

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-328955)

FROM : SAC, HONOLULU (100-5082)

SUBJECT: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(oo - Honolulu)

DATE: 12/11/57

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are four copies of the report of SA LEO S. BRENNENSEN, dated 12/11/57 at Honolulu.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The enclosed report was stamped "confidential" because of the reporting of conversation between DAVIS and the informant. If this information was disclosed to unauthorized persons it might identify the informant.

DAVIS is a Key Figure of this office. His Security Index Card is current. This case has been re-evaluated in light of the Security Index criteria. It is noted that DAVIS was a regular columnist for the "Honolulu Record" until May of 1957 and has stated he intends to resume that activity. DAVIS was also active in the last Communist Party front organization, the Hawaii Civil Rights Congress, which went out of existence in the fall of 1956. He also refused to testify before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in November 1956. It is believed DAVIS still fits the Security Index criteria. A suitable photograph of DAVIS is available. He has recently been observed by Agents. No request was made of the Bureau to interview subject, inasmuch as it is believed he would be belligerent and uncooperative.

INFORMANTS

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed in this report and "T" symbols have been utilized only in those instances where the identity of the source must be concealed.

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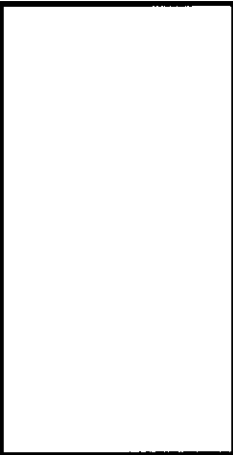

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At Honolulu, T. H.

Will continue to follow and report the activities
of subject.

REFERENCE

Report of SA LEO S. BRENNISEN, dated
5/22/57 at Honolulu.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Honolulu, T. H.
December 11, 1957

FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office HONOLULU	Office of Origin HONOLULU	Date 6/19/58	Investigative Period 5/15,24;6/10,18/58
TITLE OF CASE FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS		Report made by LEO S. BRENNELSEN	Typed By: vap
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

Synopsis:

DAVIS still employed as salesman for The Osborne Company, working out of his home, Honolulu. On 2/10/58, wife gave birth to twin daughters. Informants have no information of any recent CP activity on the part of subject.

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DETAILS: AT HONOLULU, T. H.

I. BACKGROUND

On June 10, 1958, Confidential Informant reported that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS continues to reside with his wife and children at 2994 Kalihi Street, Honolulu. DAVIS is employed as a salesman by The Osborne Company but now operates out of his home rather than working from an office in Honolulu.

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On February 10, 1958, Executive, Commission on Subversive Activities, Territory of Hawaii,

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reported that subject's wife gave birth to twin daughters at Honolulu on [redacted]

II. EVIDENCE OF COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITY

On May 15, 1958, Confidential Informant [redacted] [redacted] subject, reported that DAVIS stopped writing his column for the "Honolulu Record" as a vacation break and to gain an opportunity to attempt to recoup his financial fortune rather than because of any ideological break with the Communist Party line or the editorial policy of the paper. Informant explained that in recent months the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (ILWU) has indicated an intention of purchasing the "Honolulu Record" and subject still maintains that he hopes to resume work at the paper when this is accomplished. [redacted] reported that DAVIS continues to regularly frequent the premises of the "Honolulu Record" and, although he has no information concerning any recent Communist Party Front activity on the part of DAVIS, it is his opinion DAVIS is inactive in that regard only because of the nonexistence of any Front group in the Territory at present.

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On May 24, 1958, Confidential Informant [redacted] who was a member of the Communist Party prior and subsequent to World War II, reported he knew of no recent Communist Party activity on the part of DAVIS; however, he stated that the Communist Party is now inactive in Hawaii. Informant related that subject continues to be friendly with former Honolulu Smith Act Defendants, and he has never heard any rumor to the effect that DAVIS might have defected from his former political leanings.

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A P P E N D I X

"HONOLULU RECORD"

In March of 1953 the Commission on Subversive Activities to the Legislature, Territory 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 mouth-piece of the Communist Party in the Territory of Hawaii.

On June 2, 1958 [redacted] Executive of the above named commission, reported that the motivating force in the founding of the "Honolulu Record" in 1948 had been the Executive Board of the Communist Party. [redacted] pointed out that there had been no significant changes in the ownership of the newspaper during the last four years. [redacted] stated that the "Honolulu Record" continues to follow the Communist Party line but now takes a viewpoint less militant than that of their policy prior to 1955.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-328955)

DATE: 1/14/58

FROM : SAC, HONOLULU (100-5082)

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SUBJECT: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
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(oo - Honolulu) *IS-C*

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DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

The Osborne Company - working *from residence for* out of his home,

2994 Kalihi Street, Honolulu, T. H.

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Vital Facility List) _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-328955)

DATE: 6/19/58

FROM : SAC, HONOLULU (100-5082)

SUBJECT: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
IS-C
(OO:Honolulu)

Enclosed are four copies of report of SA LEO S. BRENNWEISEN dated 6/19/58 at Honolulu, together with four copies of informant evaluation letter.

REFERENCE

Report of SA LEO S. BRENNWEISEN dated 12/11/57 at Honolulu.

INFORMANTS

IDENTITY OF SOURCE	DATE AND/OR DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY	FILE LOCATION
[Redacted]	5/15/58 Background	100-5082-514 100-5082-513
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- The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
- Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
- A suitable photograph is is not available.
- Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
- Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
- This report is classified _____ because (state reason)

- Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) informants have pointed out that DAVIS has always been vociferous in criticism of Government prosecution of Communists, and there appeared to be no likelihood he might cooperate with the FBI. Inasmuch as subject is also closely connected with the "Honolulu Record," it is believed the Bureau would receive adverse publicity if an attempt were made to interview him.
- This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
- This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) DAVIS was a regular columnist for the "Honolulu Record" until May, 1957, and has stated he intends to resume that activity in the future. He was active in the last Communist Party Front group, the Hawaii Civil Rights Congress, which went out of existence in the fall of 1956. DAVIS also refused to testify before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in November, 1956. DAVIS was a member of the Communist Party until it became inactive in 1952.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Honolulu, T. H.
June 19, 1958

FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The confidential informants mentioned in the report of Special Agent LEO S. BRENNWEISEN, dated June 19, 1958, at Honolulu, T. H., in the captioned matter, have furnished reliable information in the past.

This is furnished for your information and should not be disseminated to unauthorized persons or agencies.

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SAC, Honolulu (100-5082)

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Director, FBI (100-328955)

FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Rerep SA Leo S. Brenneisen dated 6/19/58.

In view of the lack of subversive activity on the part of this subject and the inactivity of the Communist Party in Honolulu, it is believed desirable that this case be re-evaluated regarding Davis' key figure status.

In this regard Bureau desires that you also review all key figure cases in your office at this time and submit your recommendation in each case regarding whether the key figure status should remain in effect. Submit your recommendation under individual case caption within thirty days from date of this letter.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-328955)

FROM : SAC, HONOLULU (100-5082)

SUBJECT: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
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(OO:Honolulu)

DATE: 7/11/58

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Re report of SA LEO S. BRENNER dated 6/19/58 at Honolulu and Bulet to Honolulu 7/1/58.

As noted in the administrative letter forwarding copies of referenced Honolulu report, subject, until May, 1957, was a regular columnist for the "Honolulu Record" weekly newspaper, Communist Party dominated and controlled. He has stated that he intends to resume writing in the near future; however, his last identification as a member of the Communist Party was in 1952; his last activity with the Hawaii Civil Rights Congress, a Communist Party front organization was in 1956; and he refused to testify before the U.S. Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in November, 1956.

There has been no reported Communist activity on the part of the subject since 1956.

Information received during the past year indicates that the Communist Party of Hawaii has continued in a dormant status and that there is no Communist activity on the part of any organized group or individuals. This information was reportedly verified as late as June, 1958.

It is also noted that the final edition of the "Honolulu Record" newspaper was dated 7/3/58, and the Honolulu Record Publishing Company, Ltd., has been sold to the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, which is to publish a weekly newspaper of its own, beginning in the Fall of 1958.

It is therefore recommended that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS be deleted from the Key Figure list of the Honolulu Division.

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TITLE OF CASE FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS		Report made by LEO S. BRENNEISEN	Typed By: EJG
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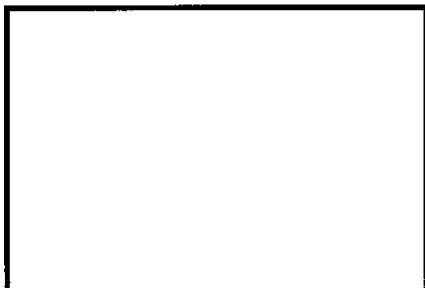
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 7. This report is classified _____ because (state reason)
8. Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
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 His activities do do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA LEO S. BRENNENSEN Office: HONOLULU
Date: July 14, 1959
File Number: HN 100-5082; Bufile 100-328955
Title: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

Character: SECURITY MATTER -- C

Synopsis:

DAVIS now employed as salesman for Wright Company working out of his home, Honolulu. Informants have no information any recent Communist Party or Communist Party front activity.

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DETAILS: AT HONOLULU, HAWAII

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I. BACKGROUND

On July 7, 1959, [] reported that DAVIS and his family continue to reside at 2994 Kalihi Street, Honolulu. DAVIS is no longer working for the Osborne Company but now is employed as an outside salesman for the Wright Company, Syracuse, New York. DAVIS works out of his home and does not have an office in Honolulu. The Wright Company carries a line of novelties and advertising media. DAVIS also uses the premises of the "Hawaiian Reporter" for receiving business messages and telephone calls during the day.

II. EVIDENCE OF ANY
CP ACTIVITY

On August 13, 1958, [] who is familiar with some phases of Communist Party front activity in the Territory

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of Hawaii, reported that in a recent conversation with subject DAVIS had declared that there was absolutely no Communist activity in the Territory at the present time and he was of the opinion that there appeared to be no interest in re-vitalizing any civil rights group.

On November 14, 1958, [redacted] further advised that DAVIS had stated that he had no plans to resume his writing for a newspaper. However, informant noted that on a trip to DAVIS's home about a week previous he had observed that subject was still receiving a great deal of material from the Federated Press and from the National Negro Press.

The Federated Press was cited as a Communist front by the Special House Committee on Un-American Activities on March 29, 1944.

On June 2, 1959, [redacted] related that DAVIS, in discussing the "Hawaiian Reporter", a new weekly paper of Honolulu which was not then in publication, stated that he believed there was no possibility of his being employed as a columnist by the new paper. DAVIS stated that the top brass at the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union had called him a "haole (Caucasian) hater" and DAVIS was of the opinion that they did not desire an anti-haole columnist on the paper.

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On July 7, 1959, [redacted] stated he had received no information of any Communist or Communist Party front activity on the part of DAVIS during the past year.

On July 6, 1959, [redacted] former member of the Communist Party in Honolulu prior and subsequent to World War II, reported he had no information concerning any Communist Party or Communist Party front activity on the part of DAVIS during the last year.

On July 9, 1959, [redacted] Executive, Commission on Subversive Activities to the Legislature, Territory of Hawaii, reported the files of his office contained no information concerning any subversive activities on the part of DAVIS during the last year.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Honolulu, Hawaii
July 14, 1959

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TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____ RACE _____ SEX _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

Salesman at Honolulu of Wright Company, Syracuse, New York.

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Vital Facility List)

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RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____

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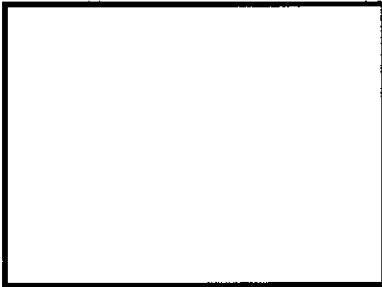
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Title: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

DAVIS still employed as a salesman working out of his Honolulu home. In December 1959 listed as one of the sponsors of American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. Honolulu informants have no information any recent CP or CP activity.

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DETAILS: AT HONOLULU, HAWAIII. BACKGROUND

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[] who is familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the State of Hawaii and is well acquainted with DAVIS, on July 22, 1960, reported he had received no information of any recent Communist Party or Communist Party front activity on the part of subject.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Honolulu, Hawaii
July 25, 1960

Title FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

Character SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference Report of SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN
dated July 25, 1960 at Honolulu

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced
communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office HONOLULU	Office of Origin HONOLULU	Date 7/25/60	Investigative Period 5/23-7/22/60
TITLE OF CASE FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS		Report made by SA LEO S. BRENNERISEN	Typed By: vap
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C	

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REFERENCE

Report of SA LEO S. BRENNERISEN dated 7/14/59 at Honolulu.

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6. Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
7. This report is classified _____ because (state reason)

8. Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

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11. Subject's SI card is is not tabbed Detcom.
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA LEO S. BRENNELSEN Office: HONOLULU
Date: 7/25/60
Field Office File No.: HN 100-5082 Bureau File No.: 100-328955
Title: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

Character: SECURITY MATTER. - C

Synopsis:

DAVIS still employed as a salesman working out of his Honolulu home. In December 1959 listed as one of the sponsors of American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. Honolulu informants have no information any recent CP or CP activity.

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DETAILS: AT HONOLULU, HAWAIII. BACKGROUND

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Honolulu, Hawaii
July 25, 1960

Title **FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS**

Character **SECURITY MATTER - C**

Reference **Report of SA LEO S. BRENNISEN
dated July 25, 1960 at Honolulu**

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office HONOLULU	Office of Origin HONOLULU	Date 7/31/61	Investigative Period 5/18 - 7/24/61
TITLE OF CASE FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS		Report made by SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN	Typed By: EJG
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C	

REFERENCE

Report of SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN dated 7/25/60 at Honolulu

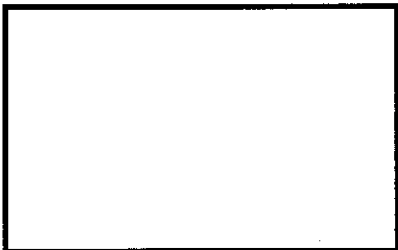
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6. Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. This report is classified _____ because (state reason)

8. Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
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11. Subject's SI card is is not tabbed Detcom.
 Subject's activities do do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN Office: HONOLULU
Date: July 31, 1961
Field Office File No.: HN 100-5082 Bureau File No.: 100-328955
Title: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

DAVIS employed as salesman working out of his Honolulu home. In December 1960 listed as one of sponsors for American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. Honolulu informants have no information any recent Communist Party or Communist Party front activity.

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DETAILS: At Honolulu, Hawaii

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 4-30-97 BY SP4 BJA/BJK

I. BACKGROUND

On June 29, 1961, [] reported that DAVIS still resides at 2994 Kalihi Street and works out of his home as a salesman for the Wright Company of Syracuse, New York.

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II. EVIDENCE OF ANY COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITY

On December 16, 1960, [] made available a mimeographed letter from the American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born containing the letterhead of the above organization and

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a list of the officers and sponsors. Among the sponsors was listed FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS.

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

On July 18, 1961, [redacted] who is familiar with some phases of past Communist Party front activity in Honolulu, reported he knew of no current Communist Party or Communist Party front activity on the part of DAVIS. Informant pointed out that DAVIS's wife is employed as a house to house salesman for Avon Products and works mostly in the evenings making house calls. As a result, subject is now forced to spend most of his evenings babysitting and has little opportunity to contact his former friends outside of working hours. According to [redacted] DAVIS has recently praised the new government of Ghana and stated that he hopes eventually to emigrate to that country inasmuch as he feels he could contribute a great deal to the young republic.

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On July 18, 1961, [redacted] a former member of the Communist Party prior and subsequent to World War II, reported that he rarely sees DAVIS in Honolulu and knows of no recent Communist Party or Communist Party front activity on his part.

On July 24, 1961, [redacted] Consultant, Commission on Subversive Activities, State of Hawaii, reported the files of his office contain no pertinent information concerning DAVIS's activities during the last year.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. HN 100-5082

Honolulu, Hawaii
July 31, 1961

Title FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

Character SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference Report of SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN
dated 7/31/61 at Honolulu

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <i>WV</i> HONOLULU	OFFICE OF ORIGIN HONOLULU	DATE JUL 30 1962	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/6 - 27/62
TITLE OF CASE FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS		REPORT MADE BY LEO S. BRENNEISEN	TYPED BY jem
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM-C <i>Posted</i>	

REFERENCE: Report of SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN, 7/31/61, Honolulu.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: LEO S. BRENNEISEN

Office: Honolulu

Date: JUL 30 1952

Field Office File No.: 100-5082

Bureau File No.: 100-328955

Title: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

DAVIS still employed as salesman, Honolulu. Sources at city have no information any recent CP or CP front activity.

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DATE 1-30-97 BY SP4 [signature]

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DETAILS: AT HONOLULU, HAWAII

I. BACKGROUND

On July 12, 1962, [] reported that DAVIS still resides at 2994 Kalihi Street, and works out of his home as a salesman for the Wright Company of Syracuse, New York. Informant reported that [] time to time, DAVIS also works as a free lance salesman for other Mainland business firms.

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II. EVIDENCE OF ANY COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) ACTIVITY

On July 12, 1962, [] who has been closely associated with DAVIS for many years, reported that there is no indication that subject has changed any of his political beliefs but he knows of no CP or CP front activity on the part of DAVIS for several years. Informant pointed out that DAVIS had not been active in any front group activity since the old Hawaii Civil Rights Congress, disbanded in 1956. The Hawaii Civil Rights Congress was an affiliate of the Civil Rights Congress which was designated by the U.S. Attorney General, pursuant to Executive Order 10450. [] also pointed out that DAVIS ceased his writings along Communist lines in 1957, when the old "Honolulu Record" ceased publication, a characterization of which is appended hereto.

On July 22, 1962, [] a former member of the CP prior to and subsequent to World War II, reported he rarely sees DAVIS and knows of no CP or CP front activity on his part in recent years.

On July 27, 1962, [] Commission of Subversive Activities, Legislature, State of Hawaii, reported the files of his office contain no information concerning any activity on the part of subject in recent years.

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A P P E N D I X

"HONOLULU RECORD"

In March of 1953 the Commission on Subversive Activities to the Legislature, Territory 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 18, 1959 [redacted] Executive of the above-named Commission, reported that the motivating force in the founding of the "Honolulu Record" in 1948 had been the Executive Board of the Communist Party. [redacted] pointed out that the "Honolulu Record" had continued to follow the Communist Party line up until the time they discontinued publication on July 3, 1958, but since 1955 the publication had taken a much less militant viewpoint than previously. b6 b7C



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Honolulu 12, Hawaii

JUL 30 1962

Title	FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
Character	SECURITY MATTER - C
Reference	Report of SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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August 15, 1962

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FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
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Subject is a Negro male, 56 years of age, who has been employed most of his life as a reporter. He was a Communist Party (CP) member in Chicago from 1945 until 1948 when he moved to Hawaii. He was very active in the Party there until Party activity as such ceased in 1952. He was active in front groups in a leadership capacity until such front groups became inactive in 1956. When questioned before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in 1956, Davis took the Fifth Amendment.

He wrote a column which constantly followed the CP line in the now defunct "Honolulu Record" until 1957. In 1958 he frequented the premises of this newspaper. He contributed to "The Worker" prior to 1956.

He was listed as a sponsor for the 27th National Conference of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born in December, 1960.

In 1957 he championed the policies of Soviet Russia.

His name is being retained on the Security Index at this time.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-328955)

DATE: JUL 30 1962

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SUBJECT: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
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Included as enclosures, 4 copies of report of SA LEO S. BRENNENSEN, concerning above captioned subject.

Review of instant file reflects FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, a Negro male, was active in the CP in Chicago prior to coming to Hawaii in 1948. Shortly after his arrival in Hawaii, both he and his wife [redacted] became active in the CP and continued that membership until at least 1952. Thereafter, the Party in Hawaii ceased operations. DAVIS, during the late 1940s and early 1950s, was active in several CP front groups and was the columnist in the old communist line "Honolulu Record", a weekly newspaper of Honolulu, which ceased existence in 1957. Since that time, there has been little pertinent activity on the part of DAVIS. The last front group to operate in Hawaii ceased existence in the fall of 1956. In late 1956, DAVIS refused to testify before the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee holding hearings in Honolulu. In December, 1960, his name was listed on material distributed on the Mainland as one of the sponsors for the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. However, this organization has not been active in Hawaii and there is no indication that DAVIS has done other than lend his name to that organization.

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Due to the inactivity of DAVIS over a lengthy period of time, it is felt he does not presently fit the criteria for the Security Index. It is therefore recommended that he be deleted from the Security Index of the Honolulu Division. In the event, he is deleted, he will be placed on the Reserve Index B.

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1 - Mr. Higgins
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FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
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By letter dated April 17, 1963, the Department advised that the subject's name should be removed from the Security Index. This action has been taken at the Bureau and similar action should be taken with respect to the card maintained in your office.

It is noted that the last report in this case was submitted on July 30, 1962. This case should be reopened and your investigation brought up to date. The results of your investigation should be submitted in report form suitable for dissemination, at which time, if warranted, you should submit your recommendation as to whether subject should be included in the Security Index.

A review of the file in this matter reveals that subject has never been interviewed concerning his subversive activities. It is felt that he should be interviewed at this time. Unless you are in possession of information to indicate otherwise, the interview should be conducted in connection with your current investigation of him.

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NOTE: Subject, a Negro, was active in the Communist Party in the Chicago area prior to taking up residence in Hawaii in 1948. In Hawaii subject was active in the Communist Party and continued his membership until 1952, about the time that Communist Party activities in Hawaii ceased. During early 1950's subject was a columnist in the old communist line "Honolulu Record," a weekly newspaper which ceased to exist in 1957. Subject refused to testify before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in Honolulu in 1956. Currently employed as a salesman for a New York company.

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TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation DATE: April 17 1963

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FROM : J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY DETENTION PROGRAM

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Re: Frank Marshall Davis
FBI#: 100-328955
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Reports of investigation of the above have been reviewed

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It has been determined that subject's name should be

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From SAC, Honolulu

(Your file 100-5082) DATE: 6/25/63

To DIRECTOR, FBI (Bufile and Serial 100-328955 ser 59)
(Room No. 888)

SUBJECT: *Frank Marshall Davis*
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The letter 6/27/63 requested extension of time to interview Subject.

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SAC, Honolulu (100-5082)

July 8, 1963

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Reurlet 6/27/63 requesting an extension of authority to interview captioned subject. Authority is granted for an extension of time in order that you may interview the subject, the results of which should be submitted in report form.

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NOTE:

Subject's name was removed from the Security Index by Department letter dated 4/17/63. Subject, a Negro, was active in the Communist Party in Chicago area prior to taking up residence in Hawaii in 1948. In Hawaii subject was active in the Communist Party continuing his activities therein until 1952 when Communist Party activities in Hawaii ceased. Subject refused to testify before Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in 1956. He is currently employed as a salesman for a New York company. Honolulu desires extension of time in order to interview subject away from residence and in secure place. Honolulu originally received authority to interview subject by Bulet 4/23/63.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-328955)

DATE: 6/27/63

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FROM : SAC, HONOLULU (100-5082)

SUBJECT: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
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ReBulet 4/23/63, advising this office to interview subject. DAVIS continues to reside at 2994 Kalihi Street, Honolulu and remains employed as a salesman working out of his home. Recently, contact with security informants of this office gave no indication of any recent subversive activities on the part of DAVIS. Spot checks of DAVIS' home indicates his goings and comings are irregular and to date, when he has been observed by an Agent away from his home, another Bureau Agent has not been present. Due to the fact that DAVIS' wife was also a subject of a security investigation by this office, Bureau permission is not being requested to attempt to contact him at his home.

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It is requested that Bureau authorization to interview DAVIS be extended for an additional 45 days. Upon receipt of that authorization, two Agents will surveil his home until he departs in order that a discreet contact might be had with subject.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-328955)

FROM: SAC, HONOLULU (100-5082)

RE: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
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ReBulet 7/8/63 granting an extension of time within which to interview DAVIS.

Subject was contacted by SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN away from his home on 8/2/63. Another Agent observed the contact. DAVIS appeared to be friendly and stated he believed he would be willing to furnish his observations to questions we might ask him. However, he claimed he had no time for an interview and requested that he be contacted by telephone to set up an appointment.

DAVIS was telephonically contacted thereafter several times and did not agree to a definite appointment until 8/22/63, when he advised he would meet Agents in Kapiolani Park, Honolulu, at 11:30 a.m. 8/26/63.

Although the 45-day period will have expired, UACB subject will be contacted by Agents at that time.

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TITLE OF CASE FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS		REPORT MADE BY LEO S. BRENNEISEN	TYPED BY mak
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C	

REFERENCE:

Report of SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN dated 7/30/62 at Honolulu.
Bureau letter to Honolulu dated 4/23/63.
Honolulu airtel to Bureau dated 8/22/63.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

It is not felt that DAVIS fits either the criteria for the Security Index or the Reserve Index - A. He is being placed on Reserve Index - B of this Office. No attempt is being made to further interview DAVIS because it is believed that he would not be amenable to being developed as a Security Informant at this time.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Copy to:

Report of: **LEO S. BRENNER**
Date: **9/9/63**

Office: **HONOLULU**

Field Office File No.: **HN 100-5082** Bureau File No.: **100-328955**

Title: **FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS**Character: **SECURITY MATTER - C**

Synopsis: Subject still employed as Salesman, Honolulu. Honolulu sources have no information any recent Communist Party or Communist Party front activity on part of DAVIS. On interview 8/26/63, DAVIS declared Communist Party of Hawaii out of existence since 1955 or 1956, but he refused to go on record he was CP member. Subject states his association with many radical groups in the past was motivated by his fight for racial equality rather than international politics.

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DETAILS: AT HONOLULU, HAWAII

I. BACKGROUND

On September 5, 1963, [redacted] reported that DAVIS still resides at 2994 Kalihi Street with his wife and four children. DAVIS is a Salesman for the Wright Company of Syracuse, New York, working out of his home. He handles mainly advertising specialties. He also works as a free-lance salesman for other Mainland business firms.

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II. EVIDENCE OF ANY COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) ACTIVITY

On August 2, 1963, DAVIS was contacted on Waikamilo Road and was asked if he was willing to be interviewed by FBI Agents. DAVIS claimed he had no time for an interview that date but believed he would be willing to furnish his observations to questions that might be put to him. He requested that he be contacted the following week to set up an appointment.

It was not until August 26, 1963, when DAVIS agreed to a definite appointment and met SA's ROBERT F. RYAN and LEO S. BRENNISEN in Kapiolani Park, Honolulu. At the start of the interview DAVIS stated that since first being contacted by the FBI, he had come to the opinion that little could be gained from the interview and he did not see where it would be to his advantage to talk to Agents.

He was asked specifically if he was a member of the Communist Party. He stated that as far as he knew, there was no Communist Party in existence in Hawaii. He was next asked why and when he had broken with the Communist Party. DAVIS then went on at length to state that he had never gone on record as having been a member of the Communist Party, and he, therefore, did not see what could be gained by answering that question.

DAVIS related that he had been associated with a large number of radical organizations in the past, and he had been motivated solely by his fight for racial equality. He took the position that he would "consort with the devil to gain his ends," and his end was the fight against racial discrimination. DAVIS related that he had been born and

reared as a child in Arkansas City, Kansas, where there was a great deal of discrimination against the Negro. After attending high school in Arkansas City, he went to Friends University and later to Kansas State, where he also encountered discrimination. DAVIS pointed out that he was unable to go out for athletics at Kansas State because of a gentlemen's agreement in the conference. After college, he went to Atlanta, Georgia, where he edited a newspaper for some three years and, of course, ran into a terrific amount of discrimination. DAVIS stated that at the time he was in Atlanta, Georgia, the famous [redacted] case arose. This was also the time of the [redacted] case, where the State of Georgia asked a death penalty for a Negro who had led a hunger march on Atlanta. DAVIS related that [redacted] had been defended by BEN DAVIS, JR., and he became acquainted with BEN DAVIS, JR. He stated that the Communist Party had aided the defense in both the [redacted] and the [redacted] cases.

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Subject stated that in the middle 1930's he left Atlanta for Chicago, where he continued in the newspaper field and was employed by the Associated Negro Press. DAVIS stated that on departing from Georgia, he vowed that he would never again live in the Deep South and undergo such racial antagonism.

DAVIS then went on to state that individual Negroes react differently to stimuli of racial discrimination. He points out that a large number of his race cowed by discrimination live only for today while another group lose themselves in religion. He stated that many Negroes attempt to emulate the white man while he, himself, chose to fight discrimination, seeking aid from any side, even radical groups.

DAVIS related that at the Associated Press he was in contact with [redacted] another official of that company. DAVIS claimed that [redacted] had chosen to attack the Negro problem from the conservative side while he had worked the other side of the street. DAVIS stated that [redacted] had also been a Government appointee and in 1948 was released from his Government position. DAVIS stated that [redacted] had been accused of associating with many radical groups, and he believed these accusations had been entirely unfounded and [redacted] had merely been accused of activities participated in by DAVIS.

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In discussing the Negro problem, DAVIS stated he was aware that in Chicago many of the wealthier Negroes, who were looked upon as conservatives, in reality had contributed

money to the Communist Party. They had explained their actions by stating that if the white man was against the Communist Party, they were for it.

DAVIS was reminded that at the time of the hearings held by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in Honolulu in 1956, he had written in his newspaper column the fact that the Communist Party was out of existence at that time. DAVIS replied that he did not recall whose authority he had based the statement on, but to the best of his knowledge, the Communist Party in Hawaii had gone out of existence in 1955 or maybe in early 1956.

In commenting on the hearings in Honolulu in 1956, DAVIS claimed that Senator EASTLAND of Mississippi had aroused a great deal of feeling among Honolulu Negroes on his visit to Hawaii. DAVIS stated that a certain group of Negroes in town at that time had talked of plans to waylay EASTLAND. He reiterated that this group of Negroes were definitely not Communist and were the type of individuals who would not have known a Communist from an anti-Communist.

In commenting on the march on Washington, DAVIS stated that if he were on the Mainland, he would, of course, hoped to have taken a very active part in the project. He stated he hoped the march was handled correctly and that something could be accomplished by it. He stated he believed that the danger existed that some "radicals" would incite violence and in the end hurt the Negroes' fight for equality. DAVIS stated he is of the personal opinion that the Negro is never going to obtain anything without someone of his race pushing for it. He stated it was his personal opinion that the march on Washington in 1939 had forced former President ROOSEVELT to push the enactment of the Fair Employment Practice Act.

DAVIS was then asked that leaving aside the Communist Party backing of the Negro in his battle for equality, would he care to comment on their stand on international politics. DAVIS stated that he was not an authority for international politics, and his main fight had been for Negro rights, and any association he had had in the past with radical groups was based upon his desire to aid the Negro in his fight against discrimination rather than following a certain line in international politics.

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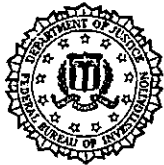
DAVIS, in commenting on the Muslims, stated that he, of course, felt that the organization, although growing in power, was approaching the problem from the wrong side and was almost ridiculous. He stated he believed that during the last decade, a new group had arisen almost every five years advocating ideas espoused by the Muslims. DAVIS stated that when he was in Chicago, he had been aware that Muslims were in existence on the South Side in the 1930's.

DAVIS concluded by stating that he is still residing at 2994 Kalihi Street with his wife and four children and works as a salesman out of his home.

The following sources, who are familiar with some phases of past Communist Party and Communist Party front activity, reported they knew of no such recent activity on part of subject:

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Honolulu, Hawaii
September 9, 1963

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. HN 100-5082

Title FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

Character SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference Report of Special Agent LEO S.
 BRENNEISEN dated September 9,
 1963, at Honolulu.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

FILE NO. **100-15799**

REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE 7/5/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/30, 31; 6/3, 7, 10, 19, 29/44	REPORT MADE BY NED E. NEUTZLING NEN:LMC
TITLE FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject, a negro poet and author, reported to be member of Communist Party and instructor-guest lecturer Abraham Lincoln School. Is reported to associate with high functionaries in the Communist Political Association in Chicago and active as Secretary in organization of National Negro Museum Historical Foundation. Subject also reported to have lectured to gatherings of American Youth for Democracy and Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, and similar groups, and to have written President ROOSEVELT urging him to intervene in the deportation proceedings against Mrs. BROWDER. Subject was born 12/31/04, Arkansas City, Kansas, and resides 3559 Vincennes. Is employed as Executive Editor of Associated Negro Press. Registered Local Draft Board 82, classified 1A(H). No criminal or credit record. Description set out.

DETAILS:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

This investigation is predicated upon information received from confidential informants that Subject was a national sponsor of the American Youth for Democracy, and a guest lecturer at the Abraham Lincoln School for the spring session of 1944.

I. RESIDENCE AND BUSINESS ADDRESS

Subject's residence at 3559 South Vincennes Avenue was verified, as was his employment at 3507 South Parkway.

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II. OCCUPATION

Subject is employed as Executive Editor for the Associated Negro Press, according to the Selective Service file. His duties are described as "General supervision of getting and preparing news and features for distribution to member newspapers of the Associated Negro Press."

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III. SELECTIVE SERVICE STATUS

Subject was a registrant of Local Board 82, 3858 South Parkway, [redacted] [redacted] made available his file which reflected that he registered on October 16, 1940, and was assigned Order Number 1131, and Serial Number 1655. At the time of registration, he resided at 3559 Vincennes, and gave his age as 35, having been born December 31, 1904, at Arkansas City, Kansas. He indicated he was a citizen of the United States, and listed the person who would always know his address as his wife, Mrs. THELMA DAVIS, at the above address.

Upon executing DSS Form 40, Selective Service Questionnaire, on March 25, 1941, Subject stated that he had 9 years elementary school, 5 years high school, and attended Kansas State College for 5½ years, studying journalism. He indicated he was employed by the Associated Negro Press as a feature editor, in which work he had had 14 years experience. His earnings were shown as \$37.50 weekly. Subject further stated that from March 15, 1940, to September 1, 1940, he was Publicity Director for the American Negro Exposition.

In the questionnaire Subject stated he was born December 3, 1905, at Arkansas City, Kansas, was married July 12, 1931, at Atlanta, Georgia, and has no children. The file reflected that he rents his residence at 3559 Vincennes for \$32.50 monthly from [redacted]. In completing his questionnaire, it was noted that the sections referring to court record and military service were left blank.

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On June 19, 1942, Local Board 82 sent the Subject his Occupational Questionnaire, which he executed and returned indicating his Social Security Number as 357-16-3458, and indicated his past employment as Executive Editor for Associated Negro Press, whose business was shown as "National News Service."

On January 15, 1942, Subject, as well as his employer, executed Form DSS 42B. On April 14, 1943, Subject executed DSS Form 41, Registrant's Affidavit--Family Status and Dependents, in which he listed his wife THELMA B. DAVIS, who was stated to have been born May 8, 1903. It was noted that at the time this form

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was executed subject stated his wife had accepted a civil service position as typist in Washington, but would be transferred back to Chicago soon. Her address was given as 1804 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. Subject further stated that in addition to himself and wife, JAMES B. BOGANNEY, age 62, and Subject's step father, also resides at 3559 Vincennes.

On July 19, 1943, DSS Form 42A was filed on behalf of Subject by his employer, which stated that the Subject was employed by the company from September 18, 1935, and entered upon his present job in January of 1942, earning \$50 weekly. His prior work experience was shown as "reporter, feature writer, columnist, and editor on various publications in Chicago, Gary, Indiana, and Atlanta, since 1927." His educational background was shown as student in Journalism School of Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas, from September, 1924, to February, 1927, and from September, 1929, to June, 1930.

Subject was classified 1A(H) by Local Board 82, on January 7, 1944.

IV. CITIZENSHIP STATUS:

According to Subject's Selective Service File, he was born on December 31, 1905, at Arkansas City, Kansas, and is a citizen of the United States of America.

V. CREDIT AND CRIMINAL RECORD:

A check of the credit records of Hills Reports was made by Special Agent ROBERT J. HOENUNG for any record of Subject, with negative results.

The records of the Chicago Police Department were checked by this same agent. No record of any arrest was located, however, the Industrial Detail of the Department reflected that Subject was active as Executive Secretary of the Associated Negro Press, spoke at a meeting of the American Youth for Democracy at the Fine Arts Building, on December 5, 1943, and was one of the Sponsoring Committee to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the "Daily Worker" held at Orchestra Hall, on January 6, 1944.

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VI. BACKGROUND OF ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS:

On April 20, 1942, Bureau advised by letter that the Subject addressed to Mr. TRUMAN K. GIBSON, Junior Assistant Civilian Aid to the Secretary of War, a letter reporting that various unnamed dining car stewards on the Santa Fe

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Trains were pro-Nazi and may be engaged in Nazi espionage activities. Subsequent investigation revealed that Subject's information came from a negro friend employed on the Santa Fe Railroad, whose identity he did not desire to reveal. Investigation was subsequently discontinued, upon the failure to substantiate the allegations in the complaint.

Subject as Executive Secretary of the Associated Negro Press was listed as speaker in a flyer entitled "Meet American Youth for Democracy at the Town Hall Meeting for Interracial Unity for Victory" to be held Sunday, December 5, 1943, at Curtis Hall of the Fine Arts Building.

A clipping in the "Chicago Defender" of February 13, 1944, stated that Subject was a member of the "Negro History Museum Committee, which committee was planned for a Permanent Negro History Museum in Chicago. Members of the organization were to meet at a celebration, Sunday February 20, 1944, at Wendell Phillips High School Auditorium, where BEN DAVIS, New York Councilman, was to speak.

In this same newspaper of May 6, 1944, a clipping stated that Subject, an Executive Editor of the Associated Negro Press and poet, was elected Secretary of the National Negro Museum Historical Foundation, which organization was seeking an Illinois charter and planned to become part of a nation-wide organization to promote the study of negro history and collect and preserve all available material of this nature.

Miss THELMA DALE, a member of the National Council of the National Negro Congress in New York, had conferences with Subject when she came to Chicago on February 19, 1944, to attend a meeting of the National Sorority, according to Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau. b2 b7D

Confidential Informant [redacted] reported on August 13, 1943, that Subject was present at the Abraham Lincoln School on August 8, 1943, to review "New World A'Coming," a novel concerning life in Harlem. It was further reported that Subject is the author of "Black Man's Verse" and "I Am the American Negro." Subject was reported to be Executive Editor of the Associated Negro Press, and both KELLY and GREEN were bidding for his services in their respective campaigns.

Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, reported in November of 1943, that Subject was scheduled to speak at a meeting of the American Youth for Democracy Organization on December 5, 1943, to be held at 7:30 p.m. in Curtis Hall, 410 South Michigan.

Confidential Informant [redacted] reported on December 4, 1943, that JAMES BRILYER, of the "Daily Worker" was in Chicago contacting various people for statements

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of opinions on the Teheran Conference. Subject gave the following statement:

"I would say that it could go a long way toward denouncing HITLER and HIROHITO, who have been using every means of keeping the Soviet Union, Great Britain, and America apart. I would say also that the results laid future basis for cooperation toward building the kind of world which would be free from war and Fascism. I would say also that, of course, there will be attempts to belittle the results but the program of the forces is in the ascending stage and nothing will be able to stop the forward march. Here in Chicago "The Tribune" will dispell its efforts to bring about disunity, but I believe that the majority of the people here are becoming aware of what the Tribune's real purpose is, and they are effectively turning the Midwestern Section in the direction that they want it to go."

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Confidential Informant [redacted] reported in December of 1943 that WILLIAM L. PATTERSON was discussing with the Subject regarding the Abraham Lincoln School getting space in the Art Institute on the South Side, and also in regard to the matter of deportation proceedings of Mrs. EARL BROWDER on which DAVIS agreed to write a letter to President ROOSEVELT.

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In January, 1944, [redacted] advised Confidential Informant [redacted] that ISHMAEL FLORY had suggested that she contact the Subject to teach WILLIAM L. PATTERSON'S course on the outline of Negro History, but that subsequently FLORY had persuaded [redacted] to teach the class.

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This same Informant reported that [redacted] Branch Organizer for the Third Ward Branch of the South Side Section of the Communist Party, had obtained Subject as a speaker for a mass meeting of the American Youth for Democracy to be held at the Central YECA on January 9, 1944.

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In the same month a program called due to a community conference to discuss ways and means of combating anti-Semitism to be held under the auspices of the South Side Committee for Racial Unity lists Subject as one of the sponsors, and on February 4, 1944, this Informant reported that in connection with the Abraham Lincoln School anniversary party to be held on February 13, 1944, [redacted] WILLIAM L. PATTERSON'S wife, had suggested a list of persons to whom invitations should be sent. This list contained the name of the Subject.

[redacted] further reported that Subject would give a short speech at the anniversary party on the National Negro History Week, and was scheduled to give a speech at a Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee party here February 12, 1944, in celebration of American Night.

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[redacted] was advised by [redacted] that Subject was scheduled to address the American Youth for Democracy meeting at the University of Chicago on the evening of February 10, 1944, and [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that Subject was listed on the official program as a member of the Sponsoring Committee of a conference held January 17, 1944, in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the "Daily Worker."

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[redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, reported that on January 26, 1944, [redacted] and [redacted] had obtained a list of sponsors for the BEN DAVIS meeting, which was scheduled for February 20, 1944, in which Subject's name was included. This same informant furnished a partial list of the sponsors of the BEN DAVIS meeting, which included the name of the Subject.

On February 14, 1944, Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that Subject, associated with the Associated Negro Press and member of the Communist Party, was a member of the Planning Committee planning the Negro History Program for Sunday, February 20, at the Wendell Phillips High School. [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, reported that at a regular meeting of the Second Ward Branch held at the Carver Center on February 17, 1944, it was announced that on March 12, 1944, Subject would give a lecture on GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER'S Life at the Carver Center, which would be the first of a series of educational lectures to be held.

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According to Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, the Abraham Lincoln School in February of 1944 was organizing a new class called "United Nations On the March", the class to be given one evening each week, each lecture to be devoted to a different major United Nation and its participation in the war. It was the Informant's belief Subject would give a lecture on "Africa and the Colonial World."

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This same Informant advised in February of 1944, that [redacted] had arranged with the Subject to help publicize a course on LEADBEILLY, who is a negro folk singer.

According to [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, [redacted] had stated that she had made reservations for 12 for a dinner to precede the affair at the Abraham Lincoln School, at which [redacted] was to be featured. She advised that among others, the following would be present: WILLIAM L. PATTERSON

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[redacted] ISHMAEL FLORY, [redacted] and the Subject.

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According to [redacted] WILLIAM L. PATTERSON had advised that Subject, whom he referred to as "a new guest lecturer at the School" is a member of the "Church" evidently referring to the Communist Party. This Informant advised that in April, of 1944, PATTERSON had [redacted] that the Subject was a poet in his own right, is very progressive, and very much interested in the Soviet Union, and that DAVIS at the present time is an instructor at the School.

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According to [redacted] Subject was working with [redacted] in obtaining recruits for the Communist Party among International Workers Order members, and that [redacted] had stated in March, 1944, that she had been charged by the Chicago Executive Board of the Communist Party with the responsibility of organizing negroes throughout the nation into an autonomous national group society and that Subject was working with her in this connection. It was further indicated by the Informant Subject had been in contact with the International Workers Order Headquarters during the latter part of March and early part of April.

In the "Daily Worker" of January 23, 1944, an article entitled "Negro Writer Pleads for Mrs. BROWDER" was printed. In his letter to President ROOSEVELT, DAVIS was quoted as saying the following:

"Because I am also a member of the minority group, I cannot help but feel the injustice of the persecution heaped by Attorney General BIDDLE on Mrs. EARL BROWDER, who faces deportation because of a mere technicality.

"Mrs. BROWDER has committed no crime. She is not a dangerous alien. There is no evidence she has ever actively participated in American politics. She is the mother of three children, who are at least as American as any other.

"But she is the wife of the General Secretary of the Communist Party. This means she is married to a man who places winning the war against Fascism and complete unity of all the people above any and all considerations. Does this, therefore, make Mrs. BROWDER unfit to live in our great nation?"

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Confidential Informants [redacted] and [redacted] were contacted for any record of Subject with negative results. [redacted] made available a leaflet purported to have been distributed by the Communist Party, entitled "Meet American Youth For Democracy," setting forth a town hall meeting of the Interracial Unity for Victory on December 5, 1944, at which Subject was listed as a speaker. The same Informant made available a leaflet purported to have been distributed from local Chicago Communist Party Headquarters on April 15, 1944, entitled "Friends of the New Masses in Chicago Presents the Sugar Brought Against America," and urged that the people come and hear BRUCE MINTON, Washington editor of the "New Masses." Subject was listed as a sponsor for this event.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that Subject had resided at 3559 Vincennes