Vol. 5, No. 35 Telephone ANdover 3-4388 FOUR SECTIONS News, Features, Comics, Parade

This review appeared in
The Chicago Sunday Sun-Times
on March 9, 1958.....
Herman Kogan

Ray Brennan

Good Luck
Good Luck
+ best wishes

Herman Kogan
Herman Kogan

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Mr. Clayton	✓
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Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: *Chicago 7-11*

DATE: January 30, 1950

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Tele. Room
Mr. Nease
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

BW Bill Kent, of the Chicago Sun-Times, called to advise Ray Brennan of the home staff of the Chicago-Sun Times was doing a survey of the national crime syndicates. He has already seen Peyton Ford and desired to see the Director.

I explained the Director was tied up with appropriations hearings and was not making any appointments at this time. Kent then asked if I would see Brennan and I told him while we could not discuss matters over which we had no investigative jurisdiction, nevertheless I would be glad to see him if that would help the Washington office. He expressed his appreciation.

When Brennan calls we, of course, will not furnish anything.

LBN:hmc
cc: Mr. Jones

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-38523)

SUBJECT: RAY BRENNAN
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
(NATIONALITIES INTELLIGENCE)

DATE: 3/19/68

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Reference is made to previous correspondence with the Bureau which reflects a proposed trip in 1961 by BRENNAN to Cuba, and further states his contacts with JOHN ROSSEN, Chairman of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, Chicago. As the Bureau is aware, BRENNAN at that time was a reporter for the "Sun-Times" newspaper Chicago. It is further noted BRENNAN wrote a book in 1959 favorable to FIDEL CASTRO and also co-authored a book in 1959 with ROGER TOUHY, regarding the gangster's life. The book which he wrote concerning CASTRO was entitled, "Castro, Cuba and Justice." This book was published by Doubleday, Incorporated. It is noted that when BRENNAN visited the office here in Chicago in 1961, he advised a former SAC that he had become thoroughly disenchanted with the CASTRO regime.

I have known BRENNAN off and on for the past several years; however, have had very little to do with him primarily due to his excessive use of alcoholic beverages. BRENNAN visited the office March 18, 1968, at which time he again indicated his disenchantment with Cuba and also commented that he had stopped the use of alcoholic beverages. This would tend to be indicated by his general appearance which was exceptionally good compared with his appearance a few years ago.

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BRENNAN indicated to the SAC that he is planning to attempt a visit to Cuba and will travel to New York City in the immediate future (no dates indicated). While in New York, he will attempt to contact the Cuban Legation at the United Nations. He will thereafter visit the State Department and indicated he will also drop by the headquarters of the FBI for the purpose of advising of his proposed trip to Cuba. BRENNAN continues his employment with the "Chicago Sun-Times". Bureau will be advised of any pertinent developments.

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CHICAGO SUN-TIMES

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April 29, 1965

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Mr. Cartha D. DeLoach
Assistant Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. DeLoach:

Since back in the Dillinger times, which I covered as a Chicago reporter, I have been an admirer of the FBI. My newspaper and magazine writing reflect that attitude, in my belief.

It is true that I have an honest difference of opinion with Director Hoover on some matters, including the death penalty. It also is my belief that Congress long ago should have given the Bureau broad powers in opposing organized crime.

Since that authority was given by law, the FBI has done an outstanding job. As was given in effect in the Bureau's 1964 report, the mobsters have come to recognize, and fear, a higher authority.

One needs only to talk with Chicago Police Superintendent O.W. Wilson to become aware of the great good being done.

This letter is written only to make my position clear. It is not a protest to your declining to make on-t-
information available to me.

My admiration for the work of the FBI will continue.

Sincerely,

Ray Brennan
Ray Brennan

of Chicago Sun-times

Chicago, Ill.

25 MAY 10 1965

See file
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CRIME RESEARCH
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Mr. Ray Brennan
Chicago Sun-Times
401 North Wabash Avenue
Chicago 11, Illinois

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Dear Mr. Brennan:

Your letter of April 13th, requesting material on organized crime, has been received. I regret that due to the pressure of official duties, I will be unable to be of assistance to you in this matter. I am sure you will understand the reason for my declination.

Sincerely yours,

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C. D. DeLoach

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Attention SAC: Brennan, by letter of 4-13-65 to Assistant Director DeLoach, requested that the FBI assist him in preparing an article on organized crime; that the Director furnish a statement on this subject and other material be sent him. Bufiles reflect Brennan was the subject of an impersonation case in 1950 when he impersonated an official of the Senate Crime Commission and obtained a transcript of a confidential hearing, which was published in his paper. He was indicted for impersonation but the case was later dismissed. Brennan wrote a book in 1959 favorable to Fidel Castro and also coauthored a book in 1959 with Roger Touhy regarding the gangster's life.

1 - Mr. DeLoach (Sent with cover memo)

1 - Mr. Gale (Sent with cover memo)

NOTE: See M. A. Jones to DeLoach memo dated 4-19-65, captioned "Ray Brennan, Reporter, 'Chicago Sun-Times.'"

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J. EDGAR HOOVER

FBI Chief's Book About Reds A History—And A Warning

MASTERS OF DECEIT. By J. Edgar Hoover. Holt, \$5.

By Roy Brennan

As a special assistant to the U.S. attorney general back in 1919, J. Edgar Hoover made a study of organized communism in the United States and reported:

"These doctrines threaten the happiness of the community, the safety of every individual, and the continuance of every

home and fireside. They would destroy the peace of the country and thrust it into a condition of anarchy and lawlessness and immorality that passes imagination."

The chief of the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation has not changed his mind a whit. Once again he warns that a Russian leader—this time named Nikita Khrushchev—may smile and smile and be a villain yet.

Hoover describes his book as an "attempt, in almost primer form, to set down certain fundamentals of the day-to-day operations of the Communist Party, U.S.A."

It is a most successful effort, written with freshness. It reads easily and is full of vital background that the 1958 reader may have forgotten or—lacking the stamina to read Marx—never known.

There is no safety, Hoover finds, in the comparatively small number of organized Communists in the United States. He recalls the low ratio of party regulars in nations taken over by the Communists—only 20,000 of Bulgaria's 7,020,000 population, 141,000 of 15,500,000 people in Yugoslavia.

He describes accurately the dull routine and obsessed per-

sonality of the American Communist, the dreary gatherings of this single-minded crew.

False claims of communism are presented and refuted with no effort toward gentleness. The let's-all-sign-a-petition method of recruiting sympathizers for Communist causes is detailed.

"Masters of Deceit" is a painstaking setting forth of the history of communism, its fundamentals, and its techniques here and abroad, in language that avoids the annoying stiltedness of much writing on the subject.

Some of the book's faults, outnumbered by its virtues, are the result of overliberal use of quotation marks. Hoover uses them, apparently in derision, in describing Communist efforts on behalf of Smith Act "victims."

The U.S. Supreme Court last year gave some support to the victim conception when it reversed the guilty verdicts of lower courts that tried five Smith Act defendants and ordered new trials for nine others.

It may seem untimely, too, for anyone in official Washington this year in decree secrecy and press blackouts, or extravagance in high places, in the Soviet. Communist critics undoubtedly will get some propaganda material there.

Hoover says he hopes American Communists will read his book.

It is recommended to them, and it would be well for non-Communists to take their eyes off the sputniks long enough to refresh their memories on fifth columns.

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