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CREDIT

On June 30, 1961, Miss [REDACTED] Clerk, Providence Credit Bureau, 40 Fountain Street, Providence, Rhode Island, advised Investigative Clerk [REDACTED] her files contain a prompt credit rating for [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Providence, Rhode Island, formerly [REDACTED]. She advised the files reflect he is connected with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She stated the files reflect no additional information, and no information in the name of [REDACTED]

ARREST

On June 30, 1961, [REDACTED] Clerk, Rhode Island Bureau of Criminal Identification, Providence County Courthouse, Providence, Rhode Island, a repository for criminal arrest records for the State of Rhode Island, advised Investigative Clerk [REDACTED] his files contain no record in the names of [REDACTED]

On June 30, 1961, Officer [REDACTED] Providence, Rhode Island Police Department Bureau of Identification, advised Investigative Clerk [REDACTED] his files contain no record in the names of [REDACTED]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office SPRINGFIELD	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 7/3/61	Investigative Period 6/29;30/61
TITLE OF CASE MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS		Report made by SA [REDACTED] b7C	Typed By: sl
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Bureau File No.:

Title:

MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

(^{Engle}Education) verified at University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois. Former colleague recommends. No credit or arrest record at Champaign-Urbana, Illinois.

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DETAILS: AT CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, ILLINOIS

EMPLOYMENT

University of Illinois

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On June 29, 1961, Miss [REDACTED] Office of the President, advised as follows:

MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS, who was born on September 10, 1895 at Bellefontaine, Ohio, was employed by the university on a one-half time basis as a Visiting Research Professor in the Department of Sociology, Graduate College, from September 1, 1948 to January 31, 1949. Prior to his assignment at the university, HERSKOVITS was a Professor of Anthropology at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. His appointment at the University of Illinois was recommended by Dr. JOHN W. ALBIG, Chairman of the Department of Sociology, and Dean LOUIS N. RIDENOUR, Graduate College, now deceased. HERSKOVITS was retained by the university to teach two graduate courses in Anthropology.

On June 29, 1961, Mrs. [REDACTED] Security Office, advised that records of her office contained no information concerning HERSKOVITS.

On June 30, 1961, [REDACTED] advised as follows:

He was a colleague of HERSKOVITS during 1948 - 1949 and has entertained him in his home. HERSKOVITS, a well-known and extremely competent anthropologist, heads the Department of Anthropology at Northwestern University and, in 1948, was prevailed upon to teach two courses at the University of Illinois. He commuted to Urbana from his home in Evanston, Illinois and was in Urbana overnight once a week. Overnight accommodations were arranged for him at Illini Union.

[REDACTED] related that HERSKOVITS is an individual whose character and reputation are above reproach and described him as personable and pleasant. He could furnish no information concerning appointee's associates but said that he assumed

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they would be fellow professionals. [redacted] advised that he had no information on which to base an opinion of appointee's loyalty but said that he would assume HERSKOVITS to be an excellent security risk. [redacted] reported that he would recommend appointee for confidential work as he considers him reliable and trustworthy. He concluded that, due to resignations and retirements in the Departments of [redacted]

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On June 29, 1961, [redacted] advised that he was a colleague of HERSKOVITS during 1948 - 1949 and found him to be personable and pleasant. He said that appointee has an excellent professional reputation and is highly regarded in academic circles. [redacted] added, however, that he did not know appointee socially and could furnish no information relating to his character, reputation, associations or loyalty.

CREDIT AND CRIMINAL

On June 29, 1961, the following advised that records of their agencies contained no information concerning HERSKOVITS:

Mrs. [redacted] Clerk, Credit Bureau of Champaign County, 44 Main Street, Champaign;

[redacted] Urbana Police Department;

[redacted] Jailor, Champaign County Jail, Urbana;

Mrs. [redacted] Clerk, Champaign Police Department.

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		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

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Office: **PITTSBURGH**

Field Office File No.: **Pittsburgh 161-73**

Bureau File No.:

Title: **MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITZ**

Character: **SPECIAL INQUIRY**

Synopsis:

MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITZ graduated Erie High School, Erie, Pa., in 6/12. Entered that school from El Paso, Texas, in 9/11. Was employed as a clerk in a clothing store operated by his father for several years after graduating from high school. **HERSKOVITZ** and his family believed to be of good character and reputation. No record credit or arrest.

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DETAILS

EDUCATION

On June 29, 1961, [REDACTED] Strong Vincent High School, Erie, Pa., advised that Strong Vincent High School is the successor to the old Erie High School. He advised that records of the Erie High School indicate that MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITZ entered that school from El Paso, Texas, on September 5, 1911, at the age of sixteen. He graduated in June, 1912, receiving a "simple diploma." [REDACTED] advised that information on the records is not clear but it appears that he maintained a grade of 77 per cent for his high school work.

EMPLOYMENT

On June 29, 1961, [REDACTED] Bakers Clothing Store, 7th and State St., Erie, Pa., advised that HERMAN HERSKOVITZ formerly operated a men's clothing store in Erie, Pa. He advised that MELVILLE HERSKOVITZ attended high school in Erie and after graduation worked as a clerk in his father's store. He advised that MELVILLE HERSKOVITZ left Erie in about 1917 - 1918 and stated that to the best of his knowledge has not resided in Erie since that time. He advised that it is his recollection that HERSKOVITZ gave a talk in Erie about twenty-five years ago while on a lecture tour.

[REDACTED] advised that he was well acquainted with the HERSKOVITZ family. He stated that he believes them to be of excellent character and reputation and advised that he knows of nothing unfavorable concerning any member of the family.

On June 29, 1961, [REDACTED] Erie, Pa., advised that he was well acquainted with HERSKOVITZ when he was working as a clerk in his father's store. He advised that he has had no contact with him in many years and knows nothing of his recent activities. He advised that the HERSKOVITZ family enjoyed an excellent reputation in Erie, Pa., when they resided there and advised that he knows of nothing unfavorable concerning any member of the family.

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CREDIT AND ARREST

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On June 29, 1960, [REDACTED], Erie Credit Bureau, Erie, Pa., advised that records of that Bureau contain no information concerning HERMAN HERSKOVITZ, HENRIETTA HERSKOVITZ, MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITZ, or FRANCES S. HERSKOVITZ.

On June 29, 1961, Sergeant [REDACTED] Erie, Pa., Police Department, advised that records of that department contain no information concerning MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITZ or any of his relatives.

MISCELLANEOUS

Review of the past city directories for the city of Erie, Pa., at the Erie Public Library disclosed that HERMAN HERSKOVITZ and MELVILLE HERSKOVITZ were listed from 1912 to 1918. HERMAN HERSKOVITZ was listed as operating a clothing store at 1126 State Street and residing at 315 W. 8th St., and 129 W. 8th Street. MELVILLE HERSKOVITZ was listed as a clerk residing at the same address

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Reporting Office CHICAGO	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 7/3/61	Investigative Period 6/28 - 7/3/61
TITLE OF CASE MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS		Report made by [REDACTED] b7C	Typed By: mabh
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

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Chicago [REDACTED] contacted by SA [REDACTED]

The following informants were contacted concerning the applicant with negative results:

b2 [REDACTED] by SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] by SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] by SA [REDACTED]

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Information concerning the following organizations contained subsequently in this report was obtained from the following sources:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Source</u>
National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions (NCASP)	House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA)
Progressive Citizens of America (PCA)	HCUA

ADMINISTRATIVE

On June 29, 1961, [REDACTED], Civil Engineering Department, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, advised that Professor [REDACTED]

On June 30, 1961, [REDACTED] Personnel Department, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, advised that Professor [REDACTED]

On July 3, 1961, [REDACTED] advised that JAMES WILLIAM BUCHANON, former Professor, Department of Zoology, Northwestern University, died in June, 1952.

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

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Report of: SA [REDACTED] Office: Chicago
Date: July 3, 1961
Field Office File No.: 161-322 Bureau File No.:
Title: MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Applicant's education at University of Chicago and his employment at Northwestern University verified. Associates, professors, and former students at Northwestern University have high regard for applicant and comment favorably concerning him. Applicant is considered to be among foremost anthropologists in the United States and a pioneer of American Anthropological Studies of African Affairs. 1947 edition of the Chicago Star reports applicant served on the Executive Committee of Progressive Citizens of America (PCA). In 1948 an informant advised that the applicant was a member-at-large of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions (NCASP). In 1958 applicant furnished statement to Department of State denying having been a member of the Communist Party. No arrest record located. Applicant has favorable credit rating. Address of wife, FRANCES SHAPIRO HERSKOVITS, verified.

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DETAILS:

Education

**University of Chicago
5801 South Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois**

b7c On June 29, 1961, Mrs. [REDACTED] Registrar's Office, advised SA [REDACTED] that a review of academic records disclosed the following information:

MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS was born September 10, 1895, at Bellefontaine, Ohio. Before entering the University of Chicago he attended Erie High School and the Hebrew Union College and the University of Cincinnati.

HERSKOVITS was admitted to the University of Chicago as an undergraduate student in the College of Liberal Arts on September 29, 1919. He was awarded a Bachelor of Philosophy degree on June 15, 1920, by the University of Chicago. ✓

HERSKOVITS maintained a grade average of A- or B+ and majored in liberal arts. He studied the Hebrew, Greek and Russian languages.

The academic files contained no unfavorable information concerning HERSKOVITS. Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that inasmuch as it had been forty years since HERSKOVITS attended the University of Chicago, she knew of no one who would remember him as a student nor could she identify any of the professors who would have been his instructors. b7c

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On June 29, 1961, [REDACTED] Alumni Association, University of Chicago, advised a review of her records disclosed the following information:

The applicant was awarded a Bachelor of Philosophy degree by the University of Chicago on June 15, 1920. His home address is 810 Clinton Place, Evanston, Illinois, and he is employed as a member of the faculty of Northwestern University. In 1945 the applicant received the University of Chicago Alumni Citation. [REDACTED] said that the files of her office contained no unfavorable information concerning the applicant.

Employment and Associates

Northwestern University
Evanston, Illinois

[REDACTED] June 28, 1961, [REDACTED] advised that the records of his office disclosed the following information:

MRS. MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS, DOB 10/21/1897 MINSK, RUSSIA resides with his wife FRANCES HERSKOVITS, nee SHAPIRO, at 810 Clinton Place, Evanston, Illinois. The applicant has one daughter, FRANCES HERSKOVITS, who was born in 1935.

JEAN HERSKOVITS
The applicant received a Bachelor of Philosophy degree with a major in History in 1920 from the University of Chicago; a Master of Arts degree with a major in Sociology from Columbia University in 1921, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree with a major in Anthropology in 1923 from Columbia University.

MRS. [REDACTED]
The applicant also attended Columbia University under a National Research Fellowship from 1923 to 1926. He served as a lecturer at Columbia University from 1924 to 1927.

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In September, 1927, the applicant joined the faculty of Northwestern University as an assistant professor. He has been a member of the faculty continuously since that time and presently is a Professor of Anthropology in the College of Liberal Arts and serves as Director of African Studies.

The applicant was designated the "President's Fellow" for the academic year 1960 - 1961.

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[REDACTED] advised that he is personally acquainted with the applicant and has the highest respect for him. [REDACTED] considers the applicant to be a person of good reputation, high moral character, and favorable associates. [REDACTED] said that to be designated the President's Fellow is one of the highest honors that can be bestowed upon a member of the faculty by Northwestern University. He said that each year the president of the University is authorized to designate one member of the faculty as the President's Fellow which entitles him to one year's leave of absence with full salary. [REDACTED] said that at the present time the applicant is on leave of absence pursuant to his being designated the President's Fellow and has been conducting research in connection with a book which he is preparing for publication.

[REDACTED] said that the applicant has traveled widely throughout the United States, South America and Africa. He said the applicant is considered to be one of the foremost anthropologists in the United States and has done much to improve the Anthropology Department of Northwestern University. [REDACTED] said he considers the applicant to be a loyal, patriotic American citizen and recommends him highly for a position of trust.

On June 28, 1961, Miss [REDACTED] College of Liberal Arts, advised that the records of her office reflect the following information:

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The applicant joined the faculty of Northwestern University as an Assistant Professor in 1927. In 1935 he became a Professor of Anthropology and in 1938 was designated Chairman of the Anthropological Department which position he held until 1957. During his tenure at Northwestern University the applicant has traveled widely throughout the United States, Central and South America and Africa. No record is maintained of short periods of absences however, the records reflect that the applicant had the following leaves of absence:

During the academic year 1931 - 1932 the applicant was on a leave of absence to do field research in West Africa.

During the academic year 1937 - 1938 the applicant was on a leave of absence while writing a book entitled "Economic Life of Primitive People".

During the academic year 1941 - 1942 the applicant was on a leave of absence while on an expedition to South America which was financed by the Rockefeller Foundation.

During the academic year 1952 - 1953 the applicant was on a leave of absence in order to conduct a survey of affairs in Africa and to appear at the University College of the Gold Coast.

During the academic year 1956 - 1957 the applicant was on a leave of absence in order to travel through countries in Africa.

During the academic year 1960 - 1961 the applicant was on a leave of absence as the "President's Fellow".

Miss [redacted] advised that she is personally acquainted with the applicant [redacted]

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[REDACTED] She said she has the highest regard for the applicant as an individual and feels that he is a reputable, honest, trustworthy and responsible person. She feels that the applicant is a loyal, patriotic American citizen.

On June 29, 1961, [REDACTED] Anthropology Department, furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] At that time the applicant was considered to be an outstanding anthropologist and [REDACTED] had a high regard for him professionally.

In 1944 [REDACTED] came to the United States where he was continuing his study of anthropology [REDACTED] he heard many favorable comments concerning the applicant.

In 1946 he renewed his acquaintance with the applicant when they met at the American Anthropological Association which was holding its meeting in Chicago, Illinois.

[REDACTED] feels the applicant is honest, reliable, trustworthy and dependable. He said the applicant has a strong will and is occasionally outspoken which causes some people to dislike him.

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██████████ feels the applicant is a loyal citizen and is a strong advocate of a democratic form of government. He said the applicant will argue strongly for anything which he feels will improve the position of the United States and will do all within his power to build a solid foundation for the United States in Africa.

██████████ considers the applicant to be a foremost American anthropologist. He said the applicant had been a pioneer in American studies of African affairs.

Recently the applicant was requested by the United States Senate to prepare a report on African Affairs and he was later invited to testify before the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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██████████ has observed many representatives of African nations when they visited Northwestern University. He said that the applicant was largely responsible for those representatives desiring to visit Northwestern University. ██████████ said that all of the African representatives whom he has seen at Northwestern University have had great admiration for the applicant and have considered him as a close friend.

On June 29, 1961, ██████████
██████████ Evanston, Illinois, furnished the following information:

He was a graduate student at Northwestern University from ██████████. He came to Northwestern University in order to study anthropology under the applicant. Since ██████████ has been conducting research under fellowships in connection with the study of African affairs.

██████████ considers the applicant to be one of the most outstanding anthropologists and to be a person of high morals and favorable associates. He said the applicant has an outstanding reputation especially in the field of African affairs.

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[redacted] has conducted research in Western European and African countries. As a result of his association with the applicant his work in those countries was made much easier. When persons with whom he came in contact in those countries learned that he had studied under the applicant and was performing research which would assist the applicant, they readily cooperated with [redacted]

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[redacted] considers the applicant to be a loyal citizen of the United States and has never heard the applicant profess any Marxist beliefs. [redacted] has heard the applicant vigorously defend the traditions of the United States. [redacted] feels that the United States would be well-represented in anything by the applicant.

On June 30, 1961, [redacted], Illinois, furnished the following information:

She has been acquainted with the applicant since [redacted] when she enrolled at Northwestern University to do graduate study in anthropology. She considers the applicant to have an outstanding reputation especially in the field of anthropology. She said he has the highest moral character and associates with persons who enjoy a favorable reputation also. The applicant is exceedingly energetic for a person of his age and meets all of his commitments. [redacted] considers the applicant to be reliable, trustworthy and dependable. She said the applicant has specialized in affairs of the Negro race and has been largely responsible for organizing the African Studies Program at Northwestern University. The African Studies Program began as a seminar group at Northwestern University, but through the efforts of the applicant and financial grants from the Carnegie and Ford Foundations, the African Studies Program at Northwestern University has become one of the outstanding study programs in the United States.

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[redacted] said she had recently returned from Africa where she was doing research work under a [redacted]. She was in [redacted] when that country became independent. The applicant visited briefly in Nigeria at that time and was a guest of Dr. NNANIDI AZIKEE, who has become Governor General of Nigeria. She said that Dr. AZIKEE had great admiration for the applicant and considered him to be a close personal friend. The applicant was also at University College, Ibadan, while [redacted] was in Africa. She said the applicant was a guest of the principal of the University and received many honors from the University's administration.

[redacted] considers the applicant to be extremely loyal to the United States and has been devoting many of his efforts to build strong, favorable relations between the United States and the new African nations. [redacted] said she would highly recommend the applicant for a position of trust.

On June 30, 1961, [redacted]

[redacted] furnished the following information:

W. J. Taylor
He has been closely associated with the applicant since joining the faculty of Northwestern University in [redacted]. He has frequently contacted the applicant on a social and academic basis. They have visited in each others home [redacted].

[redacted] considers the applicant to be an outstanding individual of high moral character and good reputation. He said the applicant is a loyal patriotic American citizen who will do all that he possibly can to advance and uphold the traditions of the United States. As a result of the applicant's many visits to Africa, representatives of the African nations have frequently visited the campus of Northwestern University.

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[REDACTED] has been present at many social and academic functions where the African representatives were in attendance. The representatives of the African nations have a great admiration for the applicant and consider him to be a close personal friend. The African representatives have made many favorable comments to [REDACTED] concerning the applicant and his highly favorable reputation among the African countries.

[REDACTED]

On June 30, 1961, [REDACTED] Professor [REDACTED] furnished the following information:

He has been closely associated with the applicant since joining the faculty of Northwestern University in [REDACTED]. He considers the applicant to be an outstanding individual of excellent reputation and high moral character. The applicant has specialized in the anthropological studies relating to African and Negro cultures. He has become one of the outstanding anthropologists in the United States.

[REDACTED] said he considers the applicant to be a loyal American citizen who is a firm believer in the traditions of the United States.

[REDACTED] advised that his records disclosed the following information concerning the applicant:

The applicant's professional career has included being a fellow in anthropology and a lecturer at Columbia University and Howard University. The applicant was an Honorary Professor at Fac de Filosofia, Bahia, Brazil. The applicant was a leader of an expedition to Dutch Guiana from 1928 to 1929, to West Africa in 1931, to Haiti in 1934, to Trinidad in 1939, and to Brazil in 1941 - 1942.

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He joined the faculty of Northwestern University as an Assistant Professor in 1927. He became an Associate Professor in 1931 and a Professor in 1935. The applicant was a visiting professor in the University of California in the Summer of 1950. He has served as Director of the Summer Institute of contemporary Africa at Northwestern University in 1951. The applicant was a member of the Commission of the International Union of Anthropological Science which met in Paris in 1949. He attended the Third International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Science which met at Brussels, Belgium in August, 1948. He attended the American Anthropological Association which met at Toronto, Canada, in December, 1948.

In the academic year 1956 - 1957, the applicant was a guest lecturer at the Universities of Ibadan (Nigeria), Lovanium and Elizabethville (Belgium Congo), Royal Technical College (Nairobi), University College of Rhodesia and Nyasaland (Salisbury) and Rhodes University, University of Capetown, University of South Africa (Union of South Africa).

In 1958 the applicant attended the International Congress of Americanists which met at San Jose, Costa Rica, in July, 1958. He attended the American Anthropological Association which met at Mexico City, Mexico, in December, 1959.

In 1958, the applicant was awarded a citation by the Evanston Committee on Race Relations.

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Reference

On June 29, 1961, [REDACTED] Professor [REDACTED] Northwestern University, furnished the following information:

He has known the applicant since [REDACTED]. They have been closely associated [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] the African Studies Program of which the applicant is chairman. The African Studies Program has been in operation at Northwestern University for 13 years. The program was originated by the applicant and through his efforts has expanded to its present position as one of the outstanding college study groups specializing in African affairs. Graduate students engaged in the study program travel to Africa where they do research work. Much of the programs work is sponsored by the Ford and Carnegie Foundations.

The applicant has traveled in many of the African nations which are south of the Sahara Dessert. He knows many people in those countries and all of them appear to have great respect and confidence in the applicant. Many delegates and representatives of these African nations have visited Northwestern University primarily to renew their acquaintance with the applicant. [REDACTED] has observed many of these African representatives and in the presence of the applicant the representatives tend to adopt a relaxed attitude with the applicant which is not usually found among diplomats.

[REDACTED] feels the applicant has a true understanding of the problems which exist in Africa and is one of the best qualified men in the United States to handle these problems. The applicant's early interest in the anthropology field was centered in the Caribbean and South American countries. His studies in these countries caused him to become interested in the African countries and today the applicant is considered one of the outstanding American anthropologists who have specialized in African matters.

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In 1958 the applicant was requested to prepare a report for the Senate Relations Committee on Foreign Affairs concerning matters in Africa and in May, 1958, the applicant was personally invited to testify before the committee.

[REDACTED] considered the applicant to be an outstanding individual of excellent reputation and high moral character. [REDACTED] said the applicant associates with many members of the Northwestern University faculty and is held in high esteem by all of them. [REDACTED] considered the applicant to be a loyal, patriotic American citizen. He said the applicant is interested in the advancement of African nations and the establishment of favorable relations between the United States and the African countries.

Miscellaneous

On June 29, 1961, [REDACTED] Clerk, Editorial Department, "Evanston Review", Evanston, Illinois, advised that the records of his office reflect the following information:

The applicant has made several trips to African countries. The latest trip which the applicant made to Africa was in July, 1960, when he and his wife traveled through Europe and Western Africa spending three weeks in Nigeria and visiting briefly in Moscow, Russia. The applicant attended meetings of the International Anthropological Society in Paris and Moscow. When the applicant returned from Africa to Evanston, Illinois, he was interviewed by the "Evanston Review" and in the October 27, 1960 issue of the newspaper, the applicant was quoted as saying, "I don't think Lumumba is a Communist and we would have no business interfering in the Congo". The newspaper also quoted the applicant as saying that for the United States to seek direct action in the Congo would be fatal to this country's standing in Africa and that the United States should work through the United Nations.

[REDACTED] said the files of the "Evanston Review" contain no unfavorable information which would reflect in a derogatory manner upon the applicant or his wife, FRANCES HERSKOVITS.

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The Communist Party, USA, which is mentioned in this report, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

"The Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist daily newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

On June 29, 1961, Chicago [REDACTED] who is familiar with some phases of Communist activities in the Chicago area, advised that he is not personally acquainted with the applicant, but has read some of his books and considers him to be an authority on Africa. Chicago [REDACTED] advised that he has no other knowledge regarding applicant.

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On June 29, 1961, other confidential informants, who are familiar with some phases of Communist activities in the Chicago area, were contacted and all advised that they are not acquainted with the applicant and have no knowledge regarding the applicant.

Credit and Arrest

On June 28, 1961, [REDACTED], Clerk, Credit Bureau of Evanston, 1014 Davis, Evanston, Illinois, advised the records of her office reflect the following information:

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MELVILLE J. HERSKOVITS and his wife, FRANCES, 810 Clinton Place, Evanston, Illinois, have been known in the files of the Credit Bureau since 1944. HERSKOVITS is an anthropologist at Northwestern University and has written many books in that field. He has lead expeditions in Dutch Guinea, West Africa, Haiti, and Brazil. All of HERSKOVITS' credit experience has been in the Evanston area. The file has been inactive since January 20, 1958. The file contains no information of an unfavorable nature.

On June 29, 1961, [REDACTED], Clerk, Chicago Credit Bureau, Incorporated, advised IC [REDACTED] that the records of her office reflect the following information:

MELVILLE J. HERSKOVITS and his wife FRANCES, 810 Clinton Place, Evanston, Illinois, have a favorable credit rating in the Chicago area. HERSKOVITS is a professor of anthropology at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. HERSKOVITS is reported to own his home at 810 Clinton Place, Evanston. The file contained no information of an unfavorable nature concerning the applicant or his wife.

On June 28, 1961, [REDACTED], Clerk, Records Bureau, Evanston, Illinois Police Department, advised that the files of her office contain no record identifiable with the applicant or his wife, FRANCES HERSKOVITS.

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On June 30, 1961, IC [REDACTED] checked the records of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, and could locate no record identifiable with the applicant or his wife.

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National Council of the Arts, Sciences
and Professions

A Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee of Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., page 61, reflects the following concerning the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions:

1. Cited as a Communist front.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1954 on the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace arranged by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, and held in New York City on March 25, 26, and 27, 1949, April 26, 1950, originally released April 19, 1949, page 2.)

2. Cited as a Communist front which is "used to appeal to special occupational groups * * *"

(Internal Security Sub-Committee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, page 91.)

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Progressive Citizens of America

A Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee of Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., page 130, reflects the following concerning the Progressive Citizens of America:

1. Cited as a Communist front. The "initial meeting" of the Progressive Citizens of America at the Embassy Auditorium in the City of Los Angeles on the evening of February 11, 1947, was actually a consolidation of the National Citizens Political Action Committee and the Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions.

(California Joint Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1947, pp. 234-240, and California Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, pp. 356 and 357.)



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Chicago, Illinois
July 3, 1961

Title **MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS**

Character **SPECIAL INQUIRY**

Reference is made to the report of Special
Agent **[REDACTED]** dated
and captioned as above.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office ST. LOUIS	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 7-3-61	Investigative Period 6/29-30/61
TITLE OF CASE MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS		Report made by IC [REDACTED] b7C	Typed By: WIDE
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Synopsis:

REFERENCE:

Bureau teletype, 6-27-61.
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Report of: IC [REDACTED] ^{b7c} Office: ST. LOUIS
 Date: 7-3-61
 Field Office File No.: SL: 161-475 Bureau File No.:
 Title: MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Records FRC, GSA, SLMO, indicated MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS employed by BEW, Chicago, Ill. and Washington, D. C. on 2 occasions. Terminated by reason of termination of appointment and expiration of contract. No Dept. of Agriculture or State Department records located. HERSKOVITS served in ERC and USA, 6-1-17 to 7-29-19. Received honorable discharge.

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

On June 30, 1961, a review of the personnel records, Federal Records Center, General Services Administration, for MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS indicated that he was employed on October 17, 1942, as a Head Consultant, per diem basis, when actually employed with the Board of Economic Warfare, Blockade and Supply Branch, Reoccupation and Reconstruction Division with headquarters at Chicago, Illinois. This employment was terminated on December 31, 1942, in the same position by reason of termination of appointment in order to enter on duty as a contract employee. ✓

He was employed on January 1, 1943, as a Consultant, per diem basis, when actually employed, with the Board of Economic Warfare, Office of Economic Warfare Analysis, at Washington, D. C. ✓ to consult with the Reoccupation Division on all matters of concern to the Division relating to Africa [REDACTED] economic, anthropological, sociological. This employment was terminated on June 30, 1943, in the same position by reason of expiration of contract.

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Personnel of the Federal Records Center advised that no record of employment with the Department of Agriculture or Department of State could be located.

The date and place of birth were shown as September 10, 1895, at Bellefontaine, Ohio.

A review on June 30, 1961, by SE [REDACTED] ^{b7C} of the military service records on file at the General Services Administration, Military Personnel Records Center, for MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS, SN 985 254, indicated that he enlisted in the Enlisted Reserve Corps, June 1, 1917, at Fort Thomas, Kentucky, and was assigned to Base Hospital # 25, Cincinnati, Ohio. He was called to active duty in the U. S. Army, March 5, 1918, at Camp Sherman, Ohio. He was honorably discharged, July 29, 1919, as a Private First Class at Camp Dix, New Jersey, by reason of demobilization.

His military occupation was not shown. His civilian occupation was shown as student. He had foreign service in Europe. There was no record of the award of any medals or decorations. His character and efficiency ratings were excellent and there is no record of courts-martial or absence without official leave.

The date and place of birth were shown as September 10, 1895, at Bellefontaine, Ohio.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office CINCINNATI	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 7/3/61	Investigative Period 6/29/61
TITLE OF CASE MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS		Report made by SA [REDACTED] b7C	Typed By: MAC
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Report of: SA [REDACTED] b7c

Date: 7/3/61

Office: CINCINNATI

Field Office File No.: CI 161-87

Bureau File No.:

Title: MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Birth Verified. Appointee attended University of Cincinnati and Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, Ohio, from September, 1915, until February, 1918. Associates of Hebrew Union College recommend him highly. Credit and arrest Cincinnati negative.

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DETAILS

EDUCATION

[redacted] Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, Ohio, advised on June 29, 1961, her records indicate the appointee attended the school from September 1915 until February, 1918. The file contained nothing which could be considered derogatory concerning his character or loyalty to the United States. She stated many of the persons attending Hebrew Union College also attended the University of Cincinnati. This was done to obtain an AB degree from University of Cincinnati while obtaining a Degree as a Rabbi from the Hebrew Union College. She noted that the file did not indicate whether the appointee was attending the University of Cincinnati at the same time he was attending Hebrew Union College. The file indicated the appointee did not graduate as he left the school in February, 1918, to join the army and he served in some unidentified hospital. She stated the only two persons who are presently at the school who were there when the appointee attended are [redacted]

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Jewish Institute of Religion

[redacted] Hebrew Union College advised on June 29, 1961, that he recalls the appointee as a man who attended Hebrew Union College at the same time he attended. He has known the appointee socially since [redacted] and knows him by reputation also. He stated he has never seen or heard anything which could be considered as unfavorable concerning the appointee. He considers him to be an outstanding man who would be a great asset to the Government of the U. S. if he is given a position. He believes the appointee's possible interest in obtaining a position with the Government is due to his belief in serving his country. He has always been a loyal citizen and his character and associates are absolutely above reproach. He stated he would recommend the appointee most highly for any position of trust with the U. S. Government.

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[redacted] Hebrew Union College, advised on June 29, 1961, that he was a contemporary of the appointee while they both attended the Hebrew Union College during the period of [redacted] to [redacted]. He has maintained some contact with the appointee since [redacted] but their relationship has not been a close personal one. He has known the appointee by reputation for many years. The appointee has never been in any trouble and there has never been any

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indication that he has been associated with any persons or groups not loyal to the U. S. Government. In his opinion the appointee is a man of outstanding character. He is an expert on Africa and the Negro and he would be a tremendous asset to the U. S. Government in those fields. He recommended the appointee without any reservation for a position of trust.

[redacted] University of Cincinnati, advised on June 29, 1961, that his records indicate the appointee attended the University of Cincinnati from September, 1915 until February, 1918, at which time he withdrew voluntarily. The record did not contain any indication of disciplinary action or unfavorable information. The file indicated he was born on September 10, 1895, and entered the University as a graduate of Erie High School, Erie, Pennsylvania.

[redacted] stated he does not recall the appointee and does not know of anyone presently at the University of Cincinnati who was there at the same time as the appointee.

CREDIT AND ARREST

[redacted] Credit Bureau of Cincinnati, 24-26 East Sixth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, advised SA [redacted] on June 28, 1961, that a review of her records failed to reveal any record for the appointee.

[redacted] Identification Bureau, and [redacted] Record Room, Cincinnati Police Department, advised SA [redacted] on June 28, 1961, that a review of their respective records failed to reveal any record for the appointee.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on June 27, 1961, at Bellefontaine, Ohio:

[redacted] Probate Court, Logan County, Bellefontaine, Ohio, advised that a review of her records indicated the appointee was born on September 10, 1895, at Bellefontaine, Ohio.

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Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

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Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 7/3/61	Investigative Period 6/28 - 30/61
TITLE OF CASE MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS		Report made by [REDACTED] b7C	Typed By: mgr
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NY files reflect that the name of Professor MELVILLE J. HERSKOVITS appeared as a sponsor of the 5th National Conference of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. The Program and Call for the 5th National Conference has been destroyed by the NYO, however, the Bureau was furnished a copy of same. Since NY is not in position to verify accuracy of this information, same was not included in this report. *b2/60*

Baltimore informant [redacted] on 5/5/48, advised that Dr. MELVILLE HERSKOVITS was a Mid West "Member-at-Large" of the NCASP. Since this information is already covered in this report, Baltimore information was not used.

Re San Francisco teletype to the Bureau, June 30, last, and Boston teletype to Bureau, July 3, last.

Characterization of DONALD OGDEN STEWART and ELLA WINTER STEWART not included in this report. It is noted that in reference to STEWART, report shows him to have formerly been the president of the League of American Writers. The only known association is that STEWART mentions appointee in his book "Fighting Words".

Information showing the association of ELLA WINTER is a source at CP Headquarters, San Francisco, and is connected with the Free Mc Namara Committee, which is believed that the location of this correspondence in CP Headquarters plus the characterization of the Free Mc Namara Committee submitted by San Francisco should be sufficient to describe appointee's activities rather than a characterization of ELLA WINTER.

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The other confidential informants mentioned in this report are:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: [REDACTED] b7C

Date: 7/3/61

Office: New York, New York

Field Office File No.: NY 161-461

Bureau File No.:

Title: MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

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Appointee received AM and PHD degrees from Columbia University in 1921 and 1926. Attended New School for Social Research, 1920-1922. [REDACTED], who has known him professionally and socially since [REDACTED] recommends highly. [REDACTED] Appointee listed membership in IWW and NCASP. No credit or arrest record, NYC. No additional information "New York Times" Information Library. Unknown to informants.

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On April 22 and May 20, 1949, New York [redacted] furnished letterheads of the NCASP, dated April 20 and May 18, 1949, respectively. Under the caption "Members-at-Large", the name of MELVILLE J. HERSKOVITS, not further identified, appears.

Information concerning the NCASP appears in the Appendix of this report.

League of American Writers (LAW)

The book, "Fighting Words", by DONALD OGDEN STEWART, former National President of LAW, listed MELVILLE J. HERSKOVITS as a contributor of material published and discussed in the 1939 congress of the LAW. The book does not further identify MELVILLE J. HERSKOVITS.

The League of American Writers has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Credit and Arrest

On June 28, 1961, Miss [redacted] Clerk Credit Bureau of Greater New York, advised [redacted] that their files contain no information relating to the appointee.

On June 28, 1961, SA [redacted] caused the records of the New York City Police Department to be checked by [redacted] Bureau of Criminal Identification. No record was located for the appointee.

Miscellaneous

On June 30, 1961, Mr. [redacted] "New York Times" Information Library, 229 West 43rd Street, New York, New York, advised that their files contain no additional pertinent information concerning the appointee.

On June 29, 1961, [redacted] Bureau

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DETAILS:

Education

Columbia University
116th Street and Broadway
New York, New York

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On June 29, 1961, Mr. [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] that their records reflect that MELVILLE J. HERSKOVITS was born on September 10, 1895, at Bellefontaine, Ohio. He said the appointee had previously attended the University of Cincinnati, from 1915 to 1918, but that he did not receive any degree. He also attended the University of Chicago in 1919 - 1920, receiving a Bachelor of Philosophy degree.

[REDACTED] stated that the appointee attended the University during the academic years, 1920-1921, 1921-1922, 1922-1923 and 1923-1924. He was awarded a Master of Arts degree on June 1, 1921, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree on June 2, 1926. He said that while attending the University, the appointee lived at various residence halls on the campus. He said that because of the lapse of time since Mr. HERSKOVITS attended the University, he could suggest no one who would have been acquainted with him.

New School of Social Research
66 West 12th Street
New York, New York

On June 29, 1961, Mr. [REDACTED] advised that MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS attended that school taking courses in sociology and economics during the semesters of 1920-1921 and 1921-1922. He said that the appointee did not receive any degree as a result of taking these courses. He said that their records are such that there is no indication as to whether HERSKOVITZ received a satisfactory grade in the courses.

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He said that their records show that at the same time Mr. HERSKOVITS was attending Columbia University. He said that he was unable to suggest anyone who might have been acquainted with the appointee.

Employment

Columbia University
116th Street and Broadway
New York, New York

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On June 29, 1961, Miss [REDACTED] Office of the Secretary, advised SA [REDACTED] that MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS was appointed as a lecturer in anthropology on May 5, 1924, and he served in this capacity until June 30, 1927, when he resigned voluntarily. She said that Mr. HERSKOVITS did not receive any salary. She said that due to the lapse of time she was unable to suggest anyone who might have been acquainted with the appointee.

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On June 29, 1961, Mr. [REDACTED] New York. He stated that he has known the appointee since [REDACTED]. He said that they visit socially, and he is acquainted with all members of the HERSKOVITS family

[REDACTED] said that the appointee has an excellent reputation in his profession, and is considered to be the foremost authority on African anthropology.

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Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he considers Mr. HERSKOVITS to be a man of exceptionally fine character, whose personal habits and moral conduct have never been questioned. He said that he considers him to be completely loyal to this country, adding that he would be most careful with confidential information. He said Mr. HERSKOVITS is "very peppery, and not a yes man". He said that in the past, because of his outspoken nature, he has not been very diplomatic in expressing his opinions. He said that in recent years, however, Mr. HERSKOVITS has become more restrained and diplomatic in his remarks.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that all of the members of the HERSKOVITS family, with whom he is acquainted, also enjoy excellent reputations. He concluded by recommending the appointee very highly for a position of trust and responsibility.

During an applicant type investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), concerning [REDACTED] the following was ascertained:

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New York [REDACTED] advised that as of November 24, 1937, the name of [REDACTED] appeared on a list of members of the American Council of the Institute of Pacific Relations (IPR). ✓

Information concerning the IPR appears in the Appendix to this report.

Organizational Affiliations

Guggenheim Memorial Foundation
551 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York ✓

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On June 28, 1961, [REDACTED] advised that the appointee was appointed as a fellow of the foundation for a 12 month period starting on September 1, 1937. She said that he is an authority in the field of anthropology, particularly

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as it relates to the African and American Negro. She said that Mr.HERSKOVITS enjoys an excellent reputation as a scholar. /

Council on Foreign Relations
25 East 68th Street,
New York, New York

On June 28, 1961, Miss [REDACTED] advised that the appointee was a member of that organization from October, 1944, until his resignation in December, 1958. She said that Mr.HERSKOVITS was highly regarded in the council. She said that he resigned because his duties at Northwestern University were such that he was seldom able to attend functions of the Council which were held in New York. b7C b7D

Industrial Workers of the World (IWW)

On his Security Investigation Data for Sensitive Position form certified to on June 20, 1961, the appointee indicated membership in captioned organization for "a few months early in 1920". ✓

The Industrial Workers of the World has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions (NCASP)
49 West 44th Street
New York, New York

On his previously mentioned Security Investigation Data form, the appointee indicated membership in the captioned organization from 1945 to 1949.

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On June 29, 1961, [redacted] Bureau

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b7c of Special Services, New York City Police Department, advised SA [REDACTED] that their files contain no information identifiable with the appointee.

During June, 1961, other confidential informants who have a general knowledge of Communist Party (CP) activities in the New York City area, advised that they do not know and have no information concerning the appointee.

APPENDIX

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INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the Institute of Pacific Relations:

"Institute of Pacific Relations

- "1. 'The IPR was a vehicle used by the Communists to orientate American far eastern policies toward Communist objectives.' 'Members of the small core of officials and staff members who controlled IPR were either Communist or pro-Communist.' The American Communist Party and Soviet officials considered the organization 'an instrument of Communist policy, propaganda and military intelligence.' (Senate Judiciary Committee, Senate Report 2050 on the Institute of Pacific Relations, July 2, 1952, pp. 223 and 225.)"

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE ARTS,
SCIENCES, AND PROFESSIONS

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
July 3, 1961

Title MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS

Character SPECIAL INQUIRY

Reference *b7c* Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated and captioned as above, at New York.

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DATED MAY TWENTYEIGHT FORTYSIX. NO. FOUR MELVILLE HERSKOVITS
 /DR/, PROGRESSIVE CITIZENS OF AMERICA, VICE CHAIRMAN, ILLINOIS
 CHAPTER, LETTER OF ILLINOIS CHAPTER DATED JULY TWENTYFIVE
 FORTYSEVEN /PHOTOSTAT/. NO. FIVE MELVILLE J. HERSKOVITS,
 STATEMENT TO WALLACE FOR THIRD PARTY, SIGNER, DAILY WORKER
 JUNE SEVEN FORTYSEVEN PAGE THREE, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY,
 CHAIRMAN, DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY. NO. SIX MELVILLE J.
 HERSKOVITS, AUTHOR OF "THE MYTH OF THE NEGRO PAST" SOLD BY THE
 WORKERS BOOK SHIP, WORKERS BOOK SHOP CATALOG, FORTYEIGHT, PAGE
 TEN. NO. SEVEN MELVILLE HERSKOVITS, COMMITTEE OF ONE THOUSAND,
 SPONSOR, PRESS RELEASE, MARCH FIVE FORTYEIGHT. NO. EIGHT,
 MELVILLE J. HERSKOVITS, NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE ARTS, SCIENCES
 AND PROFESSIONS, MEMBER AT LARGE, LETTERHEAD RECEIVED JANUARY
 FORTYNINE. NO. NINE MELVILLE J. HERSKOVITS, THE LIBERATOR,
 CONTRIBUTOR FEBRUARY THIRTYTHREE, PAGE THIRTY APPEARED IN THE
 LIBERATOR. NO. TEN MELVILLE J. HERSKOVITS, IN DEFENSE OF THE
 BILL OF RIGHTS, SIGNER, IN DEFENSE OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS, A
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MELVILLE J. HERSKOVITZ, NEW MASSES LETTER TO PRESIDENT, SIGNER,
NEW MASSES, APRIL TWO FORTY, PAGE TWENTYONE, PROF. NORTHWESTERN
UNIV. NO. THIRTEEN MELVILLE J. HERSKOVITZ /PROF/, ADDITIONAL

SPONSORS, BELL OF RIGHTS CONFERENCE, "CALL TO A BILL OF RIGHTS
CONFERENCE", NEW YORK CITY, JULY SIXTEEN, SEVENTEEN, FORTYNINE,
PAGE FIVE, UNIV. OF CHICAGO NO. FOURTEEN MELVILLE HERSKOVITS

/PROF/, CONFERENCE ON CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES IN AMERICA,,
SPONSOR, PROGRAM LEAFLET, CALL TO A CONFERENCE ON CONSTITUTIONAL
LIBERTIES IN AMERICA, JUNE SEVEN FORTY, PAGE FOUR. NO. FIFTEEN

MELVILLE J. HERSKOVITS, NATIONAL FEDERATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL
LIBERTIES, SPONSOR, LETTERHEAD DATED NOVEMBER SIX FORTY. NO.

SIXTEEN MELVILLE J. HERSKOVITS, NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE ARTS,
SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS, MEMBER AT LARGE, LETTERHEAD OF THE
NCASP, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, CHAPTER DATED APRIL TWENTYFOUR

FIFTY. NO. SEVENTEEN MELVILLE J. HERSKOVITS /PROF/, COMMUNIST
PARTY, OPEN LETTER DEMANDING DISCHARGE OF COMMUNIST PARTY
DEFENDANTS IN FULTON AND LIVINGSTON COUNTIES, SIGNER OF LETTER,

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DAILY WORKER, SEPTEMBER TWENTYFOUR FORTY, PAGE FIVE, NOTED
ANTHROPOLOGIST. NO. EIGHTEEN MELVILLE J. HERSKOVITS, MADE
STATEMENT, MARCH SIXTEEN SIXTY, BEFORE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS
COMMITTEE, PAGES ONE ZERO SIX TO ONE TWO NINE, HEARINGS *ok*
ENTITLED "UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY" PART ONE HELD JANUARY
TWENTYEIGHT, FEBRUARY ELEVEN, AND MARCH SIXTEEN SIXTY PAGES *ok*
ONE TO TWO THREE TWO, DIRECTOR, PROGRAM OF AFRICAN STUDIES,
NORTHWESTERN UNIV. NO. NINETEEN, MELVILLE J. HERSKOVITS, THIRD
AMERICAN WRITERS CONGRESS, GAVE ADDRESS TO CONGRESS, NO.
TWENTY MELVILLE J. HERSKOVITS /PROF/, MEDICAL BUREAU AND
NORTH AMERICAN COMMITTEE TO AID SPANISH DEMOCRACY, MEMBER,
CHICAGO, COMMITTEE, LETTERHEAD, APRIL TWELVE THIRTYEIGHT.
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 DR. HERSKOVITS OF NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
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INFORMANTS CONTACTED:

[REDACTED] contacted on 6/30/61 by SA **[REDACTED]**
[REDACTED] contacted on 6/28/61 by SA **[REDACTED]**
 On 7/5/61 SA **[REDACTED]** advised **[REDACTED]**
 is unavailable for contact until **[REDACTED]**

This report has been classified "confidential" as it contains information from the files of the Passport Office, which are likewise classified.

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Will report results of a check of the files of CSC [REDACTED] and State Security.

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MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS

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SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Nothing additional White House Office, no entrance on duty date. Elected fellow National Academy of Sciences - National Research Council April, 1959. No credit or police department record for appointee or his wife. Passport record set forth. These files contain signed statement wherein appointee denied ever having been a member of the Communist Party. A pamphlet published April, 1941, lists Prof. MELVILLE J. HERSKOVITS as sponsor of National Federation for Constitutional Liberties. No record library "The Evening Star," Secret Service, Department of the Army. Files of HCUA utilized. Confidential informants acquainted with various aspects of Communist Party activities in the District of Columbia area advise the appointee was unknown to them.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.EMPLOYMENTTHE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

On July 3, 1961, Mrs. [REDACTED] Personnel Officer, The White House Office, advised S [REDACTED] the files of that agency contain no additional information concerning the appointee and no entrance on duty date for him.

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES - NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

On July 3, 1961, [REDACTED] National Academy of Sciences - National Research Council,

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advised SA [redacted] the appointee was elected as a fellow to the National Academy of Sciences - National Research Council in April, 1959. He said the term is for the appointee's life. He said he had no official records concerning the appointee, and he does not personally know the appointee. ✓

On July 3, 1961, Mrs. [redacted] National Academy of Sciences National Research Council, advised SA [redacted] she had no record of the appointee.

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On July 5, 1961, Mrs. [redacted] Division of Anthropology and Psychology for the National Academy of Sciences, advised SA [redacted] the appointee has been on the Committee of International Relations on Anthropology off and on for many years. She said no records exist to determine the exact dates of his association with this committee. She said the committee is now out of existence. ✓

Mrs. [redacted] stated she has known the appointee on a professional level through his association with the above-mentioned committee for about six years. She said to her knowledge his moral character, reputation, associates and loyalty to the government are completely satisfactory, and she has no reason not to recommend him for a position of trust and confidence with the government.

On July 5, 1961, [redacted] Division of Anthropology and Psychology for the National Academy of Sciences, advised SA [redacted] he has known the appointee on a professional level for about three or four years through the appointee's association as an authority on Africa. He said he has had some social association with the appointee. [redacted] stated there are no records available to indicate when the appointee served on the Committee of International Relations on Anthropology. [redacted] said based on his knowledge of the appointee's moral character, reputation, associates and loyalty to the government he would recommend him for a position of trust and confidence.

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CREDIT AND POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS

On June 29, 1961, IC [REDACTED] caused a search to be made of the files of the Credit Bureau, Incorporated, and no identifiable record was located for the appointee or his wife FRANCES SHAPIRO HERSKOVITS.

On June 29, 1961, IC [REDACTED] and SE [REDACTED] caused a search to be made of the files of the Washington Metropolitan Police Department, and no identifiable record was located for the appointee or his wife; at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and not available for review.

On June 29, 1961, IC [REDACTED] caused a check to be made of the files of the United States Park Police and no identifiable record was located concerning the appointee or his wife.

PASSPORT RECORD

On December 11 and 12, 1958, SA [REDACTED] reviewed the passport record of MELVILLE J. HERSKOVITS at the Passport Office, Department of State.

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