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REPORT MADE AT HONOLULU	DATE WHEN MADE 9/14/53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/7,8/53	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT G. KUNKEL aej
TITLE FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Informant has advised subject as a CP member attended Communist Party Cultural Club meetings in Chicago, Illinois between September, 1946 and February, 1948, during which period subject also taught a course at Abraham Lincoln School which has been cited as a subversive organization under Executive Order 10450. On 5-31-53 subject was elected President of the Hawaii Civil Rights Congress, an affiliate of the Civil Rights Congress which has been cited as subversive under executive order 10450. Subject continues to write a weekly column reflecting the CP line in the Communist line newspaper "Honolulu Record."

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DETAILS: *LEE (EJ) 9/28/53*

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AT HONOLULU, T. H. *SP4 Bjr/OK*
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ON *12/2/93*

I. BACKGROUND

The following is the current background information on the subject as reported by Confidential Informant of known reliability, on July 6, 1953.

A. EMPLOYMENT

Owner Oahu Papers, 867 Ahua Street and columnist for the "Honolulu Record Publishing Company, Ltd.", 811 Sheridan Street, which has been described by a self admitted former member of the Communist Party in Hawaii from 1938 to 1939, and a member of the Executive Board of the Communist Party in Hawaii for several years as publishers of the "Weekly Record", a Communist dominated and controlled publication in Hawaii.

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B. RESIDENCE

Care of Hauula Post Office, Oahu, T.H.; House is located between Kaliuwaa and Punaluu, Oahu, about 100 feet beyond the turn to Sacred Forest, and is the third house from the Ching Tong Sing Store on the beach side toward Hauula.

II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, and a former member of the Communist Party from September 1946 to February 1948, advised on March 5, 1953, that she understood DAVIS to be a Communist Party Member because DAVIS had acknowledged his membership to her, and she recalled seeing him at a few meetings of the Communist Party Cultural Club in Chicago. Informant also advised that DAVIS taught a course entitled "Jazz" at the Abraham Lincoln School in Chicago in 1946.

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The Abraham Lincoln School, Chicago, Illinois, has been cited as a subversive organization by the U. S. Attorney General under Executive Order 10450.

Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, who is acquainted with Communist activities in the Territory of Hawaii, advised on September 7, 1953, that he knew of no information that would connect the subject directly to the Communist Party in the Territory of Hawaii.

III. ACTIVITIES IN COMMUNISTS FRONTS

A. HAWAII CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS (HCRC)

The Hawaii Civil Rights Congress, an affiliate of the Civil Rights Congress, is a subversive organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 10450 under which the U. S. Attorney General cited the Civil Rights Congress and all of its affiliates and subversive organizations.

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Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised on May 31, 1953, that as of that date the subject had been elected President of the HCRC and upon accepting the presidency, stated that as Americans we are at the Stalingrad point in human rights. It is time to defend such rights with our lives, he continued, stating everyone should let people know the HCRC stands behind the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, and that all members should become thoroughly familiar with the Bill of Rights. By doing this, the members can alleviate the fear some people may have in participating in current HCRC activities.

Informant [] further advised that since the subject was elected President of the HCRC, he has attended the following HCRC meetings: 6-9-53, 7-7-53 and 7-18-53.

B. THE HONOLULU RECORD PUBLISHING COMPANY, LIMITED

A review of the weekly issues of the "Honolulu Record" from April 2, 1953, to August 27, 1953, reflects subject continues to write a weekly column entitled "Frank-ly Speaking." It is noted the "Honolulu Record" has been previously described in this report as a Communist controlled organization. A review of his weekly articles reflects that he has supported the National Lawyers Guild, Soviet Russian Foreign Policy in Southeast Asia; proposed U.N. recognition of Communist China, airing of American Negro grievances before the U.N., saving the ROSENBERGS, and U. S. Disarmament; and was against U. S. War Economy, Tidelands Oil Bill, Smith Act of 1940, and the naming of JAMES F. BARNES as a delegate to the U.N. because of Racism and White Supremacy.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised on March 13, 1953, that subject had a subscription to the "National Guardian", published by the Weekly Guardian Associates, Inc., 17 Murray Street, New York, New York. The subscription was scheduled to expire in June, 1953.

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The 1949 report of the California Committee on un-American Activities cited the "National Guardian" as a publication launched in New York in 1948, aiming at National Circulation which they found to be from its inception notoriously Stalinist in its staff, writers, management and content.

The report of the Commission on Subversive Activities to the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii dated March 1953, states the following regarding the subject:

"FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, an identified member of the Communist Party and a resident of Hawaii since December, 1948, has been a weekly contributor to the pages of the "Honolulu Record" since May, 1949. His column, entitled 'Frank-ly Speaking,' has been devoted to unrelenting and unmitigated complaints of racial discrimination in the United States. DAVIS has revealed himself to be a bitter opponent of capitalism and a staunch defender of such

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prominent Communists and Communist sympathizers as PAUL ROBESON, W. E. B. DuBOIS, LANGSTON HUGHES, HOWARD FAST, MARY McLEOD BETHUNE, EARL B. DICKERSON, CAREY McWILLIAMS, ROBERT MORSE LOVETT, HERBERT APTHEKER, and A. CLAYTON POWELL. Nor has DAVIS confined his inflammatory racial propaganda to the columns of the "Honolulu Record" alone. His story, 'Hawaii's Plain People Fight White Supremacy,' appeared in the November, 1951 issue of 'Freedom,' a tabloid publication emanating from New York City, whose treatment of inter-racial problems strikingly conforms to Communist Party policy. The chairman of the editorial board of 'Freedom' is PAUL ROBESON, an identified member of the Communist Party.

"On March 3, 1947, while DAVIS was employed as executive editor of the 'Associated Negro Press' with offices in Chicago, Illinois, he was listed by the magazine 'PM' as a signatory to a petition urging Congress to abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee and calling upon President TRUMAN to effect the immediate release of Communist GERHART EISLER. The petition referred to the work of the House Un-American Activities Committee as 'undemocratic' activity and protested that the consequence of its program 'would be the ultimate suppression of all traditional American liberties.'

"Prior to his arrival in the Territory, FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was affiliated with the Communist-line 'Chicago Star' and the following Communist-front organizations: CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS, CHICAGO COMMITTEE FOR SPANISH FREEDOM, AMERICAN YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY, ABRAHAM LINCOLN SCHOOL NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES, LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WRITERS, and NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS. During the period of his residence in Hawaii he has played a prominent role in the activities of the Communist-front Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee and its successor the HAWAII CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS.

"DAVIS is not known to receive any compensation from the Honolulu Record Publishing Company, Ltd. His income appears to be derived totally from his stationery and paper business which he has advertised in the 'Honolulu Record' under the name 'Oahu Papers, 867 Anua Street.'"

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IDENTITY OF SOURCE	DATE OF ACTIVITY	DATE RECEIVED	AGENT TO WHOM FURNISHED	FILE NO. WHERE LOCATED
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[Redacted]	9/7/53	9/1/53	LEO S. BRENNEISEN	This report
[Redacted]	HCRG	5/31/53 6/9/53 7/10/53 7/21/53	LAB	100-5082-320 100-5082-324 100-1905-1000 [Redacted]
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HONOLULU DIVISION

AT HONOLULU, T. H.

Will continue to follow and report the activities of the subject.

REFERENCE: Report of SA JOHN R. HOOD dated 3-31-53, at Honolulu.

SAC, HONOLULU (100-5082)

February 3, 1954

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-328955)

FRANK ROSSALL DAVIS
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Attached for your information and the completion of your files is a Photostat containing information reportedly prepared from the public records, files and publications of the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, (HCUA). You will note that this information was evidently compiled for Senator William E. Jenner, Chairman, Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security, and was furnished to the Bureau by former Inspector Lee Pennington who is presently Director, National Americanism Commission of the American Legion. The inclusion of this information in HCUA files has not been verified by this Bureau.

A comparison of the information contained in the attached Photostat with information in subject's main file reflects that the Bureau is already in possession of much of the same information. However, since Davis' main file does not reflect each individual item as set forth in the attachment, you should include same in the next report prepared by your Office in this case.

Attachment

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AMB*

DATE: February 3, 1954

FROM : MR. V. P. KEAY *VPK*

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SUBJECT: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
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The attached memorandum containing information concerning captioned individual was furnished to the Bureau on January 11, 1954, by former Inspector Lee Pennington, presently Director, National Americanism Commission of the American Legion. Pennington advised he had obtained same from Dick Arens, Senate Subcommittee on Immigration of the Committee on the Judiciary. It is noted that the attached memorandum contains information which, according to the House Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, is contained in the public records, files and publications of that Committee. This information was evidently prepared for Senator William E. Jenner, Chairman, Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security.

It is further noted that subject's name appeared in the October 1, 1953, issue of the "Daily Worker," east coast Communist newspaper, as one of 99 "notables" who were reported in that particular issue as sponsors of a National Conference to Repeal the McCarran - Walter Law. The conference was scheduled for December 12 and 13, 1953, Walsh's Hall, 1014 North Noble Street, Chicago, Illinois, under the auspices of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. This organization has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Captioned individual is (~~is not~~) the subject of a pending (~~closed~~) Internal Security - C investigation. Subject is (~~is not~~) listed on the Security Index. Honolulu is the Office of Origin in this case.

OBSERVATIONS:

A comparison of the information contained in the attached memorandum with information already in subject's main file reflects that the Bureau is already in possession of much of the same information. While some of the information contained in the attachment appears to be new and pertinent, it is not thought

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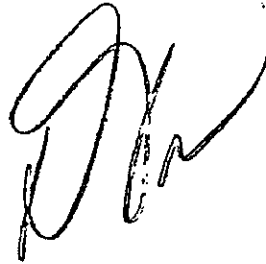
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that it is necessarily the basis for further investigation at this time. It is recommended, however, that a photostat of the HCUA memorandum be forwarded to the office of origin for inclusion in the next report submitted by that Office in this case.

RECOMMENDATION:

That if you approve, the attached letter be forwarded to Honolulu.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'D' followed by a series of loops and a final flourish.

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INFORMATION FROM THE FILES OF THE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DATE: October 20, 1953

FOR: Honorable William E. Jenner, Chairman
Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security
SUBJECT: Frank Marshall Davis

The public records, files and publications of this Committee contain the following information concerning Frank Marshall Davis. This report should not be construed as representing the results of an investigation by or findings of this Committee and it should be noted that the subject individual is not necessarily a Communist, a Communist sympathizer, or a fellow-traveler, unless otherwise indicated.

In a printed program of a dinner celebrating the first anniversary of the American Youth for Democracy, October 16, 1944, Frank Marshall Davis was listed as one of the sponsors. He sent greetings to the Second National Convention of the American Youth for Democracy in New York City, June 13-16, 1946, as shown by the "Proceedings" (p. 35) in which he was identified as Executive Editor, Associated Negro Press.

In 1944, the Special Committee on Un-American Activities cited the American Youth for Democracy as the new name under which the Young Communist League operates (Report 1311, March 29, 1944, page 102). It was again cited by this Committee in 1947 as a front formed in October 1943 to succeed the Young Communist League and for the purpose of exploiting to the advantage of a foreign power the idealism, inexperience, and craving to join which is characteristic of American college youth. Its "high-sounding slogans" cover "a determined effort to disaffect our youth and to turn them against religion, the American home, against the college authorities, and against the American Government itself" (Report 271, April 17, 1947). The U. S. Attorney General cited the American Youth for Democracy as subversive and Communist (press releases of December 4, 1947 and September 21, 1948). It was redesignated on April 27, 1953 pursuant to Executive Order No. 10450.

The Abraham Lincoln School was cited by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities as the successor of the Workers School and as a "Communist educational medium" in Chicago (Report 1311, March 29, 1944, page 82). The U. S. Attorney General cited the school as an adjunct of the Communist Party (press release, December 4, 1947), and it was redesignated April 27, 1953 pursuant to Executive Order No. 10450. Frank Marshall Davis entertained at the Abraham Lincoln School, as shown in a bulletin for short courses issued by the School, May 22-June 30, 1944. In testimony before the Committee on July 21, 1947, Walter S. Steele named Mr. Davis as a member of the faculty, Abraham Lincoln School (Public Hearings, page 52).

Frank Marshall Davis was one of the sponsors of a National Conference on American Policy in China and the Far East, as shown on the "Call" to the Conference held in New York City from January 23 to 25, 1948. He was identified in this source as Assistant Editor, Chicago Star. The National Conference on American policy. . . was cited as Communist and "a conference called by the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy" by the U. S. Attorney General (press release of July 25, 1949); the Committee for a Democratic Far. . . was also cited as Communist

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by the Attorney General (press release, April 27, 1949) and was redesignated April 27, 1953 pursuant to Executive Order No. 10450.

In 1941 Frank Marshall Davis signed a news release of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties dated December 26, 1941; he signed a statement of the organization opposing the use of injunctions in labor disputes, as shown in an advertisement that appeared in the New York "Times" for April 1, 1946 (page 16); he also signed a statement of the organization hailing the War Department's order on commissions for Communists, as reported in the "Daily Worker" of March 18, 1945 (page 2).

The National Federation for Constitutional Liberties was cited by Attorney General Francis Biddle as "part of what Lenin called the solar system of organizations, ostensibly having no connection with the Communist Party, by which Communists attempt to create sympathizers and supporters of their program" (Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, page 7687); The U. S. Attorney General cited the Federation as subversive and Communist (press releases, December 4, 1947 and September 21, 1948 and it was redesignated on April 27, 1953 pursuant to Executive Order No. 10450.

The Special Committee on Un-American Activities cited the National Federation as "one of the viciously subversive organizations of the Communist Party" (Report of March 29, 1944, page 50; also cited in Reports of June 25, 1942 and January 2, 1943); the Committee on Un-American Activities reported that it was among a "maze of organizations" which were "spawned for the alleged purpose of defending civil liberties in general but actually intended to protect Communist subversion from any penalties under the law" (Report of September 2, 1947, page 3).

The "Daily Worker" of August 12, 1936 (page 3) listed Frank M. Davis as a contributing editor of "The Spokesman," official organ of the Youth Section, National Negro Congress. Mr. Walter S. Steele testified before the Committee in public hearings on July 21, 1947, as follows: "According to Communist reports, police raided the meeting of the labor division of the (National Negro) congress at the (Tenth) convention, arresting 37 of its members. Listed among those it claims were taken to jail were . . . Frank M. Davis. . ." (Public Hearings, page 94).

"The Communist-front movement in the United States among Negroes is known as the National Negro Congress. * * *The officers of the National Negro Congress are outspoken Communist sympathizers, and a majority of those on the executive board are outright Communists." (Report of January 3, 1939, page 81; also cited in Reports of January 3, 1940; June 25, 1942; and March 29, 1944). The organization was also cited as a Communist front by the U. S. Attorney General (Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, pages 7687 and 7688) and as subversive and Communist by the Attorney General (press releases of December 4, 1947 and September 21, 1948). The organization was redesignated on April 27, 1953 pursuant to Executive Order No. 10450.

The "Daily People's World" of October 28, 1947 (page 4) named Frank Marshall Davis as one of the sponsors of a National Conference of the Civil Rights Congress in Chicago, November 21-23, 1947; he signed a statement of the Congress in defense of Gerhart Eisler ("Daily Worker," February 28, 1947, page 2); a paid advertisement of the Congress that appeared in the Washington (D.C.) "Post" on May 20, 1947 (page 13) carried the name of Frank M. Davis as one of those who signed a statement of the Congress in defense of the Communist Party.

He signed a letter of the Congress, scoring the Subversive Control Act of 1948 ("Daily Worker," April 26, 1948, page 1). He also signed an Open Letter to Congress, endorsing the defeat of the Mundt Bill (H.R. 5852), as shown in a full-page advertisement in the Chicago "Sun-Times" on May 11, 1948 (page 37).

The Civil Rights Congress was cited as subversive and Communist by the U. S. Attorney General in lists furnished the Loyalty Review Board and released to the press by the U. S. Civil Service Commission, December 4, 1947 and September 21, 1948. In the Committee's Report on the Civil Rights Congress, it was cited as an organization formed in April 1946 as a merger of two other Communist-front organizations (International Labor Defense and the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties); "dedicated not to the broader issues of civil liberties, but specifically to the defense of individual Communists and the Communist Party" and "controlled by individuals who are either members of the Communist Party or openly loyal to it" (Report 1115, September 2, 1947, pages 2 and 19). The organization was redesignated on April 27, 1953 by the U. S. Attorney General, pursuant to Executive Order No. 10450.

Frank Marshall Davis was a member of the League of American Writers, as shown in "The Bulletin" of the League (page 6); the Summer (1938) issue of "The Bulletin" listed him as Treasurer of the Chicago Chapter of the League. He signed the "Call to the Fourth Congress, June 6-8, 1941, New York City," sponsored by the League. (See "New Masses," April 22, 1941, page 25; and a leaflet entitled "In Defense of Culture.")

In three of its Reports, the Special Committee on Un-American Activities cited the League of American Writers as a Communist front (Reports dated January 3, 1940; June 25, 1942; and March 29, 1944). "The League of American Writers, founded under Communist auspices in 1935 * * * in 1939 * * * began openly to follow the Communist Party line as dictated by the foreign policy of the Soviet Union. * * * The overt activities of the League of American Writers in the last 2 years leave little doubt of its Communist control." (U. S. Attorney General, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, pages 7685 and 7686.) U. S. Attorney General, in his letters to the Loyalty Review Board, cited the League as subversive and Communist (press releases, June 1 and September 21, 1948) and it was redesignated on April 27, 1953 pursuant to Executive Order No. 10450.

The "Daily Worker" of July 23, 1948 (page 11) reported that Frank Marshall Davis attacked the arrest of Communist Party leaders; he was identified in this source as Executive Editor, Associated Negro Press, Chicago, Ill.

Reference to Frank Marshall Davis is found on page 10 of the Committee's Report on The Honolulu Record, released October 1, 1950, a copy of which is enclosed. A reference to him is also found on page 17 of the enclosed "Report on Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee."

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SUPPLEMENTARY SUMMARY REPORT

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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ON *5-29-97*

Subject was identified as a member of the CP in Hawaii from 1950-52 by [redacted] a self-admitted former member of the CP in Hawaii. Subject continues to be a columnist for the Communist-line "Honolulu Record" and since 5/31/53 has served as president of Communist-front HCRC. Subject is a subscriber to the "National Guardian". Record of the HCUA set forth. b6
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DETAILS: AT HONOLULU, T. H.:

I. BACKGROUND

On January 20, 1954, Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, verified the following background information on subject; b2
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Residence: c/o Hauula Post Office, Oahu. House is located between Kaliuwaa and Punaluu, Oahu, about 100 feet beyond the turn to Sacred Falls and is the third house from the Ching Tong Sing Store on the beach side of the road toward Hauula.

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Employment:

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II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

[redacted] self-admitted former member of the Communist Party in Hawaii from 1947 to June 1952, made the following signed statement to SA LEO S. BRENNER on November 10, 1953:

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November 10, 1953
Honolulu, T. H.

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"I, [redacted] am going to make the following voluntary statement to LEO S. BRENNER, known to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I am willing to appear in court and testify to the following facts: to be cross-examined by Counsel and faced by FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS.

"I believe it was in 1949 in Honolulu, T. H. when I first met FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS at a social function sponsored by the Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee. I had previously joined the Communist Party in San Francisco in 1946 and transferred my membership in January, 1947 to the Communist Party of Hawaii. In 1950 after the Communist Party had conducted a series of control interviews [redacted] known to me as a Communist Party Organizer, told me that the Party was being reorganized and was going underground. [redacted] explained to me that the Party was being broken down into "Groups of 3's" and that I was being made chairman of Group #6 and in addition given the assignment of being contact man for my own group and four

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Other groups. [redacted] advised me that Chairman of Group #10 was FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS and I was to contact him at DAVIS' office, then maintained in a building of the Crown Transfer Company in the Damon Tract near the Airport.

"Late in the fall of 1950, I started contacting FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS in connection with Communist Party matters, and relaying to him information received from my superior contact in the Communist Party, either [redacted] or [redacted].

"During a portion of 1950, 1951 and part of 1952, I continued contacting FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS and also transmitted dues for the Communist Party received from him to my contact above. During the period of my contacts with FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, he advised me that his wife, [redacted] was a member of Group #10. I was never advised of the identity of a third of that group, or the fact that there was a third member in the group. During a portion of 1951 [redacted] took over contacts with the DAVIS group but I resumed contacting DAVIS in 1952 and continued meeting him on Communist Party matters until I left the Party in June of that year. T.H.

"I have previously mentioned having observed FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS at a social function of the Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee in 1949. In 1951, I was elected Treasurer of the Hawaii Civil Rights Congress, formerly the Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee. During 1951 and 1952, DAVIS was a member of the Hawaii Civil Rights Congress and attended both regular meetings and social functions sponsored by that organization.

"Of course I have also known FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS as the columnist and author of "Frankly Speaking" in the "Honolulu Record." I have attended Communist Party Section Committee meetings and know that this paper was controlled and started up by the Executive Board of Communist Party of Hawaii. In late 1950, I recall having conversation with DAVIS when he pointed out that he was the only one consistently plugging the "Peace Line." At that time, of course, "Peace in Korea" was the accepted Communist Party line.

"/s/ I have read the above statement. It is the truth.

/s/ [redacted]

"Witnessed this 10th day of November, 1953, at Honolulu, T.H.
/s/ Leo S. Brenneisen, SA, FBI, Honolulu, T.H. "

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Informant [] further advised that the subject has attended and presided over as president the following HCRC meetings:

June 9, 1953
July 7, 1953
July 18, 1953
September 29, 1953
October 27, 1953

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B. The Honolulu Record Publishing Company, Ltd.

A review of the weekly issues of the "Honolulu Record" from April 2, 1953 to March 4, 1954, reflects subject continues to write a weekly column "Frankly Speaking".

It is noted that the "Honolulu Record" has been previously described in this report. A review of subject's weekly columns reflects that he has supported the National Lawyers Guild, the Soviet Russia foreign policy in Southeast Asia, proposed UN recognition of Communist China, airing of American Negro grievances before the UN and United States, saving the ROSENBERG's, and United States disarmament; and was against U. S. war economy, tidelands oil bill, Smith Act, McCarran Act, and the naming of JAMES F. BARNES as a delegate to the UN because of racism and white supremacy.

C. Miscellaneous

The records of the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives (HCUA), reflect the following information on the subject:

In a printed program of a dinner celebrating the first anniversary of the American Youth for Democracy (AYD), October 16, 1944, FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was listed as one of the sponsors.

The AYD has been cited pursuant to Executive Order 10450 by the United States Attorney General.

FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS entertained at the Abraham Lincoln School, as shown in a bulletin for short courses issued by this school, May 22 to June 30, 1944. The Abraham Lincoln School has been described previously in this report.

Subject was one of the sponsors of the National Conference on American Policy in China and the Far East, as shown on the "call" to the conference held in New York City from January 23 to 25, 1948. The National Conference on American Policy in China and the Far East has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

In 1941, subject signed a news release of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, dated December 26, 1941;

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he signed a statement of the organization opposing the use of injunctions in labor disputes as shown in an advertisement which appeared in the April 1, 1946 issue of the New York Times; he also signed a statement of the organization hailing the War Department's order on Commissions for Communists, as reported in the "Daily Worker" on March 18, 1945.

The National Federal for Constitutional Liberties has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to E.O. 10450.

The "Daily People's World" of October 28, 1947, named subject as one of the sponsors of a national conference of the Civil Rights Congress in Chicago, November 21-23, 1947; he signed a statement of the Congress in defense of GERHART EISLER ("Daily Worker", 2/28/47). A paid advertisement of the Congress that appeared in the "Washington Post", May 20, 1947, carried the name of FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS as one of those who signed a statement of the Congress in defense of the Communist Party.

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General, pursuant to E.O. 10450.

Subject was a member of the League of American Writers, as reflected in the summer 1938 issue of "The Bulletin", which also listed subject as treasurer for the Chicago Chapter of the League.

The League of American Writers has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General, pursuant to E.O. 10450.

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On November 12, 1953, Confidential Informant of known reliability, advised that subject had a subscription to the "National Guardian", published by the Weekly Guardian Associates, 17 Murray Street, New York, N. Y. The subscription is scheduled to expire in June 1954.

The 1949 Report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities cited the "National Guardian" as a publication launched in New York in 1948, aiming at national circulation, which they found to be from its inception notoriously Stalinist in its staff, writers, management and content.

The report of the Commission on Subversive Activities to the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii, dated March 1953, states the following with regard to the subject:

"FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, an identified member of the Communist Party and a resident of Hawaii since December, 1948, has been a weekly contributor to the pages of the 'Honolulu Record' since May, 1949. His column, entitled 'Frank-ly Speaking,' has been devoted to unrelenting and unmitigated complaints of racial discrimination in the United States. DAVIS has revealed himself to be a bitter opponent of capitalism and a staunch defender of such prominent Communists and Communist sympathizers as PAUL ROBESON, W. E. B. DuBOIS, LANGSTON HUGHES, HOWARD FAST, MARY McLEOD BETHUNE, EARL B. DICKERSON, CAREY McWILLIAMS, ROBERT MORSE LOVETT, HERBERT APTHEKER, and A. CLAYTON POWELL. Nor has DAVIS confined his inflammatory racial propaganda to the columns of the 'Honolulu Record' alone. His story, 'Hawaii's Plain People Fight White Supremacy,' appeared in the November, 1951 issue of 'Freedom,' a tabloid publication emanating from New York City, whose treatment of inter-racial problems strikingly conforms to Communist Party policy. The chairman of the editorial board of 'Freedom' is PAUL ROBESON, an identified member of the Communist Party.

"On March 3, 1947, while DAVIS was employed as executive editor of the 'Associated Negro Press' with offices in Chicago, Illinois, he was listed by the magazine 'PM' as a signatory to a petition urging Congress to abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee and calling upon President TRUMAN to effect the immediate release of Communist GERHART EISLER. The petition referred to the work of the House Un-American Activities Committee as 'undemocratic' activity and protested that the consequence of its program 'would be the ultimate suppression of all traditional American liberties.'

"Prior to his arrival in the Territory, FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was affiliated with the Communist-line 'Chicago Star' and the following Communist-front organizations: Civil Rights Congress, Chicago Committee for Spanish Freedom, American Youth for Democracy, Abraham Lincoln School, National Association for Constitutional Liberties, League of American Writers, and National Negro Congress. During the period of his residence in Hawaii he has played a prominent role in the activities of the

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"Communist-front Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee and its successor the HAWAII CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS.

"DAVIS is not known to receive any compensation from the Honolulu Record Publishing Company, Ltd. His income appears to be derived totally from his stationery and paper business which he has advertised in the 'Honolulu Record' under the name 'Oahu Papers, 867 Ahua Street.'"

[redacted] a former linotype operator for the Honolulu Record Publishing Company, Ltd., from 1949 to August 1953, advised SA's HAROLD L. CHILD, Jr., and the writer on September 29, 1953, that he was acquainted with subject since the early 1930's when subject was editor of the "Atlanta Daily" at Atlanta, Georgia. He stated he later met subject in Honolulu and was rather surprised to find that subject had remarried and was living in rather luxurious fashion in contrast to his early modest existence. Subject confidentially informed him that his wife, [redacted] had [redacted]

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[redacted] and was to [redacted] representing the [redacted] in 1954 when she reaches the age of thirty.

On November 20, 1953, Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, made available the November 15, 1953, issue of "The Firing Line", subtitled "Facts for Fighting Communism", published bi-weekly by the National Americanism Commission of the American Legion at Indianapolis, Indiana. This Bulletin quotes a list from the October 28, 1953 issue of "Korean Independence", a Korean-English, bi-lingual newspaper published at Los Angeles, California. The list of the sponsors of the National Conference to Repeal the Walter-McCarran Law and Defend its Victims, to be held December 12, 1953 to December 13, 1953, at Chicago, Illinois under the auspices of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, included the name of FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS.

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The "Korean Independence" has been described by Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, as a newspaper consistently following the Communist Party line with respect to criticism of America's Asiatic policy.

The American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General, pursuant to E.O. 10450.

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On January 28, 1964, Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, made available a list of names maintained as a mailing list by [] Florida. This list reflected the name of FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS in Hawaii.

[] is described by [] as completely dedicated to all Marxian theories, philosophy and teachings.

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TITLE FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

SUPPLEMENTARY SUMMARY REPORT

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject was identified as a member of the CP in Hawaii from 1950-52 by [redacted] a self-admitted former member of the CP in Hawaii. Subject continues to be a columnist for the Communist-line "Honolulu Record" and since 5/31/53 has served as president of Communist-front HGRC. Subject is a subscriber to the "National Guardian". Record of the HGUA set forth.

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DETAILS: AT HONOLULU, T. H.:

I. BACKGROUND

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On January 20, 1954, Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, verified the following background information on subject:

Residence: c/o Hauula Post Office, Oahu. House is located between Kaliuwaa and Punaluu, Oahu, about 100 feet beyond the turn to Sacred Falls and is the third house from the Ching Tong Sing Store on the beach side of the road toward Hauula.

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been described by the Territorial Subversive Activities Commission of Hawaii in March, 1953, as the publishers of the weekly "Honolulu Record". The origin and purpose of the "Honolulu Record", its ownership, its editorial policy and the character of its personnel led the Commission to the inescapable conclusion that it is the journalistic mouthpiece of the Communist Party in the Territory of Hawaii.

II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

A. HAWAII CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS (HCRC)

The HAWAII CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS is an affiliate of the CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS, which along with its affiliates has been designated by the United States Attorney General pursuant to Presidential Executive Order 10450.

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Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised on September 1, 1954, the subject continues to be the elected President of the HCRC having been elected to that position on May 31, 1953. Informant noted the organization has been kept in an embryo state during the past year pending the outcome of the appeal to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals of the conviction of seven subjects in Hawaii who were convicted under the Smith Act of 1940. The conviction, the informant noted, has disrupted Communist Party activities in Hawaii and the Party is currently dormant. Informant advised since March 1, 1954, only irregular Executive Board meetings of the HCRC have been held on March 9, 1954, April 13, 1954, May 11, 1954, and August 9, 1954, and the subject presided over these meetings.

At the April 13, 1954, meeting of the Executive Board of the HCRC, the subject stated, according to Informant [] due to the current atmosphere directed against unpopular organizations the HCRC will function primarily as an educational agency on unpopular civil rights problems and not as an overt action group. Subject continued stating the HCRC will plug anti-McCarthyism and the rights of foreign born.

B. HONOLULU RECORD PUBLISHING COMPANY, LIMITED (HR)

It is noted the Honolulu Record has been previously described in this report.

A review of the weekly issues of the HR from March 9, 1954, through September 30, 1954, reflects the subject continues to write a we

column entitled "Frank-ly Speaking." Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised on September 28, 1954, that he has made a study of subject's columns for several months and the study reveals subject's columns closely follow the Communist Party line as promulgated by the known Party organs such as DAILY WORKER, POLITICAL AFFAIRS and THE WORKER.

The following excerpts have been taken from the subject's columns in the HR on the dates indicated to give an indication of the character of the subject's writings:

April 8, 1954, issue:

"It is evident now that the current Washington definition of aggression is this: The act of struggling or helping to struggle against domination by a government that has official American backing.

"This is a most convenient definition. Applied in Korea it was the basis for listing North Korea and China as aggressors"

April 29, 1954, issue:

"Using the usual cry of 'saving America from the Communists,' these thoroughly fascist forces are prepared to kill democracy in order to get complete control of America. Their weapon is McCarthyism with which they hope to destroy all opposition."

May 13, 1954, issue:

"As the Geneva Conference began, Foreign Minister Chou En-lai of China voiced a program of Asia for Asians. He asked for the withdrawal of all foreign troops and bases and the settlement of Asian problems by consultation among the Asian countries and by exchange of mutual obligations.

"This ought to be perfectly acceptable to a nation which considers the Monroe Doctrine one of its most sacred policies. Certainly it would bring an end to the clash of color and cultures now taking place through much of Asia. But it would also end colonialism and the rich profits flowing to the Big Money Boys in Paris and London and Wall Street. Therefore freedom for Asia is unacceptable to the 'free world.'"

May 20, 1954, issue:

"American racism is not a good selling point in competition with Russian ideologies."

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July 1, 1954, issue:

"What has happened in Guatemala is as sharp and vivid an example of 'Yankee Imperialism' as Latin America has seen in many years...

"Outside of a few opportunistic dictators who look for personal gain, this whole episode is not popular with Latin Americans. To them it is the same old Yankee Imperialism that antagonized and embittered them for so many years. Roosevelt's 'good neighbor' policy did a lot to heal old wounds, but with the Guatemalan situation we have not only reopened these sores but have rubbed salt in them."

July 22, 1954, issue:

"The color issue is major in the fight against colonialism. The imperialist nations who walked in and gobbled up rich areas in Asia, Africa and the Pacific were white.... No wonder, then, that a white skin is synonymous with oppression.

"We in America had the power to change this. At the end of World War II, when America emerged as the world's strongest nation and as the champion of democracy, we could have minimized the color issue by backing the aspirations of these exploited non-white peoples and helping them get independence.

"But a nation which permits discrimination and terror and allows its own non-white citizens to live in an inferior status could not logically champion non-whites elsewhere. So we went to the aid of the oppressor, giving money and munitions to the dying empires of France and England and Holland. Today we are up to our necks in imperialism."

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THE HONOLULU DIVISION

At Honolulu, T. H., will continue to follow and report the activities of subject.

REFERENCE: Report of SA ROBERT G. KUNKEL dated 3/25/54, Honolulu, T. H.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject continues to be President of the HAWAII CIVIL RIGHTS COUNCIL, an affiliate of the CIVIL RIGHTS COUNCIL, which along with its affiliates has been designated by the United States Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450. Subject continues to write a weekly column entitled "Frank-ly Speaking," for the weekly Communist-line "Honolulu Record". Informant advised subject's column closely follows the current Communist Party line.

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DETAILS: AT HONOLULU, T. H.

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I. BACKGROUND

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Confidential Informant of known reliability, verified the following background information on the subject on September 28, 1954:

A. Residence: c/o Haula Post Office, Oahu, T. H. House is located between Kaliwaa and Punahoa, Oahu, about 100 feet beyond the turn to Macrod Falls and is the third house from the Chin Fong Sing Store on the beach side of the road toward Haula.

B. Employment: Owner, Oahu Papers, 867 Ahua Street, Honolulu, and Columnist for the Honolulu Record Publishing Company, Limited, 811 Sheridan Street, Honolulu, T. H. The latter company has

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-328955)

DATE: February 8, 1955

FROM : SAC (100-5082)

SUBJECT: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
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OO: Honolulu

Re Sec. A., SAC Letter 55-8.

Subject is tabbed for DEFCOM.

DAVIS, a negro, was born at Arkansas City, Kansas 12/31/05. He has a college education and worked as a reporter in Chicago, Illinois, before coming to Hawaii in 1948. DAVIS owns Oahu Papers, a small company in Honolulu handling paper supplies. He is married to a white person and has two children. DAVIS resides near Hauula, Oahu, T. H. He is apparently in good health.

In 1945 subject was in the Dorie Miller Club of the Communist Party in Chicago. In the same year he was a member of the Carver Second Ward West, Communist Political Association in Chicago. Informants have reported that DAVIS attended meeting of Carver CP Club in 1946 and was present at May Day Rally in 1947 sponsored by CP. While in Chicago subject was a member of the Board of Directors of Chicago Civil Liberties Committee.

DAVIS came to Hawaii in 1948 and was soon affiliated with Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee. Since 1953 he has been president of the Hawaii Civil Rights Congress. DAVIS is a columnist for the Communist line "Honolulu Record" and his writings consistently defend Communists and attacks capitalism. From 1950 until at least 1952 DAVIS was a member of CP in Honolulu. There is no indication that DAVIS has defected from the CP.

A review of instant file has been made, and it is recommended that DAVIS remain on the Security Index list.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-329955)

DATE: February 23, 1955

FROM : SAC, Honolulu (100-5082)

SUBJECT: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
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OO: Honolulu.

Re SAC Letter #55-12 concerning DETCOM.

DAVIS is tabbed for DETCOM in this office.

By letter dated February 8, 1955, this office recommended subject remain on the Security Index list. Based upon the facts set forth in that letter, it recommended DAVIS be continued to be tabbed for DETCOM.

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INSPECTOR MUMENT:

BASIS: Subject was a member of the Communist Party from 1945 to 1952. Member Board of Directors, Civil Liberties Committee, in Chicago. Subject moved to Honolulu in 1948 and was soon affiliated with the Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee. Since 1953 he has been President of the Hawaii Civil Rights Congress. He is a Columnist for the "Honolulu Record".

RECOMMENDATION: There is no basis for recommending subject be removed from the Security Index.

SAC WILLIAMS: I have reviewed the file on this subject as well as the above write-up and I agree with the recommendation.

This subject has been considered for DETCOM in accordance with SAC Letter 55-12. On February 23, 1955, I recommended DAVIS be tabbed for DETCOM.

There is no reason to change the above recommendation. He was tabbed for Detcom on November 28, 1949, and should be continued.

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SECURITY INDEX SURVEY - HONOLULU OFFICE

FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
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This subject has been considered for DETCOM in accordance with SAC Letter 55-12. On February 23, 1955, I recommended DAVIS be tabbed for DETCOM.

There is no reason to change the above recommendation. He was tabbed for Detcom on November 28, 1949, and should be continued.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-328955)

DATE: May 13, 1955

FROM : SAC, Honolulu (100-5082)

SUBJECT: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
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Reference: SAC Let 55-12, dated 4/12/55.

Succinct Resume of Case: Subject is a Key Figure in the Honolulu Division.

Subject was a member of the Communist Party from 1945 to at least June, 1952. He was active in the American Youth For Democracy, Civil Rights Congress, and the Abraham Lincoln School in Chicago, Illinois prior to coming to Honolulu, Hawaii, in 1948. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Civil Liberties Committee in 1947.

In 1948 he became affiliated with the Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee and has continued active in its successor, the Hawaii Civil Rights Congress, both organizations designated by the U.S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450. He was president of the Hawaii Civil Rights Congress in 1953, and is presently a member of its Board of Directors, as well as taking an active part in what few functions or activities it has.

Subject is a columnist for the weekly "Honolulu Record" newspaper, publicly identified as a Communist-organized, controlled and dominated publication.

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Recommendation: Retain on Security Index.

Subject has been identified as a member of the Communist Party of Hawaii within the past five years. He is presently active in a CP front group, this activity being in a leadership capacity. He is a Key Figure in the Honolulu Division. For these reasons he is being recommended for retention on the Security Index.

This recommendation is based on information received from reliable informants.

Detcom Tabbing: Subject is currently tabbed for Detcom.

Subject was considered for Detcom under SAC Let 55-12, dated 2/10/55, and was recommended for such tabbing. SI card has been received from the Bureau bearing the stamp "DETCOM" in large red letters.

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Let to Bureau

Re: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

Subject is a Key Figure in the Honolulu Division. He has been an active leader in the Communist Party and the Hawaii Civil Rights Congress. It is recommended that subject be tabbed for Detcom.

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TITLE FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

DAVIS continues to reside Hauula, Oahu, and operates Oahu Papers at Honolulu, T. H. Subject, as president, attended 6 executive board meetings of Hawaii Civil Rights Congress, designated by AG pursuant to Executive Order 10450. Also writes weekly column "Frank-ly Speaking" for Communist line "Honolulu Record." Informant advises this column has criticized U.S. foreign policy, "Thought Police", government informers and BROWNELL-BUTLER act. Subject named as one of the sponsors of National Conference to Defend the Rights of Foreign Born Americans which was scheduled to be held New York, Dec., 1954.

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DETAILS: AT HONOLULU, T. H.

I. BACKGROUND

Confidential informant who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported the following background information on May 13, 1955:

A. Residence

DAVIS continues to reside at Hauula, Oahu on the windward side of the island. His mailed address is c/o Hauula Post Office.

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B. Employment

Subject is owner of and operates the Oahu Papers, a stationery and paper company at 867 Ahua Street, Honolulu, T.H. In addition, [] reported that subject continues as a columnist for the Honolulu Record Publishing Company, Limited, 811 Sheridan Street, Honolulu, T. H., and the weekly "Honolulu Record" continues to carry his column "Frank-ly Speaking."

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In March of 1953 the Territorial Subversive Activities Commission of Hawaii reported that the origin and purpose of the "Honolulu Record," its ownership, its editorial policy and the character of its personnel, led the Commission to the inescapable conclusion that it is the journalistic mouthpiece of the Communist Party in the Territory of Hawaii. On May 24, 1954, confidential informant [] who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that there had been no significant change in the ownership or editorial policy of the aforementioned paper during the last year.

II. FURTHERANCE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY LINE

A. Hawaii Civil Rights Congress (HCRC)

On May 13, 1955, ROBERT MC BURNEY KEMPA of Kailua, Oahu, stated the Hawaii Civil Rights Congress is an affiliate of the Civil Rights Congress. The Civil Rights Congress, along with its affiliates, has been designated by the United States Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450. ✓

On May 13, 1955, confidential informant [] explained that during the last year the only meetings of the HCRC had been small executive board gatherings. Informant stated that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS remains as president of the HCRC and regularly attended those executive board meetings.

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On September 22, 1954, [] reported that DAVIS had been among three executive board members present at an HCRC meeting in Honolulu on September 13, 1954. At that meeting subject consented to consult the Honolulu law firm of BOUSLOG-SYMONDS regarding possible government prosecution of the organization. On October 13, 1954, [] further reported that DAVIS had been present at an HCRC meeting the previous night in Honolulu attended by four executive board members. Subject reported to the group that [] was of the opinion that new

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legislation aimed at the Communist Party and Communist Party front groups did not have much teeth and in many respects was in conflict with the Smith Act of 1940.

On December 13, 1954, confidential informant [] verified subject's presence at an HCRC meeting of December 9, 1954 in Honolulu attended by four executive board members. According to informant, the actual business session of the meeting was very short and a letter received from the Civil Rights Congress requesting that a letter of protest be sent to the Attorney General concerning further prosecution of [] a convicted New York Smith Act defendant, was read. On January 26, 1955, informant further reported that subject had been in attendance at an executive board meeting of the HCRC attended by four individuals the previous night. During the course of the meeting plans were made to issue an HCRC bulletin and subject agreed to write an article on the [] case and government prosecution of a Negro charged with membership in the Party.

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On February 17, 1955, [] reported DAVIS in attendance at an HCRC meeting in Honolulu on February 15, 1955 with three other executive board members.

On May 13, 1955, informant further reported that subject had been present at an HCRC meeting held in Honolulu on May 10, 1955 and attended by three other executive board members. During the course of the meeting subject discussed government prosecution of two individuals as members of the Communist Party.

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It is noted that on dates previously indicated, [] has also reported that [] had attended all executive board meetings of the HCRC, herein described. [] was identified on November 12, 1953 by [] former Territorial Literature Director of the Communist Party in Hawaii and presently a resident of Kailua, Oahu, as being a member of the Communist Party in 1952.

On March 21, 1955, confidential informant [] who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that the HCRC bulletin recently pressed had been printed at the "Honolulu Record." Informant stated that one of the three articles contained in the bulletin had been written by subject.

B. American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On October 21, 1954, the New York Division of the FBI was in receipt of a news release issued by the above mentioned organization. The release had been forwarded to the New York office by [redacted] of the "New Yorker Staats - Zeitung and Herald." The release had been received by that paper on October 20, 1954. The news release announced a National Conference To Defend the Rights of Foreign Born Americans to be held December 11 and 12, 1954 at the Yugoslav-American Hall in New York City. The release related that 95 prominent Americans were sponsoring the Conference. Among the announced list of sponsors was FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS - Hawaii. It is noted that on May 16, 1955 confidential informant [redacted] pointed out that subject, in his column "Frank-ly Speaking" of November 4, 1954, had stated "Will the newly elected Congress meeting next January have the courage to check our nightmarish rush toward Fascism?.....The situation is so serious and so obviously in need of correcting that a National Conference To Defend the Rights of Foreign Born Americans has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, December 11-12, at Yugoslav-American Hall in New York. Delegates will meet from all over American to study the problem and lay plans for a concerted move to challenge these repressive sections of the WALTER-MC CARRAN Act when the new Congress meets."

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C. "Honolulu Record"

The "Honolulu Record" has been previously described in this report. It is also noted that [redacted] on May 13, 1955, reported that DAVIS continues as a weekly columnist in this paper.

On May 16, 1955, [redacted] stated that after reviewing the weekly issues of the "Honolulu Record" from August 12, 1954 through March 31, 1955, he was of the opinion that DAVIS' column "Frank-ly Speaking" continues to follow the Communist Party line as set forth by known Party publications such as the "Daily Worker" and "Political Affairs." [redacted] noted in particular the following excerpts from DAVIS' column in the "Honolulu Record" on the dates indicated, to back up his opinion:

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August 19, 1954

"Such is the status of civil liberties as our nation adopts more and more police state methods in the summer of 1954....As Rep. Javits told the house recently, the lunatic fringe on the right wing is having a field day while Congress and the American people devote their attention to suppressing those designated as Reds."

September 9, 1954 (In discussing BROWNELL-BUTLER Act)

"In other words, anybody who has ever spoken out for civil rights or peace or backed a labor union could be jailed. Practically all trade union leaders, even those of the most conservative elements of the AFL, can be gathered in by the new dragnet.

"Undoubtedly it will be used mainly against those who dare differ basically with Washington policies--provided the intended victim has little power and backing. Virtually any person who will not be intimidated into silence by the mere presence of the law is a potential victim of its penalties."

September 23, 1954

"More insistent grow the voices demanding that Washington come down to earth and adopt a realistic foreign policy that will bring peace instead of war and win us friends instead of creating new enemies.

"Not everybody accepts the theory, held by many influential Americans, that the socialist and capitalist nations cannot exist together. Instead, the idea is steadily taking hold that unless Russia and her allies can find a way of living peacefully together in this day of the hydrogen bomb, most of us will die. If it must be war to the death between us and the Soviets, look for few survivors."

October 7, 1954

"If Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell can spare a minute from hunting Communists, I'd like to have him take a look at the Trumbull Park case in Chicago, where for more than a year there has been a continuing interracial housing clash.

"The victims in all three cases have this in common: they seek to end racism and have gotten into trouble with authorities in a nation which talks democracy but too often acts White Supremacy. In many circles, that is enough to draw the label of 'communist' and make it stick. But just the same I'd like Brownell to study the facts."

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October 14, 1954

"Never before in our history has the paid informer been clothed with the respectability that he wears today. In the past he has been looked down upon with loathing and contempt as a crawling thing unfit for the company of decent men.

"Today, in this period of hysteria, the paid informer is the cornerstone on which the government builds its Smith Act and similar cases. What's more, many of these informers have their choice of parroting in court what the prosecution wants said or else going to jail for a wide range of old crimes. Rather than pay the penalties for their own misdeeds, they help send others to jail for their thoughts."

December 23, 1954

"We have deteriorated into a land of moral weaklings. Our collective conscience is flabby as a jellyfish. Somehow during the past 10 years we have lost the ability to do something because it is proper; instead we do it primarily to silence Communist criticism.

"Is it mere coincidence that these changes have come about during a period when the U. S. and the Soviet Union were locked in a bitter struggle for ideological supremacy? Did it just happen that the darker citizens of America have been granted more democracy at a time when Washington was busy wooing support from the darker peoples of Asia, Africa and the Pacific who were fully aware of our long established policy of white supremacy?

"I am thankful that these changes have been made. But I would be even more thankful if the powers that be had decided to start breaking the color barriers because it was the right thing to do in a democracy, and not for the negative purpose of counteracting Communist propaganda."

January 13, 1956

"I do not like the changes painted into the face of my Uncle Sam by the thought police in Washington.

"For years I have seen the face of my Uncle Sam as bewhiskered and strong but kindly.

"But today my Uncle Sam is not merely forgetful. The thought police in Washington have added vindictiveness to his face. And that I do not like.

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"This transition has taken place since the death of Roosevelt, when the powers that be decided we should all think as Washington directed or pay the penalty.

"Those persons singled out as 'disloyal' because they once belonged to or are known to have supported organizations arbitrarily listed by the attorney general as 'subversive' are not only fired from their government jobs but are hounded when they try to seek private employment. That is plain vindictiveness."

January 20, 1955

"I see by the paper that the U. S. Navy is up to its usual tricks and planned to give 400 Negro crewmen of the carrier Midway a lesson in South African racism when the vessel arrived there early this week.

"Integration is now the official policy of the U. S. Armed Forces. Segregation is a thing of the past. It says so in directives issued from the Pentagon. But in actual practice, it is something else again."

February 10, 1955

"Are we drawing near to a period of sanity and decency in which that modern Judas, the informer, will no longer be a hero but will again take his place with the rats from whence he sprang?"

"This, it seems to me, is a natural question following the confession of Harvey Matusow that he deliberately lied to the thought police in the case of the 13 Communists in New York and before congressional committees.

"This blot has now become so large it can no longer be hid. A few more exposes and the Justice Department will be forced against its will to investigate the whole slimy breed in an effort to regain prestige with the American people."

March 10, 1955

"By what divine right does the Eisenhower administration set itself up, as a super agency not subject to the controls and laws of the Federal Constitution which regulate the lives of the rest of us mere mortals under the Stars and Stripes?"

"Who gave the Justice Department authority to determine when the basic laws of the land will be observed and when they will be ignored?"

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"I think that you and I have a right to straight answers to these questions.

"They became a matter of primary importance last week when the Justice Department filed a brief with the U.S. Supreme Court opposing legal action by a former government worker, ousted for security reasons, who demanded that he be allowed to cross-examine his accusers.

"I shall not dwell upon the moral depravity of a government which willingly hides and protects anonymous informers who can, often for spite, wreck the very lives of accused persons who may never learn who accused them or of what they are accused."

March 31, 1955

"Everybody who still believes in the Bill of Rights should thank the ILWU for that recent hour-long broadcast of "The Investigator." It was a warming breeze on a cold dark day of witch-hunts. It is improbable that many of us in Hawaii would have heard this brilliant and timely satire had it not been for the ILWU."

Confidential informant pointed out that REUBEN SHIP, a Canadian, is the author of "The Investigator." Informant explained that SHIP has been ordered deported from the United States.

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Copy of New York letter, 11/19/54, re American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born filed 100-5082-414.

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THE HONOLULU DIVISION:

AT HONOLULU, T. H.:

Will continue to follow and report the activities of subject.

REFERENCE

Report of SA ROBERT G. KUNKEL, 10/5/54, at Honolulu.

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REPORT MADE AT HONOLULU, T. H.	DATE WHEN MADE 11/28/55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/7, 21, 23, 25/55	REPORT MADE BY LEO S. BRENNEISEN hg
TITLE FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

DAVIS continues to reside Hauula, Oahu, T. H. and operates Oahu Papers in Honolulu, T. H. Subject still has weekly column with Communist-line "Honolulu Record." DAVIS is president HCRC, affiliate of Civil Rights Congress, but organization now almost inactive. In 1955 DAVIS was one of the sponsors of "Initiators of Petition to Uphold Justice," connected with Civil Rights Congress, and in 1965 signed letter to Congress for repeal of "Walter-McCarran Law."

DETAILS:

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AT OAHU, T. H.

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

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B. Employment

On November 7, 1955, Confidential Informant [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that DAVIS is the owner and still operates the Oahu Papers, a stationery and paper company at 867 Ahua Street,

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Honolulu, T.H. In addition, informant reported DAVIS continues as a columnist for the Honolulu Record Publishing Co., Ltd., 811 Sheridan Street, Honolulu, T.H. and the weekly "Honolulu Record" continues to carry his column "Frankly Speaking."

In March of 1953 the Territorial Subversive Activities Commission of Hawaii reported that the origin and purpose of the "Honolulu Record", its ownership, its editorial policy and the character of its personnel led the Commission to the inescapable conclusion that it is the journalistic mouthpiece of the Communist Party in the Territory of Hawaii.

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On May 28, 1955, [redacted] Executive, Territorial Subversive Activities Commission of Hawaii, reported there have been no significant changes in the ownership or editorial policy of the above-described newspaper during the last two years.

II. FURTHERANCE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY LINE

A. Hawaii Civil Rights Congress (HCRC) and Civil Rights Congress (CRC)

On May 13, 1955, [redacted] stated that the HCRC is an affiliate of the Civil Rights Congress (CRC). The CRC, along with its affiliates, has been designated by the United States Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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On July 27, 1955, Confidential Informant [redacted] reported that the HCRC had held a meeting of the Executive Board of the organization at the Golden Duck Restaurant in Honolulu July 26, 1955. According to informant, DAVIS was one of the four persons present. At the meeting it was agreed to discontinue gatherings until the end of September, 1955, and in the meantime to observe what happens on the international plane and also decision reached on the local Smith-Act cases and other Smith Act cases. Informant stated that the Executive Board agreed that after an interval of a few months their judgment may be then exercised about what to do with the HCRC.

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On November 7, 1955, Confidential Informant [redacted] related that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS continues as president of the HCRC but the organization is almost inactive and has not called another meeting of the Executive Board since July 26, 1955. Informant reported that there had been only one meeting of the Executive Board of the HCRC since June of 1955 and no general membership meetings have been held for almost two years.

On January 26, 1955, Confidential Informant [] who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that the National Civil Rights Congress had agreed to give its full support to the campaign for signatures to a petition against the Government's use of paid informers. The "Chapter Bulletin" of the CRC dated December 15, 1954, reads: "This petition campaign is both initiated and sponsored by an independent group of prominent individuals. National CRC welcomes the opportunity to associate itself with this initiative on such an important issue...."

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On February 2, 1955, [] reported that wide distribution had been given to a mimeographed letter dated January 20, 1955, captioned "Initiators of the Petition to Uphold Justice." According to [] the letter accompanying the petition indicates that the petition campaign is initiated and sponsored by an independent group of prominent individuals. Page 4 of the same circular lists the "Sponsors of the Petition." Among those names was FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, Hawaii.

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On July 18, 1955, Confidential Informant [] who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that the mailing list files for the Civil Rights Congress - Lightfoot Defense Committee offices in Chicago, Ill. lists the names of [] and [] T. H. []

B. American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born

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"The Lamp," March-April 1955, No. 88, published by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, carries on page 1, col. 1, an article entitled "One-hundred Prominent Americans Sign Open Letter to Congress." The article goes on to state that the signers urge public hearings on all legislation pending before Congress to revise or repeal the Walter-McCarran Law. Among the list of signers was a FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS.

C. Miscellaneous

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On November 25, 1955, Confidential Informant [] who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is a former member of the Communist Party in Honolulu, reported that he knows of no current CP activity on the part of FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS other than his writing for the "Honolulu Record." Informant pointed out that during the last six months the column written by

DAVIS in the "Honolulu Record" had often featured subject matter on race prejudice.

On November 23, 1955, [redacted] Executive, Territorial Commission on Subversive Activities of Hawaii, pointed out that subject's column "Frankly Speaking" during the last six months had been mainly devoted to attacks on race prejudice, laws against mixed marriages, alleged perjury by Government witnesses, the McCarran-Walter Act, segregation, and support for recognition to Red China and support of world peace.

In subject's column on June 30, 1955, the following appeared:

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"Give Washington enough time, and maybe we will catch up with reality.

"A few days ago Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas announced in Tokyo that the West should recognize Communist China and give Nationalist China's seat in the United Nations Security Council to some other Asian nation.

"There are two Chinas today," Justice Douglas said in an interview with the United Press. "The thing to do is recognize that fact and work out a settlement with Red China toward her recognition."

"Thus far this idea is not acceptable to the ostrich brains who dictate U.S. foreign policy. They have buried their heads in the sand of wishful thinking and keep telling themselves that the 600,000,000 humans who live in Communist China just simply do not exist. But for some reason, the Chinese won't oblige by disappearing."

It is noted that the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, on page 5 of the November 10, 1954 issue, stated as follows:

"Clearly our country will be in constant danger of some adventurous war move in Asia, with all the perils this implies, so long as the Administration maintains its no-negotiation policy toward Peoples China and leaves the nation's security in the hands of militarists hungry for a chance to start a world war."

A further editorial on page 5 of the same Communist newspaper for November 22, 1954, read as follows:

"Recognition of China is a necessary part of living together in a world at peace. Eisenhower rejected Knowland's demand that he break diplomatic relations with Russia. Isn't it logical also to recognize China?"

In the column written by DAVIS on June 23, 1955, entitled "Speaking of People" was as follows:

"Now that world sentiment for peace instead of annihilation by nuclear weapons is forcing the 'summit conference' between the heads of the U. S., France, Great Britain and Russia next month at Geneva, the time has come to drive even harder toward the goal of a warless globe.

"There is no question in my mind that the rising voices of those of us who would prefer to continue living have forced the leaders of these nations to get together and search for methods of ending international tensions."

On the same subject an editorial "Lenin and Peaceful Co-Existence", January 1, 1955, page 3, in "Political Affairs", stated as follows:

"...We Communists should labor with redoubled vigor to bring all of our peace-loving compatriots the most urgent message of our day; sincere and realistic striving for peace must express itself in devotion to the achievement of lasting peaceful co-existence and friendship between the United States and the Soviet Union."

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, self-admitted member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, on October 20, 1952, testified that "Political Affairs" is the official monthly theoretical organ of the Communist Party, USA.

In speaking of the McCarran-Walter Law, the column by DAVIS of July 7, 1955, was as follows:

"There is a distinct possibility that congress may be induced to change the McCarran-Walter Immigration law with its legalized racism and thought control for the foreign born. The opposition to this measure, passed in the full bloom of McCarthyism, has steadily mounted from individuals of all shades of political thought."

On the subject of the Geneva Conference, subject's column of July 21, 1955, was as follows:

"Beginning early this year, the Soviets have launched an aggressive policy aimed at ending the cold war. This policy has been so bold and realistic that the bomb-Russia-now fringe in Washington has been forced to go along or else lose valuable friends in the so-called 'free world'."

In speaking of Government witnesses in his column of August 4, 1955, DAVIS writes as follows:

"HARRY BRIDGES has been freed again, this time by the trial judge who stated flatly that he doubted the credibility of government witnesses. This would, of course, suggest that somebody is guilty of perjury. But since perjurers in this case would be on the side of the government, it is folly to believe that action will be taken against them."

On November 22, 1955, [redacted] Hauula, Oahu, T.H., reported that during the last few months the only visitors to the DAVIS home of possible interest that she had noted were [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted]

It is noted that [redacted] is a convicted Honolulu Smith Act defendant. [redacted] Mala Lana, Honolulu, testified in the Honolulu Smith Act case placing [redacted] in the Communist Party as early as 1938 and from 1945 to 1949. [redacted] testified in February 1953.

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On November 30, 1953, [redacted] identified [redacted] as being a member of the CP as late as 1952.

[redacted] (now [redacted]) was identified by [redacted] of New York City on June 18, 1953, as being a member of the CP in Washington D. C. in 1944.

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Subject is a Key Figure of this office. His Security Index card is current.

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THE HONOLULU DIVISION

At Honolulu, T.H.:

Will continue to follow and report activities of subject and submit next report by May 26, 1956.

REFERENCE: Report LEO S. BRENNERISEN dated 5/26/55 at Honolulu.

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Re O-17 12/12/55. The information set forth in report of SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN, Honolulu, captioned above, Line 1, Paragraph 2, Page 3, was taken from Paragraph 5, Page 5 of report of SA DONALD P. ADAMS, New York 7/7/55, entitled "INITIATORS OF THE PETITION TO UPHOLD JUSTICE," IS - C, Bufile 100-416825, and was set forth in the Honolulu report as recorded in the New York report. However,

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a check of the period of investigation for the New York report would indicate that the information was received on 2/2/55 instead of 2/2/54. Honolulu, therefore, is changing Line 1, Paragraph 2, Page 3 of report of 11/28/55 to read "on February 2, 1955". A further change is being made on Page 7 of that report to show the information was received on 2/2/55 instead of 2/2/54. Honolulu copies of the aforementioned New York report have been changed on Page 5 and on the Administrative Page, No. 36, to show this information was received 2/2/55. New York advise if this assumption not correct.

Paragraph 8, Line 1, Page 4 of report of SA LEO S. BRENNISEN, 11/28/55, should read "adventurous." It is suggested Bureau copies be changed at Washington before distribution.

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On November 22, 1955 [redacted] Hauula, Oahu, T.H., reported that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, his wife [redacted] and their three children continue to reside next door to her in that small town on the windward side of Oahu.

B. Employment

On November 7, 1955, Confidential Informant [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that DAVIS is the owner and still operates the Oahu Papers, a stationery and paper company at 867 Ahua Street,

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SUMMARY

Marshall Davis

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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

FRANK M. [©]DAVIS
MARSHALL [©]DAVIS
F. M. [©]DAVIS

Name:

FRANK [©]DAVIS
Frank Marshall Davis

Born:

12/31/05, Arkansas City, Kansas

Descriptions:

Race: Negro
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 230
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Black
Complexion: Light Brown

Communist Party No: 1946 CP #47544

Social Security No: 337-16-3458

Addresses:

1923-1924: 1014 North Summit, Arkansas City, Kansas.

1944- : 3559 South Vincennes Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

1944- : 3507 South Parkway, Chicago.

-1948: 3852 South Lake Park Avenue, Chicago.

1948-1950: 1830 Waiola, Apt. #1, Honolulu, T.H.

1950-1953: Punaluu, Kapaka District, Windward Oahu, T.H., c/o Post Office at Hauula, Oahu, T.H.

Marital Status:

Wife - Thelma B. Davis, born 5/8/03, place not stated. Married on 7/12/31 at Atlanta, Georgia.

Wife - [redacted] a member of the white race, born [redacted] at [redacted] Date of marriage not stated.

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Children:

[redacted] born [redacted]
in [redacted] T.H.

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Education:

9/6/20 to 5/29/23: Arkansas City (Kansas)
High School.

9/17/23 to 5/25/24: Friends University,
Wichita, Kansas.

Sept. 1924 to Feb. 1927 and
Sept. 1929 to June 1930: Kansas State
College Journalism School.

Works Published:

1935: "Black Man's Verse"

1937: "I Am The American Negro"

1948: "47th Street"

Employment:

1931-1934: "Atlanta Daily World"
Negro newspaper, Atlanta, Georgia.

No dates given: Instructor, Northwestern
University, Evanston, Illinois (unverified).

No dates given: Managing Editor, "Gary
American", Gary, Indiana.

-1940: Publicity Director, American
Negro Exposition.

1935-1948: Executive Editor, Associated
Negro Press, Chicago.

1946-1948: Executive Editor, "Chicago Star",
Weekly Inter-racial newspaper, Chicago.

-1948: Secretary, Chicago Star Publishing
Company, Chicago.

1948- : Columnist, the "Honolulu Record",
Honolulu, T.H.

1950- : Owner Oahu Papers, 406 P
Road, Honolulu, T.H.

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Organizational Affiliations:

1931-1953: CP and CPA
1941 League of American Writers
No dates National Negro Congress
1944 Negro History Museum Committee
1944 National Negro Museum and Historical Foundation
1944 South Side Cultural Conference or Group
1944-1947 American Youth For Democracy
1944-1948 Abraham Lincoln School
1945 International Workers Order
1945-1947 Chicago Civil Liberties Committee
1947 Southern Conference For Human Welfare
1947 Civil Rights Congress
1948 Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee
1949 Hawaii National Association For The Advancement of Colored People
1949-1950 Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee, aka Hawaii Civil Rights Congress
No dates National Federation For Constitutional Liberties

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The following abbreviations have been used in the preparation of this summary:

- ALS.....Abraham Lincoln School, aka. Chicago Workers School
- ANP.....Associated Negro Press
- AYD.....American Youth For Democracy
- CCLC.....Chicago Civil Liberties Committee
- CGO.....Chicago, Illinois
- CPA.....Communist Political Association
- CRC.....Civil Rights Congress
- HCLC.....Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee
- HCRC.....Hawaii Civil Rights Congress
- Hon.....Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii
- "HR"....."Honolulu Record"
- ILWU.....International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union

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This reference is a booklet published in 1938 by the League of American Writers entitled "Writers Take Sides", in which are set out excerpts from letters about the war in Spain from 418 American authors. On page 18 Frank Marshall Davis is quoted as follows:

".....So for two reasons I am opposed to fascism: because it is contrary to the American principles of freedom and democratic government, and because Negroes would not only suffer the plight of white Americans but would also suffer especial terror aimed at minority groups."

Serial described above
(kept in Publications)
61-7561-2-87
(3) ✓

On 5/24 and 25/1941, the International Labor Defense was active in sponsoring the People's Conference for Legislative Action, held in Springfield, Illinois. Confidential Informant ILD-X made available a delegates list to this conference, which listed Marshall Davis, Hull House, 800 S. Halsted, CGO.

CGO rpt., 9/29/41
Re: International Labor
Defense; IS-C
61-7347-190, p. 23
(40) ✓

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This reference was a pamphlet captioned "4th American Writers Congress", "June 6-8, 1941, New York City", "In Defense of Culture" which stated it was a "Call to the Fourth Congress of the League of American Writers". The name of Frank Marshall Davis appeared in a list of names under the heading "Initial Signers".

Serial described above
61-7554-110X1
(2) ✓
SI 100-7322-37, p. 10
(18) ✓
SI 100-7322-23, p. 16
(12) ✓

This reference was the Spring 1942 issue of the pamphlet "Equal Justice", On pages 3 to 5 there was set out an undated open letter to Attorney General Francis Biddle which commended him for the actions of the Justice Department "against our enemies". Frank Marshall Davis was listed among the signers of this letter.

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In November 1942, plans were made to call a "writers" conference in February 1943, sponsored by the League of American Writers. The name of Frank Marshall Davis, a follower of the CP line, appeared among the signers of the "Call" to the conference.

(LA-1138)

The reference states this conference failed to materialize.

Los Angeles rpt., 9/9/43
Re: League of American Writers;
IS-C
100-7322-52
(18) ✓

The 2/27/43 issue of "The Chicago Defender" carried an article on page 1 (caption not given) which stated that over 100 colored and white citizens had organized the Association for Tolerance in America. Frank Marshall Davis was named as one of the "outstanding members" of the new group.

Department of Justice memo,
3/15/43
Re: Agitation Among the
American Negroes
100-135-117
(12) ✓

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The 3/6/43 issue of the "People's Voice", a weekly Negro newspaper in New York City, carried an article entitled, "All-Out Effort Gets Underway To Undermine Misinformation". The article stated that a new organization "dedicated to the task of eliminating color prejudice thru mass education in tolerance" had come into being "a fortnight ago" under the title of The Association for Tolerance in America. Frank Marshall Davis was named as one of the "outstanding" members of the new group.

Clipping of above article
attached to
New York letter, 3/13/43
Re: People's Voice, Negro
Weekly Newspaper; IS-C
100-51230-29
(21) ✓
SI 100-203899-2
(21) ✓

This reference concerned Thelma B. Davis, the former wife of Frank Marshall Davis, who as of 4/14/43 was not living with Davis, but was employed by the CSC in Washington, D.C.

Other information in this reference was SI 100-361254-1 and 100-328955 serials 1; 2; 6; 8 (MF).

Hon. memo, 9/27/49
Re: Thelma B. Davis;
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121-20753-1 ✓
(18, 33, 35)

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In the AYD section of the HCUA report on Communist Front Organizations, it was reported that the April 1944 issue of "Spotlight" magazine named Frank Marshall Davis, on page 19, as a national sponsor of the AYD. Page 566

In the League of American Writers (LAW) section of the above HCUA report, Exhibit 1 was a "Call" to the Fourth Congress of the LAW to be held 6/6 to 8/41 in New York City. Davis was listed as one of the initial signers of the "Call". Page 974

Exhibit 5 in the LAW section set out page 4 of the Summer 1938 issue of the Bulletin of the LAW which named Davis as the "recently elected" Treasurer of the CGO LAW. Page 978

Exhibit 5 in the "New Masses" section entitled "Friends of the New Masses in Chicago Present Their Second Interpretation Please", stated Bruce Minton, Washington Editor of New Masses, would speak on 4/23/43 at the Hamilton Hotel, CGO. Davis was named as a sponsor and one of the "leading figures" who had been invited to the platform to participate in the question and discussion period following Mr. Minton's address. Page 1353

HCUA report 78th Congress
Appendix Part IX, on
Communist Front Organizations
61-7582-1298
(20) ✓

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The 7/30/43 issue of the "Daily Worker", carried an article on page 3, entitled "800 Church, Labor, Civil Heads Urge FDR Act On Race Violence." The article concerned an open letter to President Roosevelt urging him to action to prevent outbreaks of anti-racial violence and listed "noted signatures." The name of Frank Marshall Davis appeared in the list.

44-809-A
(18) ✓

On 9/2/43, Ray Hansborough stated that Frank Davis would stop in at the CP South Side Office on that date to see Hansborough.

CGO-5038
CGO rpt., 11/8/43
Re: CP, USA, District 8;
IS-R
100-3-14-1849
(26) ✓

The 10/10/43 issue of "The Worker", in New York, re-printed an article from the "Ohio State News", Columbus, Ohio, issue date not stated, captioned "A Writer Pays Tribute to Ben Davis" by Frank Marshall Davis, political writer for the Associated Negro Press. In his article Frank Marshall Davis endorsed the running of Benjamin J. Davis, Jr. for the New York City Council, called Russia the "strongest and most united nation in Europe", and quoted from the constitution of the CP, USA.

Clipping described above
attached to a photostatic
copy of the report of
Conf. Inft. EB-1, dated
10/10/43, Columbus, Ohio.
100-3-11-334
(12) ✓

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On 10/16/43, Frank Marshall Davis attended a party sponsored by the CP Fifth Ward Social Committee, held at 8040 Calumet Avenue, CGO.

Source not identified, but evaluated as usually reliable; *information* as probably true.

MID letter, 10/28/43

~~Re: Communist Activities~~

100-3-14-1832

(23) ✓

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In December 1943, [redacted] a CP organizer, requested [redacted] of the International Workers Order, to contact Frank Marshall Davis and others for the purpose of sending telegrams and letters to President and Mrs. Roosevelt protesting the deportation of Mrs. Earl Browder.

CGO-5024

CGO teletype, 12/23/43

Re: CP, USA; IS-C

100-3-14-1937

(10) ✓

SI 100-3-14-2025

(10) ✓ (CGO-5038)

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On 12/5/43, Frank Marshall Davis spoke at the first public AYD meeting held at Curtis Hall, Fine Arts Building, CGO. He pled for unity and accused certain Senators, newsmen and newspapers of causing disunity. He discussed inter-racial problems and quoted Attorney General Francis Biddle as stating race riots would probably occur. He encouraged Negroes to be unsatisfied with their present status.

Tesur Fine Arts Building
CGO rpt., 12/23/43
Re: AYD; IS-C
61-777-9-41
(19)✓
SI 61-777-9-37
(19)✓
SI 100-153679-67
(21)✓(ONI, Confidential)
SI 100-338334-2
(22)✓
SI 100-7660-1862
(11)✓(MID-Confidential)

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On 12/12/43, Frank Marshall Davis attended an AYD meeting held at the Community Art Center, CGO.

~~No source stated~~
MID rpt., 12/16/43 at CGO
~~Re: AYD, CGO~~
61-777-9-42
(19)✓

The 12/19/43 issue of "The Worker" carried an article on page 6 of section 1 entitled, "US-German Union Leaders Hail Tehran". In the article, Frank Marshall Davis, executive director of the ANP, was quoted as viewing the Tehran Conference as "a powerful blow at the fascist abroad and at home." His additional remarks are set out in this reference which is a clipping of the article described above.

100-97-A
(24)✓

On 12/29 or 30/43, William L. Patterson and Frank Marshall Davis discussed the deportation proceedings against Mrs. Earl Browder and Davis agreed to write a letter to President Roosevelt.

CGO-5029
CGO rpt., 1/8/44
Re: ALS; IS-C
100-11507-195, p. 22
(17)✓

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In the early part of 1944, the AYD invited the ALS to join with them as sponsors of a campaign initiated by the AYD to end the "Jim Crow" policies of the armed forces. At that time Frank Marshall Davis was a member of the ALS Board of Directors and was active in the AYD campaign.

No source given
CGO rpt., 7/8/44
Re: ALS; IS-C
100-11507-284
(17)✓

Frank Marshall Davis agreed to be a sponsor of an AYD meeting on the "soldier vote", scheduled for 1/6 to 9/44, place not stated.

CGO-5038
CGO letter, 1/3/44
Re: CP, USA, District 8;
IS-R
100-3-14-1974
(10)✓

On 1/9/44, Frank Marshall Davis was one of the sponsors of the "Emergency Conference for Federal Servicemen's Vote Bill", conducted by the AYD, and held at the Central YMCA in CGO. In his speech at the conference, Davis described a law adopted by the Georgia Legislature which barred colored persons in the service from "exercising the franchise", as being as effective as the poll tax.

(MF). Additional information SI to 100-328955-1, p. 4
(No source given)

Memorandum captioned
AYD attached to
CGO letter, 1/29/44
Re: Quarterly Intelligence
Summary, Internal Security
Quarterly Report
100-3-14-2033, p. 76, 77
(10)✓

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SI 100-235482-4
-16- (21)✓(CGO-5038)

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On 1/10/44, [redacted] advised [redacted] to contact Frank Marshall Davis to teach William L. Patterson's class that evening on the outline of Negro History. Later, however, [redacted] persuaded [redacted] to teach the class. (CGO-5028)

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In early 1944, Mrs. Davidson of the South CGO Library was gathering writing material for Negro History Week and was going to contact Davis for assistance in the project. (CGO-5027)

CGO rpt., 1/24/44
Re: ALS; IS-C
100-11507-202, p. 3, 21
(17)✓

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The name of Frank Marshall Davis was listed as a sponsor on a letter from the "Daily Worker" dated 12/23/43 which urged attendance at the "Daily Worker" 20th anniversary celebration to be held at Orchestra Hall, CGO, on 1/16/44.

Source not specified,
possibly CGO-77
CGO rpt., 2/5/44
Re: Daily Worker Activities;
IS-C
61-4478-293, p. 16
(9) ✓

A list of the National Sponsors of the AYD as of 1/20/44, listed Frank Marshall Davis under the heading "Negro Leaders".

Strictly Confidential
source which advised the
material contained herein
was available at the AYD
Office in Boston, Mass.
Boston rpt., 4/4/44
Re: AYD, formerly known as
the Young Communist League;
IS-C
61-777-5-39, p. 63
(14) ✓

On 2/7/44, [redacted] University of
Chicago Student Organization Office, advised that Frank
Marshall Davis was scheduled to speak at a meeting of the
CGO AYD Club on 2/10/44 in the Library of Ida Noyes Hall.

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CGO rpt., 2/18/44
Re: AYD; IS-C
61-777-9-70
(19) ✓
SI 100-40218-8
(23) ✓ (CGO-5027)

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On 2/12/44, Frank Marshall Davis was to speak on "Lincoln and Racial Unity" at a meeting at the home of [redacted] CGO, sponsored by the South Side Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.

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Folder announcing above meeting attached to and reported in CGO rpt., 4/26/44
Re: Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee; IS-C
100-7061-542, p. 16
(11) ✓

[redacted] suggested to [redacted] that Frank Marshall Davis be sent an invitation to the ALS anniversary party to take place on 2/13/44, place not stated.

CGO-5029
CGO rpt., 2/18/44
Re: ALS; IS-C
100-11507-209, p. 19
(17) ✓

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On 2/13/44, Frank Marshall Davis was scheduled to give a short speech on National Negro History Week, at the ALS anniversary party, place not stated.

(CGO-5029)

On 2/10/44, Davis was scheduled to address an AYD meeting at the University of Chicago.

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On 2/12/44, Davis was scheduled to speak at Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee party, place not stated.
(CGO-5028)

CGO rpt., 3/22/44
Re: ALS; IS-C
100-11507-210, p. 4, 5, 17, 22
(17)✓

[redacted] and [redacted] Midwest President of International Workers Order, obtained Frank Marshall Davis as one of the sponsors of the "Benjamin Davis meeting" on 2/20/44 at the Wendell Phillips High School in CGO.
(CGO-5038)

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On 2/14/44, Davis attended a meeting of the Committee of Plans held to plan the "Negro History" program for 2/20/44 (described above). Davis was in charge of publicity for the meeting. (CGO-90)

(main file) Additional information SI to 100-328955-1, p. 6

CGO rpt., 4/13/44
Re: CP-USA, District 8;
IS-C
100-3-14-2141, p. 8, 11, 18
(10)✓

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The 2/13/44 issue of the "Chicago Defender", a weekly Negro newspaper, announced the Benjamin Davis, Jr. meeting to be held on 2/20/44, sponsored by the Citizens Victory Committee. The article stated that at that "celebration" plans for a permanent History Museum in CGO would be announced. The list of members of the Negro History Museum Committee included Frank Marshall Davis.

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CGO rpt., 9/29/44

Re: [redacted]

wa.; IS-C

100-42869-14, p. 6

(23) ✓

On 2/16/44, [redacted] chairman of the Citizens Victory Committee (CVC) stated his assignment was to contact Frank Marshall Davis to handle the publicity for the Benjamin J. Davis meeting on 2/20/44, at the Wendell Phillips High School, CGO. (CGO-5038)

On 2/18/44, [redacted] advised that [redacted] had made arrangements through Frank Marshall Davis, for the publicity for the meeting on 2/20/44 (described above).

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(Main file) Additional information SI to 100-328955-1, P. 6,

CGO rpt., 4/11/44

Re: CP-USA, District 6;

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100-3-14-2134, p. 5

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On 2/23/44, [redacted] advised that [redacted] a member of the National Council of the National Negro Congress in New York, was in CGO and had conferred with Frank Marshall Davis.

CGO rpt., 4/29/44
Re: National Negro Congress;
IS-C
61-6728-392
(9)✓

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On 2/29/44, [redacted] stated she had made arrangements with Frank Marshall Davis, editor of the ANP, to help publicize a course given by the ALS on "Leadbelly", a Negro folk singer.

CGO-5029
CGO rpt., 5/17/44
Re: [redacted] was.;
SM-C
100-292010-5, p. 4
(9)✓

In February or March 1944, [redacted] advised that Frank Marshall Davis was working on the South Side in Chicago, obtaining recruits for the CP among International Workers Order members.

CGO rpt., 3/28/44
Re: International Workers
Order; IS-C
61-7341-9-197
(9)✓

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On 2/29/44, [] advised the ALS was organizing a new class called United Nations on the March, to be given one evening each week and each lecture devoted to one of the major United Nations. Informant believed Frank Marshall Davis would give the one on "Africa and the Colonial World."

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On 2/29/44, [] advised Davis would be guest lecturer for the course entitled "History of the Negro People". Informant stated Davis was Executive Editor of the ANP, national sponsor of AYD and author of "Black Man's Verse" and "I Am the American Negro".

On 3/1/44, [] advised that [] had arranged with Davis to help publicize a course on Leadbelly, a Negro folk singer.

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On 3/4/44, [] had reservations for twelve for dinner at Harding's, 109 West Madison Street, CGO. This dinner was to precede the [] affair at ALS and Davis was expected at the dinner.

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CGO rpt., 3/20/44
Re: ALS; IS-G
100-11507-230, p. 10, 16, 25
(17)✓

Frank Marshall Davis was a member of the Continuations Committee which was formed by the Citizens Victory Committee at the Ben Davis Meeting held on 2/20/44 in CGO. This committee was to meet on 3/2/44 at the Alpha House, CGO.

On 3/3/44, [] advised that Davis was to arrange another meeting of the committee for 3/8/44.

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CGO rpt., 5/15/44
Re: CP-USA, District 8;
IS-G
100-3-14-2189
(10)✓

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During late March and early April, 1944, Frank Marshall Davis was in contact with IWO headquarters in CGO.

CGO-5024
CGO rpt., 4/24/44
Re: IWO; IS-C
61-7341-9-219
(9)✓

In April 1944, Frank Marshall Davis suggested [redacted] as a possible representative of the Negro people to attend an AYD meeting currently being planned for Washington, D.C.

[redacted] ANP, advised [redacted] had been an ANP correspondent, but to the best of his knowledge, Davis was not personally acquainted with him.

On 12/5/43 Davis spoke at an AYD meeting, address not recalled by informant. [redacted]

Additional information was SI as 100-328955-2, page 2 (Main file)

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CGO rpt., 2/21/51
Re: [redacted]
Special Inquiry State Dept.,
Public Law 402, 80th Congress,
Voice of America
123-8482-8
(8)✓

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The April 1944 issue of the AYD magazine "Spotlight" named Frank Marshall Davis as one of AYD's national sponsors.

Washington, D.C. rpt., 4/24/44
Re: AYD, formerly Young Communist League; IS-C
61-777-53-24
(20)✓
SI 61-777-658
(20)✓
SI 100-15252-39, p. 186
(Not listed)

In April 1944, William L. Patterson advised that Frank Marshall Davis, a new guest lecturer at ALS, was a member of the "Church", evidently referring to the CP.

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In April 1944, [redacted] and [redacted] advised that the ALS was to advertise in the "Chicago Defender", a new session of the school which would appeal to the Negro people and would feature the fact that there were four famous Negro teachers at the school, one of which was Davis.

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In April 1944, [redacted] stated ALS had a negress painter as teacher of children's art and he, [redacted] would arrange with Davis for some publicity on the course. [redacted] stated Davis ran a news service and that a Los Angeles paper had printed an article on the "Leadbelly" class at ALS, which information the paper had received from Davis' news service.

CGO rpt., 4/25/44
Re: ALS; IS-C
100-11507-247, p. 4, 15, 16
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On 4/2/44, Frank Marshall Davis spoke at the city wide AYD meeting held in the Midland Hotel, CGO. He made a lengthy speech about discrimination in the Armed Forces. His remarks are set out in this reference.

[redacted] CGO rpt., 5/10/44

Re: AYD: IS-C

61-777-9-81

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SI 100-3-14-2276, p. 59

(10)✓(No source stated)

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This reference is CGO letter dated 4/5/44, captioned AYD, IS-C, which sets out the substance of a speech by Frank Marshall Davis, delivered at the city wide meeting of the AYD, held at the Midland Hotel, CGO, on 4/2/44 as reported by CGO-5143. (See reference above)

A letter from the Director to the Assistant Attorney General dated 4/17/44, requested that he advise whether the remarks of Davis constituted a violation of the Sedition or related statutes.

Serial described above

61-777-9-65

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This reference is a memo dated 5/5/44 from the Assistant Attorney General which referred to the Director's letter of 4/17/44 (described above). The Director was advised it appeared that criminal proceedings were not warranted and no further investigation was desired in respect to Davis' speech.

Serial described above

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As of 3/23/44, [redacted] had contacted Frank Marshall Davis concerning his being a speaker on 4/2/44 when the AYD was to launch a petition campaign on the "Jim Crow" question and on discrimination in the armed forces. At the time of contact, [redacted] disclosed to Davis the contents of a telegram which was to be sent "Secretary Knox and Stimson".

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As of 3/29/44, [redacted] had contacted [redacted] of Northwestern University and the ALS, relative to his co-signature with Davis, of a letter concerning discrimination in the armed forces. The letter is set out in this reference.

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As of 4/5/44, Davis was a sponsor of the AYD campaign against discrimination in the armed forces.

[redacted]
CGO rpt., 5/18/44
Re: AYD; IS-C
61-777-670, p. 8, 10, 11
(19)✓

In February 1944, [redacted] possessed a handbill which indicated that the "Friends of the New Masses" in Chicago would present their second program of "Interpretation Please", at the Hamilton Hotel, CGO, on 4/23/44. The subject of the program was to be "The Secret Plot Against America" and the list of sponsors included Frank Marshall Davis.

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CGO rpt., 1/2/45
Re: Friends Of The New Masses;
IS-C
61-9182-56
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SI 100-11507-263

(17)✓(Circular announcing the above affair obtained from a trash cover on ALS as furnished by [redacted])

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SI 100-243841-6

(23)✓(Circular announcing above affair, received from trash cover on [redacted] CGO)

On 4/27/44, the Second Ward Branch met at the Carver Center, CGO. Branch chairman [redacted] announced that delegates would be elected to attend the district convention (not identified) on 4/30/44. [redacted] said regular delegates would have to have been in the party for at least a year. Frank Marshall Davis was one of the Branch members nominated as a delegate to the convention.

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CGO rpt., 6/27/44
Re: CP-USA, District 8;
IS-C
100-3-14-2248, p. 20
(10)✓

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On 4/28/44, [redacted] advised Frank Marshall Davis contacted [redacted] concerning the assignment of a Negro representative to cover the AYD Conference in Washington, D.C.

CGO rpt., 1/31/45
Re: [redacted] was.;
IS-C
100-44142-17
(52)✓

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[redacted] advised the ALS expected to start a Shakespearian series on 4/30/44 and wanted to include "Othello". She stated she hoped to obtain a Negro as a commentator and had contacted Frank Marshall Davis in that regard. Davis was to meet with [redacted] who would "do parts" of the production, and they would talk it over.

[redacted]
CGO rpt., 4/28/44
Re: ALS; IS-C
100-11507-251, p. 16
(17)✓

On 4/30/44, following a performance by [redacted] and [redacted] at the ALS, Frank Marshall Davis, an ALS instructor, was to give a lecture on "boogie-woogie" with recordings.

[redacted]
CGO rpt., 5/12/44
Re: ALS; IS-C
100-11507-259, p. 12
(17)✓

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[redacted] of the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship, contacted William Patterson for suggestions regarding someone in the Negro community who would participate in a symposium on 5/3/44, during Russian Book Week, to be held at the Chicago Public Library. Patterson suggested Frank Marshall Davis of the ANP. He stated Davis was a poet, very progressive, very much interested in the Soviet Union, and was at that time, an instructor at ALS.

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CGO rpt., 5/4/44
Re: ALS; IS-C
100-11507-256, p. 4
(17)✓

On 4/29/44, Frank Marshall Davis visited "for a short time", a dance given by the Sweethearts of Servicemen (SOS) of the AYD, at the Majestic Hotel. CGO.

[redacted] AYD Staff member, told Davis that the University of Illinois chapter of AYD, had requested him to speak before their club on 5/18/44. Davis was a sponsor of the University of Illinois AYD chapter.

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[redacted] invited Davis to attend an SOS club meeting, but Davis was unable to attend due to his social work in Cleveland, Ohio.

[redacted] 5/10/44)
CGO rpt., 7/3/44
Re: AYD; IS-C
61-777-9-94, p. 16, 21, 22
(20)✓
SI as par. 2 above
100-333868-4
(22)✓

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On 4/28/44 [redacted] advised that Frank Marshall Davis had contacted [redacted] regarding a Negro representative to cover the National AYD Conference in Washington, D.C. on 4/30/44. Davis suggested arrangements be made for [redacted]

[redacted] D.C., to represent Negroes at the conference.

[redacted] a leader in the CGO AYD Club, told [redacted] that her club planned to take up the Negro problem on the evening of 5/30/44 with Frank Marshall Davis as a speaker.

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CGO rpt., 5/24/44
Re: AYD; IS-C
61-777-9-85, p. 6, 8
(19)✓

[redacted] made available an ALS circular which announced that [redacted] of the stage play "Oklahoma" would "do" a series of dramatic readings from Shakespeare at the school. The circular reflected that on 5/21/44, "Othello" would be presented with Frank Marshall Davis, Executive Editor of ANP, as the commentator.

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On 4/18/44, a [redacted] contacted William Patterson for information on current Negro History. Patterson suggested he contact several persons, one of whom was Davis.

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CGO rpt., 5/6/44
Re: ALS; IS-C
100-11507-255, p. 13, 18
(17)✓

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In May, 1944, William L. Patterson stated that a [redacted] was going to get Frank Marshall Davis to speak before the Walt Whitman Society on 5/31/44, place not stated.

[redacted]
CGO rpt., 6/8/44
Re: ALS; IS-C
100-11507-266, p. 12
(52)✓

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The name of Frank Marshall Davis appeared as a signer of an undated news release issued by the CGO AYD. The release was captioned "Appeal To The Youth of America", and pled for unity to win the war.

Under the sub-heading "What They're Saying About AYD", an undated news release issued by the CGO AYD set out a statement by Frank Marshall Davis in which he endorsed the AYD and pledged his cooperation.

~~Obtained by Ftsar~~
CGO rpt., 7/24/44
Re: AYD; IS-C
61-777-9-98, p. 15, 28
(20)✓

This reference is a photostatic copy of the "Index of 'Free World', Volume VII, January 1944-June 1944." Listed in the Index was, "Davis, Frank Marshall, For All Common People, Verse."

Serial described above
100-90431-139
(21)✓

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On the afternoon of 6/13/44, Frank Marshall Davis, of the ANP, was invited to attend a press conference at the Ambassador East Hotel, to be held prior to a Symposium promoted by the ALS to take place that evening at the Hamilton Hotel.

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CGO rpt., 7/4/44
Re: ALS; IS-C
100-11507-283, p. 9, 12
(17)✓

On 6/19/44, [redacted] furnished a two-page leaflet advertising the Illinois Midwest Negro People's Assembly. The leaflet was headed "Call to the Negro People of the Midwest" and named several states. The stated purpose of the Assembly was "For a fourth term for Roosevelt". The leaflet announced the Assembly schedule for 6/24/44 to be held at the Parkway Ballroom, 4459 South Parkway, CGO. The back of the leaflet set out a partial list of the "Callers" of the Assembly, which list included the name of Frank Marshall Davis, Journalist.

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[redacted] furnished a mimeographed copy of the Proceedings and Resolutions of the Assembly, held 6/24 and 25/44, which set out the membership of the various committees. Named as a member of the Resolutions Committee was Frank Marshall Davis, Managing Editor of the ANP CGO.

CGO rpt., 8/18/44
Re: Illinois Midwest Negro
People's Assembly; IS-C
100-327833-3, p. 8, 32
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As of 6/29/44, the CPA charts in the CGO Field Division which concerned the ALS, listed Frank Marshall Davis under the subheading "Instructors and guest lecturers."

No source given
Charts attached to
CGO memo, 6/29/44
Re: CPA-Charts; IS-C
100-326-9-1, p. 57
(23)✓

In July 1944, Frank Davis, 69 East 56th Street, CGO, renewed his subscription to "Labor Action", a Workers Party newspaper in CGO.

~~CGO~~ A highly confidential
surveillance at [redacted]
[redacted] CGO, on 7/28/44)

CGO rpt., 10/5/44
Re: Workers Party; IS-WP
100-86590-9-6, p. 7
(28)✓

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Correlator's Note: The individual mentioned in the above reference may possibly be identical with the subject of this summary.

The names of subscribers to "Labor Action", the Workers Party national publication, were checked in the files of the CGO division. Subscriber Frank Davis was considered by the CGO division as possibly identical to Frank Marshall Davis, a Negro member of the CPA who instructed at the ALS, lectured before the AYD, and was a member of the Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, ~~as was~~ Davis might have been identical with the Frank Davis who was a member of the CPA and of the International Fur and Leather Workers of the US and Canada-CIO.

CGO rpt., 5/15/45
Re: Workers Party; IS-WP
100-86590-9-11
(7, 26)✓

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The film, "The Negro Soldier", with Frank Marshall Davis giving the commentary, was to be shown to the Teachers Union at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, sometime after July 18, 1944.

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CGO rpt., 2/27/46

Re: Cominfil American

Federation of Teachers, AFL, b2

IS-C

61-7546-317

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SI 100-11507-301, p. 8

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The 8/20/44 edition of the "Daily Worker", carried an article in column 5 on page 10 entitled, "What Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago Negroes Think Of FDR-DEWEY." The article named Frank Marshall Davis of the ANP as one of those questioned in CGO, but his remarks were not set out in this reference.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] President of the South Side Council, CPA, had been in frequent conference with Davis regarding CPA matters.

CGO rpt., 3/14/45
Re: [redacted]
IS-C
100-330738-8
(11)✓

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In September 1944, Frank Marshall Davis worked with [redacted] among the Negroes on Chicago's South Side.

[redacted]
CGO rpt., 9/13/44
Re: LWO; IS-C
61-7341-9-242
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In August or September 1944, [redacted] of the "New Masses" was looking for someone with a literary background to be chairman of a "Maridel LaSeur" meeting. [redacted] suggested Frank Marshall David.

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As of August or September 1944, Frank Marshall Davis had expressed displeasure because the ALS had not pushed his course in music as much as he had expected. He further complained that the School was not using as many Negro teachers as it should and stated that the conception might be that ALS was like other schools in that the Negro was not wanted, just tolerated. A brief continuation of his remarks is set out in this reference.

[redacted]
CGO rpt., 10/12/44
Re: ALS; IS-C
100-11507-305, p. 3, 7
(52)✓

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On 11/27/44, a strictly confidential source furnished a copy of AYD Bulletin, Volume 1, issue 1, dated in September 1944. In the column devoted to "Our National Officers", Frank M. Davis was named as a national sponsor.

Cleveland rpt., 5/19/45
Re: AYD; IS-C
61-777-11-104, p. 10
(84)✓

On 9/20/44, the first edition of the "New World" stated on page 2 that the newspaper was to be published weekly as the official organ of the Negro People's Assembly, 418 East 47th Street, CGO. The officers of the newspaper were set forth and Frank Marshall Davis was named an Associate Editor.

Copy of first edition
furnished by [redacted]
CGO rpt., 12/12/44
Re: Negro People's Assembly, aka.; IS-C
100-327833-15, p. 20
(11)✓

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During the period August to October 1944, [redacted] advised he had noticed a sheet of memorandum paper in the apartment of [redacted] Illinois, which was captioned, "From the Desk of [redacted]". The paper set out a list of names which included the following: "Frank Supst". The reference states the latter was believed to refer to Frank Marshall Davis. This list is not further described.

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[redacted] Trash cover on apartment of [redacted] CGO rpt., 11/6/44
Re: [redacted] wa.;
IS-C
100-332794-4
(11)✓

In October 1944, [redacted] of the Southside AYD (in Chicago) indicated Frank Marshall Davis had furnished her a list of contacts to be approached concerning their attendance at the AYD First Anniversary Banquet to be held on 10/14/44 at the Morrison Hotel, CGO.

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[redacted] CGO rpt., 11/16/44
Re: AYD; IS-C
61-777-688
(19)✓
SI 61-777-9-108
(20)✓

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[redacted] furnished an invitation to an AYD sponsored Anniversary Banquet called "Salute To Young America", to be held on 10/14/44 at the Morrison Hotel, CGO. The name of Frank Marshall Davis was set out on the invitation as one of the Sponsors.

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CGO rpt., 10/20/44
Re: AYD; IS-C
61-777-9-109, p. 10
(20)✓

The 10/14/44 edition of the "Chicago Defender", a weekly Negro newspaper, carried an article on page 20, to the effect that the AYD would observe its first anniversary with a banquet, show and dance at the Morrison Hotel that evening. The article listed Frank M. Davis as one of the sponsors of the affair.

CGO rpt., 3/16/45
Re: [redacted]
[redacted] was.; IS-C
100-340278-3
(83)✓

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On 10/16/44 a "Salute to Young America Dinner" in honor of "The Youth of America" was given by the AYD, at the Hotel Commodore, New York City. A Bureau agent attended the dinner and furnished a copy of the program which listed the Salute to Young America Committee. Frank Marshall Davis was named as a member of that Committee.

New York rpt., 11/2/44
Re: AYD; IS-C
61-777-34-138
(2)✓

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In October or November 1944, [redacted] Secretary of the Negro Peoples Assembly, told Conrad Komorowski that he had attended a meeting (date not stated) at the "Chicago Defender", which meeting was also attended by Frank Marshall Davis of the ALS.

[redacted] furnished a program of ALS which announced the schedule for the "Review of the Week", which was described as an up-to-the-minute analysis of the events of the week, developments in the struggle against Fascism, the growth of national and international unity, and current political economic trends and post-war problems. Davis was named as the reviewer for 11/19/44.

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On 10/7/44, Davis reviewed the book, "Freedom Road", at a party at the home of [redacted] CGO, which was conducted as a benefit for ALS.

CGO rpt., 11/16/44
Re: ALS; IS-C
100-11507-310, 8, 16, 17
(17) ✓
SI as final par. above;
100-45245-11
(23) ✓

As of December 1944, Frank Marshall Davis of the ANP was aiding [redacted] gather material for publication of a book, the purpose of which was to advertise the National Negro Congress and to urge individuals and organizations to become affiliated.

(Source not indicated)
CGO rpt., 12/7/44
Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation
Among The American Negroes
In The CGO Field Division
100-135-9-125
(52) ✓

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As of December 1944, the letterhead of the ANP, 3507 South Parkway, CGO, listed Frank M. Davis as the Executive Editor.

Unidentified informants advised that Frank Marshall Davis was the only ANP officer connected with the CPA in the CGO area.

CGO memo, 12/8/44
Re: ANP; IS
100-335141-3
(22, 83)✓

The 12/23/44 issue of "The Chicago Defender", carried an article (not identified) about a meeting of IWO members at the Ida B. Wells Recreational Center, CGO, on 12/22/44. The name of Frank Marshall Davis was included in a list of "speakers (who) arose to endorse the fraternity and pledge full cooperation with its program and policy".

CGO rpt., 1/24/45
Re: IWO; IS-C
61-7341-9-279
(9)✓

As of 12/27/44, the CPA Chart of the CGO Field Division which concerned the ALS, listed Frank Marshall Davis under the subheading "Instructors and Guest Lecturers".

No source given
Charts attached to
CGO letter, 12/27/44
Re: CPA Charts; IS-C
100-326-9-9, p. 4
(23)✓

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On 12/30/44, the South Side Cultural Club sponsored a "cultural" conference at the Lincoln Center, CGO. [redacted] Vice President of the IWO, spoke at this conference to carry forward the program adopted at the initial conference. Frank Marshall Davis assisted William L. Patterson, Assistant Director of the ALS and husband of [redacted] conduct the initial conference (date not stated) which was held at 4920 South Parkway, CGO.

[redacted]
CGO rpt., 2/28/45
Re: CPA, District 8;
IS-G
100-3-14-2543
(10)✓

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As of 12/8/44, Frank Marshall Davis was Executive Editor of the ANP. [redacted]

[redacted] advised Davis was a member of the CPA Second Ward Club in CGO in 1945 and had been since November 1944. [redacted] furnished a photostatic copy of CPA registration card #5813 relative to that membership and it was attached to the reference. [redacted] A highly confidential search of the records of CPA District #8 headquarters, CGO, on 5/22/45 and 4/26/46).

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In April 1944, [redacted] (supra) furnished a photostatic copy of an undated letter on letterhead stationery captioned, "Salute to World Youth Committee" and which stated at the bottom that it was sponsored by the AYD. Davis' name appeared among the Sponsors listed on the left margin of the letterhead. A photostatic copy of the above letter was attached to this reference.

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In the spring of 1945, Davis attended an AYD meeting (place not stated) and told the audience he was a national sponsor of the AYD and was proud to be affiliated with that organization. [redacted]

[redacted] advised that in his opinion Davis was a directing force of the ANP, that Davis was in charge when the Director of the ANP was away. [redacted] also advised Davis was very friendly with officials of the South Side Section of CP District #8 in CGO.

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CGO rpt., 6/8/48

Re: [redacted]
Special Assistant to the
Secretary, Department of
Agriculture; LGE
121-5818-6, p. 6, 7
(9)✓

As of February 1945, Frank Marshall Davis had stated [redacted] was the Moscom correspondent for the ANP. [redacted]

As of February 1945, Davis was frequently in contact with [redacted] Chairman, South Side Council, CPA. Davis had stated that [redacted] was a "wide awake" reporter and was doing all right for himself in Moscow. [redacted]

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[redacted] furnished an undated press release which he had received from Davis. This release from Moscow, concerned racial discrimination, stating that Jimcrow had ended in Warsaw, Poland.

Press release enclosed with
CGO rpt., 2/19/45
Re: ANP; IS-C and
Registration Act
100-335141-8, p. 2, 3
(22, 83)✓

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Frank Marshall Davis was a signer of a letter dated 2/2/45 circulated by the Planning Committee, White Collar and Professional Wartime Legislative Conference, CGO. The signers of this letter endorsed the initiation of a White Collar and Professional Wartime Legislative Conference to be held in CGO on 3/18/45. The conference was to center around legislation on economic, social and welfare issues.

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CGO memo, 2/10/45
Re: Cominfil United Office
and Professional Workers
of America-CIO; IS-C
61-10490-349
(21)✓

On 2/18/45, the National Museum and Historical Foundation was to present Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune as the main speaker on the Negro History program to be presented at the Parkway Ballroom, CGO.

Frank Marshall Davis, a known Communist, was reported to be a sponsor of the Foundation, which was organized a year previous under direction of the Communist-dominated Victory Committee. It was reported that the Foundation would be used as a means of extending Communist activities among Negroes.

Source not indentified, but *evaluated as* usually reliable and information as probably true.

MID report for period ending,
2/3/45
100-7660-2724
(16)✓

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Frank Marshall Davis was a sponsor of "Negro History Week", February 11-18, 1945.

(Source not specified)

On 2/10/45, [redacted] advised that [redacted] President of the South Side Council, CPA, stated he and Frank Marshall Davis, an officer of the ANP, had conferred at length about an article in the "Chicago Defender." Informant believed the article concerned "Negro History Week."

Davis was elected (date not stated) Secretary of the National Negro Museum and Historical Foundation, Inc., (NNMHF) which was the sponsor of the "Negro History Week" in CGO. In a conference with Davis regarding publicity for the "Negro History Week", [redacted] suggested a radio broadcast. They agreed to take the idea up with [redacted] Executive Secretary of "Negro History Week."

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At the conclusion of "Negro History Week", the NNMHF determined to continue on a permanent basis, and in subsequent elections Davis was elected Secretary.

On 3/6/45, [redacted] reported Davis was supposed to be a member of the Doris Miller Club, South Side Council, CPA, which met at 3865 South Cottage Grove Avenue, CGO.

CGO rpt., 4/5/45
Re: CPA, District 8; IS-C
100-3-14-2597, p. 7, 15, 16
(10)✓

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On 2/28/45, [redacted] conferred with [redacted] concerning the educational and recruiting activities of the Washington Park Club. [redacted] suggested that [redacted] obtain Frank Marshall Davis as a speaker on the subject of Dumbarton-Oakes and Bretton Woods (no date or place stated).

[redacted]
CGO rpt., 4/28/45
Re: [redacted] was.;
IS-C
100-12857-36
(16)✓

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[redacted] advised in March 1945 that Frank Marshall Davis was a member of the CPA in 1945.

CGO rpt., 3/31/50
Re: [redacted]
wa.; SM-C
100-19951-29
(8)✓

On 2/3/45, [redacted] advised the leaders of National Negro Museum and Historical Foundation, Inc., met (date and place not stated) and elected officers. Frank Marshall Davis was elected Secretary.

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The NNMHF, Inc. was directly controlled by the South Side Council, CPA. (No source given)

During March 1945, Davis was a leading member of the ANP and active with CPA leaders.

(No source stated)

CGO rpt., 3/15/45
Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation
Among The American Negroes in the
CGO Field Division
100-135-9-141, p. 3, 6
(7)✓

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By letter dated 3/15/45, [redacted] Chairman of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, forwarded to the Assistant AG a list of signers of a "statement in support of Army order regarding criteria for judging loyalty in granting commissions and in making other Army appointments." On the list appeared the following: Frank Marshall Davis, Executive Editor, ANP.

Above letter attached to
Department of Justice memo,
3/21/45
100-1170-298
(23, 24) ✓

The 3/18/45 issue of "The Worker" carried an article on page 2 of section 3 entitled "War Department Stand on Communists Hailed by Notables in All Walks of Life." This article set out a statement supporting a War Department policy regarding Communists' eligibility for officers' Commissions. Frank Marshall Davis was listed as one of the "Notables" who signed the statement.

61-7557-A
(3, 9) ✓

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The program for the White Collar and Professional Wartime Legislative Conference, held on 3/18/45 at Moose Hall, CGO, named Frank Marshall Davis as a sponsor of the conference. [redacted]

Davis was a speaker in the General Session and in his remarks he stated, "In our American scheme of thinking an American who is a Negro or a Jew is looked upon as somebody different." His further remarks are set out in this reference. [redacted]

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CGO rpt., 5/26/45
Re: Cominfil United Office
and Professional Workers of
America-CIO; IS-C
61-10490-366, p. 19, 20, 22
(21)✓

On 12/21/48, [redacted] CCLC executive secretary, produced a letter addressed to him dated 3/27/45 from the Committee For Equal Justice, New York City. The letterhead of the letter listed the name of Frank Marshall Davis among the Illinois sponsors of the Committee. [redacted] stated the Illinois sponsors were either Communists or Communist sympathizers.

CGO rpt., 12/22/49
Re: [redacted] was.;
IS-C
100-157387-27
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As of 4/5/45, Frank Marshall Davis still disagreed with [redacted] Executive Secretary of the Chicago Civil Liberties Union (CCLU), that the CCLU should split from the American Civil Liberties Union. Davis claimed to oppose the split because it would cause "considerable surprise." He indicated he had had conferences with William L. Patterson and [redacted] concerning the matter.

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Additional information in this reference, which concerns the above, also appears in the main file 100-328955-2, p. 2.

CGO rpt., 5/17/45
Re: CPA, District 8;
IS-C
100-3-14-2643, p. 7
(11)✓

On 4/7/45, Frank Marshall Davis was a principal speaker at an AYD banquet in CGO (place not stated).

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[redacted]
CGO rpt., 5/5/45
Re: AYD; IS-C
61-777-9-135
(20)✓
SI 61-777-9-133
(19)✓(4/8/45)

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According to the 4/1/45 bulletin of the CCLC Frank Marshall Davis was elected as Fourth Vice-Chairman for the year 1945.

On 3/1/45, the "Civil Liberties News", carried biographical sketches of persons elected to the Board of Directors at the meeting on 1/27/45 at the Stevens Hotel, CGO. Under the heading "Three Year Term" (1945-47) appeared the following:

"Frank Marshall Davis: Executive Editor of the Associated Negro Press, 3507 South Parkway (CGO); Kansas State College; Author of "Black Man's Verse" and "I Am The American Negro"; Rosenwald Fellowship in Poetry; Lecturer and Columnist."

On 4/15/45, the "Chicago Sun" reported that on 4/14/45 a permanent committee to combat religious and racial intolerance in CGO's public schools was formed at a meeting called by the CCLC, at the La Salle Hotel, CGO. Frank M. Davis, Executive Editor of the ANP, was named as Chairman of the Committee.

CGO rpt., 6/16/45
Re: CCLC; IS-C
100-6605-37, p. 3, 4
(11, 83)✓
SI to par. 3 above;
100-6605-A, "Chicago Sun"
4/15/45
(Not listed)

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In March or April 1945, [redacted] advised that several Negro Communist organizers in Chicago (not identified) had close association and contact with [redacted] of the ANP and Frank Marshall Davis, executive editor of the ANP.

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[redacted] advised Davis was merely an employee of the ANP.

[redacted] (CGO)

On 4/17/45, [redacted] CGO representative of the "Daily Worker", requested [redacted] president of the Southside Council, CPA, to have Davis get together with [redacted] CP organizer in CGO, and write an article concerning the Negro peace movement in CGO, for a special issue of the "Daily Worker" on the San Francisco Conference.

[redacted] and [redacted] advised that both [redacted] and Davis assisted in the advertising for CPA activities, and if an article was to be prepared for publication in other newspapers, they occasionally were asked to write the article. Davis was considered more important and influential than [redacted] stated Davis was a member of the Dorie Miller Club, CPA, in CGO.

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This reference also set out activities and associations of Davis in connection with numerous other organizations during the period from 1941 to 1945 as reported by reliable informants.

CGO rpt., 5/9/45
Re: ANP; IS-C and
Registration Act
100-335141-11, p. 4, 5
(22)✓

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During April 1945, the CCLC demanded an investigation of incidents of anti-Semitism by youths of school age and appointed a permanent committee to combat racial intolerance in the Chicago schools with Frank Marshall Davis as committee chairman.

The ANP was a private enterprise association with headquarters in CGO. Davis was executive secretary of the ANP and a known member of the CPA in CGO. Frequent contact was made between members of the CPA and the ANP.

Sources not stated
ONI report for period
ending 4/30/45
100-153679-93
(21)✓

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As of May 1945, Frank Marshall Davis was a member-at-large of the Executive Board of Continuations Committee of the White Collar and Professional Wartime Conference.

[redacted] Trash cover on residence
of [redacted] CGO,
through cooperation of the
[redacted]

CGO rpt., 7/27/45
Re: Cominfil United Office
and Professional Workers of
America-CIO; IS-C
61-10490-393
(21)✓

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On 5/18/45, [redacted] furnished a leaflet published by the National Negro Museum and Historical Foundation which listed Frank Marshall Davis as Secretary of the organization.

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On 3/8/45, [redacted] advised that Davis was a CP member.

Washington Field rpt., 3/27/53
Re: [redacted] SM-C,
Labor-Federal Security
Appropriations Act of 1953
100-393268-4, p. 7
(5)✓

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On 5/22/45, New York [redacted] furnished a copy of a pamphlet entitled, "Equal Justice Under Law" which was being distributed by the Committee For Equal Justice For Mrs. Recy Taylor. The pamphlet contained a list of officers and sponsors of the Committee. Frank Marshall Davis of Illinois was named in a partial list of the Committee of Sponsors.

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New York rpt., 8/25/45
Re: Committee For Equal
Justice For [redacted]
aka.; IS-C
100-341902-2, p. 16
(11, 22)✓

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On 5/27/45, Frank Marshall Davis was a principal speaker at an AYD meeting held at the Midland Hotel, CGO, to promote passage of an Illinois Fair Employment Practices Committee bill.

[redacted] and [redacted]
CGO ltr., 6/27/45
Re: AYD; IS-C
61-777-9-142
(20)✓
SI 61-777-9-144
(52)✓

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As of June 1945, Frank Marshall Davis was Executive Editor of the ANP and a member of the Doris Miller Club, CPA in CGO. Davis was also on the Executive Board of the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee.

No source stated
CGO memo, 6/6/45
Re: Negro Agitation in the
New Orleans Field Division;
IS-X
100-135-33-159
(12)✓

Frank Marshall Davis wrote a memorial of Franklin Delano Roosevelt for inclusion in the general program pamphlet for the IWO sponsored "United Nations On The March" program held at the DuSable High School, CGO, on 6/17/45.

[redacted] and [redacted]
CGO rpt., 8/24/45
Re: IWO; IS-C
61-7341-9-327
(9)✓
SI 100-3-14-2705
(11)✓

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On 6/28/45, Frank Marshall Davis was to participate in a panel at a White Collar Conference, date and place not stated.

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CGO rpt., 7/19/45
Re: Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship, aka.; IS-C
100-146964-581
(21)✓

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As of July 1945, Frank Marshall Davis was a member of the Board of Directors of the ALS.
(Source not stated)

As of July 1945, Davis, a Negro, was Executive Editor of the ANP and a member of the Second Ward Club, CPA.

[REDACTED]

The 1945 ALS spring term catalogue names Davis as an instructor in "Comparative Jazz Music."

CGO rpt., 7/12/45
Re: ALS; IS-C
100-11507-350, p. 5, 9
(17)✓

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In June or July 1945, Alice Barrows publicity director of the ALS, invited Frank Marshall Davis, Negro writer and three other persons to a luncheon meeting at the [redacted] [redacted]

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The reference indicates that Barrows was aiding the establishment of the Mid-West Division of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, during the above period.

CGO rpt., 7/4/45
Re: Independent Citizens
Committee of the Arts, Sciences,
and Professions, Mid-West
Division; IS-C
100-338892-9
(22)✓

On 7/9/45, Frank Marshall Davis, of the National Negro Congress, attended a meeting to organize the Chicago Committee for Spanish Freedom held at the Midland Hotel, CGO. Davis was named to the Executive Board of the Committee.

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[redacted]
CGO rpt., 10/17/45
Re: Veterans of the Abraham
Lincoln Brigade, Inc.;
IS-C
100-7060-288
(11)✓

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[redacted] advised that the Chicago Committee for Spanish Freedom (CCSF) mailed publications containing reprints of a speech by Representative John M. Coffee on 7/2/45, and a form of petition directed to Congress asking passage of H.R. 3121 which called for a break of relations with Franco Spain. At the bottom of the petition was printed the name of the CCSF and the officers and executive board members listed. Frank Marshall Davis was a member of the executive board.

CGO rpt., 3/14/46
Re: Veterans of the Abraham
Lincoln Brigade, Inc.;
IS-C
100-7060-297
(8) ✓

As of 8/14/45, the CGO Field Division chart concerning the ALS, listed Frank Marshall Davis^{as} a member of the ALS Board of Directors and Frank M. Davis an instructor and/or guest lecturer.

No source given
Charts attached to
CGO memo, 8/14/45
Re: CPA, District 8;
IS-C
100-326-9-10, p. 50, 51
(23, 83) ✓

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The 8/18/45 edition of the "Chicago Defender", article not described, stated four "South Siders" joined other Chicagoans in forming the new Chicago Committee For Spanish Freedom (CCSF). Frank Marshall Davis was named as one of the South Side members on the Board of Directors of CCSF.

CGO rpt., 11/2/45
Re: American Committee For
Spanish Freedom; IS-C
100-332851-46
(11)✓

On 9/27/45, Frank Marshall Davis was principal speaker at a regular meeting of the Hyde-Park Communist Club, held at the Club headquarters, 1404 East 55th Street, CGO. Davis discussed the school strike in Gary, Indiana and the "manufactured crime wave" in Evanston, Illinois. He stated the school strike had been instigated by the Superintendent of the U.S. Steel Corporation in Gary to divide the white and Negro workers and hamper any attempt to engage in strike activity.

CGO rpt., 10/26/45
Re: Joan Place, was.; b2
IS-C b7D
100-254859-13
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As of October 1945, Frank Marshall Davis was Executive Editor of the ANP, Vice Chairman of the CCLC and an instructor at the ALS. He was currently featured on the radio program "Bronzeville Brevities" which was broadcast over station WJJD, CGO. The program featured jazz music and news about South Side (CGO) events. He was reportedly a member of the Dorie Miller Club, CP.
(No source stated)

Davis was being considered as a successor to William L. Patterson, Assistant Director of the ALS.

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[redacted]
CGO rpt., 10/24/45.
Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation
Among The American Negroes
in the CGO Field Division;
IS
100-135-9-182, p. 7
(7)✓

[redacted] furnished a copy of an invitation to the Bon Voyage Tea for Mollie Lieber, to be held on 10/7/45 in the North Ballroom, Stevens Hotel, CGO. The program named Frank Marshall Davis as one of the speakers. Lieber was the National AYD delegate to the World Youth Conference to be held in London from 10/31/45 to 11/9/45.

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[redacted] P.O. Box for George Blades.
CGO rpt. 12/5/45
Re: [redacted] nes
[redacted] was.; IS-C
100-4442-26
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On 10/8/45, Frank Marshall Davis attended the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee Rally (place not stated) on full and fair employment. [redacted]

[redacted] advised on 9/24/45, that Davis had stated William L. Patterson, resigning Assistant Director of the Abraham Lincoln School (ALS) in CGO, had asked Davis to take Patterson's place in the ALS. Davis stated he declined the offer because he felt he could contribute more through his work on the South Side.

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As of September 1945, [redacted] had reported that Davis was a member of the Dorie Miller Club, CP.

On 9/27/45, Davis was the speaker at a meeting of the Hyde Park Communist Club, held at the Club headquarters, Community Book Shop, CGO. He discussed the school strike in Gary, Indiana, and blamed reactionary forces for the strike. The substance of his remarks are set out in this reference. [redacted]

CGO rpt., 11/26/45.
Re: CP; District 8;
IS-G
100-3-14-2811, p. 16, 31, 37
(7) ✓
SI as para. 2 and 3 above:
100-11507-368, p. 9
(18) ✓
SI as para. 1 above:
100-11507-361
(18) ✓ (Sept. 1945)

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On 10/30/45, the Student Open Forum Club held a meeting at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., on the topic, "The Negro Problem, Why?" One of the speakers was Frank Marshall Davis.

[redacted] Office
of Student Affairs, University
of Northwestern
CGO rpt., 4/12/46
Re: AYD; IS-C
61-777-9-165
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This reference was a letter dated 12/20/45, which solicited funds for the AYD. It was mimeographed on letter-head stationery captioned "QAYD Organizing Drive", which set out a list of Sponsors on the margin. This list included the name of Frank Marshall Davis.

Serial described above
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The 12/9/45 edition of "The Worker" carried an article (undescribed) relative to a proposed new weekly Chicago newspaper. The article named Frank Marshall Davis, Negro editor, as one of the "thirty leading Chicagoans" who made up the committee which issued the appeal for donations.

CGO rpt., 2/6/46
Re: [redacted] was.;
IS-C
100-194870-19
(52)✓

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On 12/20/45, various Communist leaders met in the headquarters of the CP in CGO to discuss the establishment of a new paper in CGO. Gil Green stated the Editorial Sub Committee should began work at once, and mentioned Frank Marshall Davis as being a member of that committee.

[redacted]
CGO memo, 12/29/45
Re: CP, USA, District 8;
IS-C
100-3-14-2827
(11)✓

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On 12/20/45, [redacted] received a letter from the "Provisional Committee", which invited the recipient's union to send delegates to a "Conference to Establish a New Weekly Paper in Chicago, January 6, 1945, 1:30-5:00 PM, Ballroom, Midland Hotel." On the stationery was a partial list of the names of the initiating committee. Included was the name of Frank Marshall Davis.

CGO rpt., 1/4/46
Re: Modern Book Store;
IS-C
100-267791-81
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