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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Recorded 10-20-43 9:00 P.M. in

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Re: [REDACTED]
MARY COOPER, Victim
EXTORTION.

File # 9-11181-1
Lab. # D-7692
9-11181-1

Examination requested by: Los Angeles (9-719)

Date of reference communication: let. 10-6-43

Date received: 10-12-43 mkt

Examination requested: doc. - Single Fingerprint

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

File #

Specimens submitted for examination

- 1 Envelope bearing the name of Mrs. Mary Cooper, mother of [REDACTED] including "Bank California", consisting on the reverse side "a copy of letter [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] dated July 2, 1943".
- 2 Envelope bearing the name of Mrs. Mary Cooper, mother of [REDACTED] and dated [REDACTED].
- 3 Envelope bearing the name of Mrs. Mary Cooper, mother of [REDACTED] including "Bank California", and [REDACTED] dated July 2, 1943.
- 4 Envelope bearing the name of Mrs. Mary Cooper, mother of [REDACTED] including "Bank California", and [REDACTED] dated July 2, 1943.
- 5 Envelope bearing the name of Mrs. Mary Cooper, mother of [REDACTED] including "Bank California", and [REDACTED] dated July 2, 1943.
- 6 Envelope bearing the name of Mrs. Mary Cooper, mother of [REDACTED] including "Bank California", and [REDACTED] dated July 2, 1943.

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WAR SAVINGS
BONDS AND STAMPS



Mr. Frank James Cooper
1111 Chaparral Street
Brentwood Heights
Los Angeles California

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Henry Cooper

OAKLAND
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WAR SAVINGS
BONDS AND STAMPS



DEFICIENCY
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ADDRESS
NO. 1

Henry C. [unclear]

OAKLAND
JUL 21
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WAR
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UNITED STATES

Warner Brothers Studios
One Bond Street
Burbank, California

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Change of address

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Mr. Guy Cooper &
Warner Brothers Studios
Burbank California

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believed that a United States War Bond was delivered by the postman for Mrs. [redacted] about a month ago and that she, not knowing [redacted] present address, placed the letter on the outside mail box so that the mail carrier could pick it up. [redacted] advised that she knew nothing of anyone by the name of [redacted].

AT BURLINGAME, CALIFORNIA

[redacted] advised that she resided at [redacted] from about December 1942 to January 1943 at which time she resided with [redacted], who presently resides at [redacted] Oakland. She stated that she was employed until recently by the [redacted] Alameda, California, and subscribed to the purchase of War Bonds through payroll deductions.

She advised that previously the Bonds had been given to her personally, but that in July of 1943 the practice had been changed and the bonds were mailed to her. She stated that when she moved from [redacted] Oakland, she did not leave a forwarding address and that, therefore, the bonds were probably delivered to her old address. She stated that she did not receive two bonds, each of \$25 denomination, and bearing Serial Numbers G-224362107E and G-224370220E, and had asked at the bond department at the [redacted] about it and had been told that the bonds had been mailed to her at [redacted] Oakland. [redacted] stated that she has talked to [redacted] who told her that one of the bonds came but that since she did not have [redacted] forwarding address she put it out on the mail box for the postman to pick up. [redacted] stated that she desires that the bond which is in the possession of GARY COOPER be returned to her at [redacted] Berkeley, California. [redacted] stated that she had never heard of anyone by the name of [redacted].

[redacted] Identification Division, Moore Dry Dock Company, Oakland, advised that there is no record of any employee in either the active or inactive section of their files by the name of [redacted]. He stated that the only [redacted] employed by the company was [redacted] Oakland, who was employed from October 27, 1941 to October 10, 1942 as a shipfitter.

AT ALAMEDA, CALIFORNIA

[redacted] Alameda Naval Air Station, advised that there was no one employed at the Air Station by the name of [redacted]. He stated that the records indicate that two \$25 war bonds were mailed to a former employee, [redacted] Oakland, California, on August 15, 1943 and on September 18, 1943. He stated that the records indicate that [redacted] complained about the fact that she had not received her bonds and that an examination had reflected that some of the bonds had been returned to the Naval Air Station. He further advised that [redacted] had been advised to place a stop notice on the bonds.

AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

The Veterans Registry of Alameda County checked the subject with negative results.

The record of these persons: insanity and intemperance was checked with negative results. However, it was noted of [redacted] was committed to the Asylum and was discharged on November 11, 1906. reflect [redacted] and [redacted] California, relatives of [redacted], came from delusions and hallucinations and believe her inasmuch as she supposedly witnessed a [redacted] to reflect that anyone by the name of [redacted] with this case.

Confidential Informant SF-12 advised the subject.

7c The criminal records of the Alameda County also checked with negative results.

The records of the Retailers Credit Association County were checked with negative results.

The criminal and traffic records of the [redacted] contained no record of the subject.

[redacted], Superintendent of Mails advised that there is no employee of the Post Office [redacted]

[redacted] postman servicing the address of Oakland, advised that he has no knowledge of anyone by [redacted] He stated that the neighborhood is a colored one and that [redacted] continually moving without giving notice of change of address and frequently mail is left outside for him to pick up. He cannot recall that he picked up a bond at [redacted]

Reporting Agent telephonically contacted all of the Service Boards in Oakland, Piedmont, and Emeryville, California. record of the subject with negative results.

[redacted], Highland Ave, 2781 14th Avenue (a County hospital receiving insane patients) advi.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION:

7c | At Oakland, California, will at [REDACTED] (or [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] attempt to locate Subject whose latest communication bears the above return address. If Subject is located, will interview him and warn him against setting forth communications of the nature of those mailed by him to GARY COOPER, victim;

Will also ascertain from Subject whether he engages in writing to other Hollywood celebrities in the same manner;

Will determine the circumstances surrounding his obtaining the twenty-five dollar War Bond belonging to [REDACTED]

Should it be deemed advisable by interviewing Agent, will obtain Subject's fingerprints and submit them to the Bureau.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES**

FILE NO. **9-719**

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE OF REPORT 12/8/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/17, 30; 11/15/43	REPORT MADE BY RICHARD C. THOMPSON lc
TITLE CHANGED <div style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</div> 7c			CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION
SUBJECT GARY COOPER - VICTIM			

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject has written four letters to victim, **GARY COOPER**, which embody no threats but contain obscene language and suggest that Subject may be mentally unbalanced. Three letters contained respectively a one dollar bill, a ten peso note, and a twenty-five dollar War Bond belonging to

[REDACTED]

 Berkeley, California. Fourth letter, recently received, bears return address in Oakland, California, and states Subject has also written to **HENRY FONDA**. First three letters submitted to FBI Laboratory; no handwriting identification made. San Francisco Office located owner of bond which was returned to her by mail by **COOPER'S** business manager. San Francisco Office requested to identify Subject through return address, warn him against further activity and determine manner in which he obtained bond.

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REFERENCE:

Teletype to San Francisco dated September 18, 1943;
San Francisco teletype dated September 28, 1943;
Report of Special Agent **WALTER C. ROETTIN**, JR.,
San Francisco, dated October 7, 1943.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
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2 - San Francisco		RECORDED
2 - Los Angeles	JUN 14 1944	79

DETAILS:

The title of this case is being changed to reflect the additional names used by Subject, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as obtained from a fourth letter written by Subject.

This investigation is predicated upon information received from CHARLES H. MEDCRAFT, 215 Equitable Building, Hollywood and Vine, Hollywood, California, business manager for the actor, GARY COOPER. MEDCRAFT advised on September 17, 1943, that COOPER had received three letters from Subject, [REDACTED] who mailed them at Oakland, California. These letters, which contain obscene language, suggest that Subject may be mentally unbalanced but contain no threats. These letters were turned over to this office for any desired disposition.

MEDCRAFT stated also that the above letters contained respectively a one dollar bill, a ten peso Mexican note, and a twenty-five dollar War Bond made out to [REDACTED], Carlsbad, California, or [REDACTED], Berkeley, California.

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For the possible assistance of this office in instant matter, MEDCRAFT furnished the writer with the ten peso note and the twenty-five dollar War Bond on the occasion of this interview.

By reference teletype dated September 20, 1943, the San Francisco Field Division was requested to attempt to locate the owner of the above bond, as well as to locate Subject and to warn him against writing further letters similar to those received by COOPER. This action was requested since the contents of Subject's letters suggest his lack of mental balance and the possibility that he may at some later date commit extortion.

By reference teletype dated September 22, 1943, the San Francisco Field Division advised that [REDACTED] owner of the bond, had been located at [REDACTED] Berkeley, California, that she had moved from [REDACTED] Oakland, California, early in 1943, failing to notify her employer or the post office of her change of address, that she desired her bond returned to her and that she claimed no knowledge of the Subject of this case.

The San Francisco Field Division also ascertained that instant bond, when sent to [REDACTED] at her former address, was placed by the landlady on the outside mail box for return to the sender. Efforts on the part of the San Francisco Field Division failed to locate Subject.

On September 30, 1943, the writer returned the ten peso

note and the twenty-five dollar War Bond to MEDCRAFT, victim's business manager, giving him [redacted] address and suggesting that he return the Bond to her.

MEDCRAFT'S secretary, Miss CHISHOLM, later advised that this had been done.

The three letters written by Subject discussed above, were subsequently forwarded by this office to the FBI Laboratory with the request that the handwriting thereon be compared with specimens in the anonymous letter file. A report from the FBI Laboratory later advised that no identification had resulted from such a comparison and no positive results had been realized from an examination of the documents for fingerprints. Subject's handwriting was made a part of the anonymous letter file at the Bureau and photostatic copies of the three letters submitted to the Laboratory have been retained in the Los Angeles file in this case.

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On November 6, 1948, Miss CHISHOLM, MEDCRAFT'S secretary, advised the writer that a fourth letter had been received by GARY COOPER from Subject. This letter is dated October 13, 1948, and bears a postmark of the same date, indicating that it was mailed at Oakland, California. It is addressed to Mrs. SANDA COOPER, is signed [redacted] and bears the return address, [redacted] Oakland, California. The return address, which is not very legible, might also be read as [redacted] Oakland, California. Subject's letter sets out the following:

"I wrote for HANY FONDA and thatCome up here with a police's suit on"

As in the case of the previous three letters, no threat was embodied in this fourth letter.

Inasmuch as the FBI Laboratory has an adequate sample of Subject's handwriting, Subject's fourth letter is not being forwarded to the Seat of Government for examination.

The San Francisco Field Division is being requested, however, to attempt to locate Subject through the return address set out above and in the event he is located, to warn him against sending further communications of this nature.

The San Francisco Field Division is also being requested to determine from interview whether Subject writes to other Hollywood figures and to ascertain the manner in which he obtained [redacted] twenty-five dollar War Bond.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter Street
San Francisco, California
January 22, 1944

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Director, FBI

RE: [REDACTED]
GARY COOPER - Victim
EXTORTION

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above captioned case in which Los Angeles is origin (Los Angeles No. 9-719), which was previously carried under the title of [REDACTED] GARY COOPER - Victim, I wish to advise that the subject has been identified as [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was interviewed by an agent of this office at which time the following samples of his handwriting and handprinting were obtained:

- 3 pages of handwriting written in ink with the right hand
- 2 pages of handwriting written in pencil with the right hand
- 1 page of handprinting written in pencil with the right hand

[REDACTED] has admitted sending the letters in question. The samples mentioned above are being enclosed herewith inasmuch as they may be of assistance at some future date if subject continues to send letters of a similar nature to well-known personages.

Very truly yours,

W. J. PIERCE,
SAC

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cc-Los Angeles Field Division
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

To

February 12, 1944

SAC, San Francisco

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on January 31, 1944.

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re

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[Redacted]
Gary Cooper - Victim
Extortion

FB FILE NO
LAB FILE NO
VOL. FILE NO

9-11191-4
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Examination requested by:

San Francisco

Reference

Letter 1/22/44

Rollins

Examination requested

Document

Specimens

- #1 2 pages of handwriting written in ink with the right hand beginning "By [Redacted]"
- #2 2 pages of handwriting written in pencil with the right hand beginning "My name is [Redacted]"
- #3 1 page of handwriting written in pencil with the right hand beginning "I am [Redacted]"

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Result of examination:

It was concluded that [Redacted] whose known handwriting is listed above as #1 through #3, wrote the questioned evidence, #1 through #3 previously submitted in connection with this case with a letter from the Los Angeles office dated October 6, 1943.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Re: [REDACTED] *TC*
Gary Cooper - Victim
Extortion

File # *9-11101-6*
Lab. # *9-11693*

Examination requested by: *San Francisco 9-378*

Date of reference communication: *Let. 1/22/46*

Date received: *1/31/46*

Examination requested: *Document*

Result of Examination:

Examination by: *Rollins*
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2/10/44

Specimens submitted for examination

- TC* K1 2 pages of handwriting written in ink with the right hand bgn "Ty is [REDACTED]"
- K2 2 pages of handwriting written in pencil with the right hand bgn "Ty name is [REDACTED]"
- K3 1 page of handwriting written in pencil with the right hand bgn "I an [REDACTED]"

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ENCLOSURE

Compare Q-1 -> Q-6 with K-1 -> K-2

Laboratory Work Sheet

No:

[Redacted]
Sally Seaver - Victim
Mortimer

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File # 9-11181-4
Lab. # -11404

Examination requested by: San Francisco 9-27-44

Date of reference communication: Oct. 2/2/44

Date received: 1/31/44

Examination requested: Document

Result of Examination:

Hand K-1 -> K-2
with Q-1 -> Q-2

Examination by: Collins
H.C.

Specimens submitted for examination

11 2 pages of handwriting written in ink with the right hand bgn "My is [Redacted]"

12 2 pages of handwriting written in pencil with the right hand bgn "My name is [Redacted]"

7C 13 1 page of handwriting written in pencil with the right hand bgn "I am [Redacted]"

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ENCLOSURE

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It is noted that "1" which consists of known handwriting of this individual, could not be compared with the questioned script writing inasmuch as handwriting and script writing are not comparable.

An additional search of the handwriting and handwriting appearing on specimens "A" through "E" was made in the Anonymous Letter File, but nothing of significance was noted. Appropriate photographic copies of this material have been added to this file for future reference.

Specimens E1 through E3 are being retained in the files of the Laboratory.

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get you to me

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I also known as Gary
Cooper

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

LOS ANGELES

FILE NO. 9-378

REPORT MADE AT

SAN FRANCISCO

DATE WHEN MADE

1/22/44

PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE

12/11, 13, 15, 28/43

REPORT MADE BY

WALTER C. ROETTING, JR. feg

TITLE CHANGED

GARY COOPER - Victim

CHARACTER OF CASE

EXTORTION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

Subject, colored, resides [redacted] and is employed [redacted]. He was born in [redacted].

Subject admits sending letters to victims and other movie stars and celebrities. Claims he met many of the stars while in Los Angeles and is a movie fan. States he sent war bond and money to GARY COOPER as gifts and thought COOPER would return both to true owner. Admits using profane language in letters stating that he hoped to attract attention thereby. Claims he found war bond on street in Oakland. Subject admonished and warned not to send any more abusive letters. Specimens of subject's handwriting; forwarded to Bureau.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent RICHARD C. THOMPSON dated 12/3/43, at Los Angeles, California.

DETAILS:

The title of this case is being changed to reflect the subject's true name, [redacted]. The alias of [redacted] is also being added to the title.

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AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

[redacted] Oakland, advised that she does not know the subject. She stated that [redacted] colored, runs a rooming house at [redacted].

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house at [redacted] advised that [redacted] rented a room in her house for several months but moved to an unknown address about three weeks ago. She stated that no one in the house knew very much about him but that she had heard his mention that he was working for the Southern Pacific Railroad. She stated that he was a very quiet young man and appeared to be somewhat "simple". She stated that she has never heard his mention that he was corresponding with any movie stars or that he had sent any money or war bonds to GARY COOPER.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] has been employed off and on since June 7, 1942. He stated that the subject's personnel record reflects that he was born [redacted]

The subject was interviewed at the Oakland Resident Agency. He stated as follows: His true name is [redacted] although he has used the name of [redacted] and [redacted]. He presently resides at [redacted]. He was born [redacted] and attended the public schools at [redacted] for five years. He left his home town in 1936 and went to Los Angeles where he remained until 1939. While living in Los Angeles he worked [redacted] as a janitor [redacted] rubbish collector. [redacted]

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7c [redacted] admitted that he has at one time or another written letters to GARY COOPER, NORMA SHWAKER, MAE WEST, SANDRA COOPER (GARY COOPER's wife), VERA WEST (sister of MAE WEST) JACK WEST (brother of MAE WEST), LORETTA YOUNG, BILL ELLIOTT, JOHN MACK BROWN, EMMA FLYNN, JACK WARNER, FRANK COOPER (brother of GARY COOPER). He also stated that within the past few years he has written fan letters to ANTHONY EDEN, British Foreign Secretary, President ROOSEVELT, and Vice-President WALLACE. He also admitted sending a \$1 bill, a \$25 war bond and a 20 peso Mexican note to GARY COOPER. He stated that he had written to the movie stars because he is a movie fan and due to the war he has not been able to see many moving pictures and he, therefore, decided to write to them. He stated that he had written to the aforementioned movie personages because while residing in Los Angeles he had met most of them at one time or another when they made personal appearances. He stated that he used the name of [redacted] when writing to GARY COOPER because COOPER had addressed him by that name when he had met him at one of these personal appearances. [redacted] stated that he recalls that he used some profane language in his letters to GARY COOPER. At first he could offer no reason for so doing, but later stated that he felt that by using profanity COOPER would be sure to read the letters.

[redacted] advised that he had sent the money and war bonds to COOPER as presents. He stated that he does not know [redacted] and had sent the war bond to COOPER because he did not have time to look for [redacted] himself and felt that GARY COOPER would send it to the right owner. The subject stated that he had found the \$25 war bond sometime in August, 1943, while walking along 7th Street in Oakland. He stated that the bond was laying on the sidewalk in front of a tavern, the exact location of which he could not recall. He stated that the bond was not enclosed in an envelope and he denied repeatedly that he had stolen the bond from the premises at 1639 5th Street, Oakland, California.

Handwriting and handprinting specimens were obtained from the subject and are being forwarded to the Bureau so that they may be included in the anonymous letter file with the other samples of the subject's handwriting previously forwarded to the Bureau by the Los Angeles Field Division. The following description of the subject was obtained from observation and interrogation.

Age	[redacted]
Height	5'11"
Weight	155
Hair	Black - short
Eyes	Brown
Teeth	Good
Complexion	Negro-medium brown - beard, clean shaven
Scars and Marks	None
Relatives	[redacted]

7c The facts concerning the writing of a letter to President FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT by the subject have been furnished to the Secret Service in San Francisco, Calif. - REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

SUBJECT: Gary Cooper
FILE NUMBER: 100-351713

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
July 16, 1947

~~SECRET - AIR COURIER~~

Director, FBI

Re: GARY COOPER
SECURITY MATTER - C

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith for the information of the Bureau are articles which appeared in the "Tribuna Popular" on July 13 and July 15, 1947, making reference to a speech allegedly made in Philadelphia by GARY COOPER, movie actor. The articles state that the speech was made on the occasion of the inauguration of the Communist Federation of Philadelphia.

COOPER's declarations were considered important enough to merit a headline in the July 13, 1947 issue of "Tribuna Popular".

Very truly yours,

Sam J. Papich
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK
SUBJECT: GARY COOPER
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: August 6, 1947

On July 30, 1947, [redacted] furnished for copy, a copy of a translation of an article appearing in the "Tribuna Popular", a Communist Newspaper of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on July 15, 1947, which purports to quote from a speech of motion picture actor GARY COOPER to the "Communist Federation of Philadelphia".

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The translation was made and forwarded to [redacted] by [redacted] an American Citizen, [redacted] laying over at Santos, Brazil. [redacted] advised [redacted] that since he did not believe COOPER had made the speech, he had forwarded his original translation to the Philadelphia "Evening Bulletin's" Information Bureau, requesting clarification.

A copy of the translation is forwarded for your information and no action will be taken by this Office.

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CC: Philadelphia (Enc.)
Los Angeles (Enc.)

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Translation of an article appearing in the Communist "Tribuna Popular" of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on July 19, 1948. This Communist newspaper claims the following to be the text of a speech made by the actor Gary Cooper in Philadelphia a few days previous.

(Translator's Note)

"TO BE A COMMUNIST IS TODAY THE HIGHEST HONOR". (heavy black type)

"Where a red flag is planted, there are the foundations of happiness and peace", declared Gary Cooper before a great crowd.
(Caps)

In our last Sunday's edition we reported the enthusiastic support of Gary Cooper to the American Communist Party. Today we give the text of the important speech made by the famous Hollywood star before 90,000 persons at the opening of the Communist Federation of Philadelphia. Gary Cooper's speech follows:

"Fellow Citizens: The red flag, which you see floating on the breeze on the great tower of the Federation, shows us that here also, in Philadelphia, a new step was taken toward the future. Wherever one of these red banners waves, there are the foundations for the happiness, the liberty, and the peace of the workers of the whole world. Our flag is as red as the blood of the millions of men of all ages and of all times who have died in the name of a better social justice; and red as the flame which burns in all of us who struggle to build a new world.

To be a communist is today the highest of honors. To be a communist means having sun and light in one's spirit, it meaning loving and striving. I wish that all men could know and understand who we are, the communists. There would be no one of good faith who could maintain that we are the enemies of the family, of humanity and peace.

The Communist Ideal Must be Understood (Caps)

To judge the communist ideal, one must first understand it. Americans especially need to understand it. Beyond the shores of our continent, millions of men look toward America as the country of modern civilization, but we Americans ourselves better than anyone else can understand how mistaken is this belief. This we all know but perhaps we have not the courage to confess it, because this might seem degrading to us. The world places confidence in us, the Americans, and why should we not be the first to admit our defects, the error of our system of life, and to confess the error and weakness in our existence? This is all that has up to now hindered our awakening, which prevents us from truly recognizing the errors in the present system and transforming with resolute, surgical technique the state of affairs which is throttling our society.

Distinction between the Yankee Imperialism and the American People (Caps)

Yes, we must be sincere! Our country is the country of gold, of silver, of coal, of oil, of great railway systems and of transatlantic liners. But it is also the country where Rockefeller, Ford, and Rothschild order tear gas used against the workers who strike to win a decent standard of living. Our country is the country of Lincoln, of Roosevelt, and of the Four Freedoms; but it is also the country of Senator Bilbo, the country where Negroes are lynched and where the "redskins" are

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exterminated by getting them drunk on rum and gin. Ours is a country of democracy of speech, but also the country of the Ku Klux Klan and where the Negro is beaten when he tries to exercise his right to vote. Ours is the country of the sky scrapers, but also the country of millions of unemployed. Ours is the country which defeated Germany and Japan, but also the country which permitted that a MacArthur leave in peace the authority of the Mikado in the distant kingdom of the Rising Sun, an authority shaken already by the atomic bomb and which a light breeze might cause to topple. It is also the country which, in spite of the wise proverb of Franklin, increased the contraband of opium and cocaine in the Far East and has invested millions of dollars in the experiments with atomic energy for military, not for peaceful, uses. Ours is the country of "moral and humanitarian" laws, but also the country of the electric chair, and of the killing of harmless little animals and of the use of immense quantities of precious materials for experiments with bacteriological projects for making use of tetanus and leprosy. This is the country which the people of the other countries believe is a happy one.

The World Marches toward Socialism (Caps)

Fellow Citizens: I say this to you, that only socialism can guarantee true peace, true well being, not only for the United States but for the whole world also. You will agree with this, that the whole world is marching toward socialism. In one immense federation of republics, a sixth part of the world, the Soviet Union is on its way toward total realization of socialism. In all the Slavic nations, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Roumania, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Albania, were set up truly popular regimes, typical expressions of justice and liberty. In England, though not a single real step has been taken toward socialism, the conservatives are already defeated. In Brazil and in several republics of South America, the communist party, which a short time ago was almost non-existent, has captured outstanding offices in the government of the country. In France it is the most important party in the country. In Italy, it obtained almost 5 million votes, while the socialists had only 6 million. In Hungary, the communists gained important posts by defeating the small middle class parties. In all the colonies, India, Palestine, Indonesia, and Indo-China, the winds of liberty and of social revolution are blowing up. Greece and Spain are fighting already battles against their respective dictators who are supported by the financial capital of New York City. China, once the Jap invader was overthrown, is rising on mass against the militaristic and feudalistic government of Chiang Kai-shek.

Down with the Kings of Petroleum and Coca-Cola (Caps)

And the United States? Also for us has come the hour of awakening, of again seeking the right path planned by Roosevelt, of ending once and for all the rule of these kings of petroleum, of coffee, of coal, of sugar, and of lemonade; of doing away with these Al Capones of the yellow gloves, with the speculators of trusts and cartels for whom the life of a man is worth nothing as compared with their sordid gains.

When our forefathers reached these shores, they had a clear program they were tired of the struggles of the old world whence they came, of the intrigues, of the Inquisition, and of feudalism. They wanted to build something of immense greatness, wonderfully beautiful, in a new world. We now must realize their ideal because it is not a utopia. It can be a reality if every man had it as his life's objective, if each day he struggles for its realization with dauntless courage, with tenacity and faith. No more wars among the people for the supremacy of this government or that; no more the shameful spectacle of a few running the affairs of a great country with the single motive of increasing their financial capital.

They must understand that only changing the face of the world will bring this about, that no more will young Bob be forced to leave good, pretty Jane to go and die without knowing why, fighting against people like the Chinese or the Indonesians who like the Americans, want to prosper and live without injustice. Only thus will miner Jim cease to be beaten and tear gassed when he protests against the fact that Morgan is living in a skyscraper and has automobiles made especially for him, while the miner makes the best of things at the bottom of a mine in the Rocky Mountains.

Only so can good Tom vote quietly without fear of being beaten by Bilbo's men. Only thus will trusts, Rockefeller, the Ku Klux Klan and the Al Capones disappear from circulation.

Only socialism can do this, eliminating the scum and the parasites, defeating the idol of money, realizing the ideal of equality of rights and social justice. To obtain this, I invite you to see in the American Communist Party not an instrument of tyranny and degradation, as the agents of the reactionary capital would have you believe, but rather an instrument of liberation, of progress and of moral elevation. Long live Free America & long live the Communist Party!

(End)

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
510 South Spring Street, Room 900
Los Angeles 13, California
August 15, 1947

- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

A I R M A I

DIRECTOR, FBI

Re: GARY COOPER
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to New York's letter to the Director dated August 6, 1947 which enclosed a copy of a translation of an article which appeared in "Tribuna Popular", a Communist newspaper of Rio de Janeiro on July 15, 1947, purporting to be a speech made by GARY COOPER to the Communist Federation of Philadelphia.

Through discreet inquiries here it was determined that GARY COOPER was at the home of his father in Southampton, New York from July 1 through 15. Of course it was not known whether he might have gone into New York City or Philadelphia during that time.

It would be of interest to the Los Angeles Office if the Philadelphia Office would advise whether there was a meeting of the Communist Federation of Philadelphia and whether there is any record that GARY COOPER spoke as alleged.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Hood
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Philadelphia
SUBJECT: GARY COOPER
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: August 12, 1947

Reference is made to the letter from the New York Office to the Director dated August 6, 1947, enclosing a translation of a Rio de Janeiro newspaper in which it stated that GARY COOPER addressed the "Communist Federation of Philadelphia".

Please be advised that the Philadelphia Office is not aware of any meeting that was attended by 90,000 Communists in Philadelphia and addressed by GARY COOPER. The general sources of information of this office that are acquainted with Communist activities have not brought anything of this nature to our attention.



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This is being furnished to the Bureau and interested offices.

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Los Angeles

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NAME CHECK

March 14, 1956

Cooper, Frank James

GARY (FRANK JAMES) COOPER
Born: May 7, 1901
Helena, Montana

Ref 3-1

Gary Cooper Summary

Reference is made to your request for copies of reports reflecting the results of an investigation of the captioned individual.

No investigation pertinent to your inquiry has been conducted by this Bureau concerning the captioned individual.

The foregoing information is furnished to you as a result of your request for an FBI file check and is not to be construed as a clearance or a nonclearance of the individual involved. This information is furnished for your use and should not be disseminated outside of your agency.

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Note: Per SA [redacted] Paul McNichol, USIA, requested a search for main files only. He advised that only copies of investigative reports of the results of investigation were requested.

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American Embassy
1, Grosvenor Square
London, W. 1
August 6, 1947

VIA AIR POUCH

Director, FBI
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: GARY COOPER
TYRONE POWER
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Copies of the enclosures mentioned above are
not being retained in the files of this office.

Very truly yours,

J. A. Cimperman
Legal Attache

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AMERICAN CINEMA STARS TAKING PART
IN POLITICAL LIFE

By [unclear] of [unclear] 35711's

Gary Cooper, which have taken part in the civil war in Spain have spoken in Philadelphia before 90,000 people by the occasion of blessing the flag of the Philadelphia Communist Federation. Between other words he said the biggest honor in this day is to be a Communist. I like that the whole world recognize well who we Communist are. If they understand or if they recognize no one will say that we are not of best members their people. Before speaking about Communist ideals it is necessary this ideal know. In first place it comes to American it is a bit difficult to understand this. Numbers of people from overseas are looking on America as a place of the new civilization but we Americans are enforce to say this opinion is false. Our country is a country of gold, silver, petrol and railways, but in this same time our homeland is a country in which Rockefeller, Ford, Rothchild fighting the working masses which are fighting of their own right with tear gas. In the same time it is a homeland of such people like Senator Bilbo and a lot of others like him. It is a country in which the Red Skins have been fight with arms and alcohol. Other well known film star, Tyron Power, which have been in 1939 in the second place, in 1940 in the fourth place on the list of the best paid cinema actors is for eighteen months a member of the Engels Section of American Communist Party. During the war he was a air captain he have taken part. He fight in one of the American bomber squadrons and have fight together with the Yugoslav partisans. He get a big decoration for his fighting in the Pacific against Japanese and Yugoslav decoration. Tyrone Power did no limit his work in the Communist Party as an unknown member but as one of a very active members. In February this year he was a chairman of the Communist Congress in Kansas City. He have given to the newspapermen an interview in which between other words he says: I am a Communist and I be sure about my ideas, I come to be a Communist because I come to the conclusion that only by this way it is possible make arrange a new world, a new happy people.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: January 21, 1952

FROM : V. P. Keay

SUBJECT: GARY COOPER

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PURPOSE:

To furnish information concerning Gary Cooper pursuant to a name check request received from G-2, Department of the Army.

BACKGROUND:

This Bureau was asked by G-2, Department of the Army to furnish information available in Bureau files concerning movie actor Gary Cooper. Major P. C. Wiley, G-2, subsequently furnished information that the request was made in view of plans by the Army to have Cooper appear before troops as an entertainer.

No investigation concerning Cooper has been conducted by the FBI; however, Bureau files contain numerous public source items concerning him. For the most part, these items pertain to his testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1947, during which testimony he stated, among other things, that he had in the past turned down quite a few scripts because he thought they were tinged with Communism.

Attached is a memorandum prepared for dissemination to G-2 containing details of a newspaper article published in Brazil which article reported Cooper as pro-Communist, and a refutation of the story which subsequently appeared in the "Daily Worker". This memorandum further sets forth information from a November, 1951, issue of "Counterattack" that Cooper has gone into business with one Carl Foreman, who was described in Hollywood hearings as a Communist Party member.

SCOPE OF SEARCH:

The name Gary Cooper was searched through Bureau indices and all references reviewed.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached memorandum be returned to the Correlation-Liaison Unit for transmittal to G-2.

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January 21, 1952

GARY COOPER - Summary

No investigation has been conducted by the FBI concerning the above named individual.

However, the files of this Bureau contain the following information concerning Cooper. The July 15, 1947, edition of the "Tribuna Popular", a newspaper published in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, contained an article which purported to quote from a speech made by actor Gary Cooper at the opening of the Communist Federation of Philadelphia. Ninety thousand persons were said to have attended this meeting. In the article, Cooper was quoted as having praised Communist ideals and as having given enthusiastic support to the American Communist Party. (100-351713)

In answer to the article published in the Brazilian newspapers, the "Daily Worker", an east coast Communist newspaper, on August 10, 1947, published an article entitled "Press Agent Hoax in Brazil Makes Hero of Wrong Actor." This article recounted information contained in the article published in Brazil and stated "Fantastic is hardly the word for it. Cooper has voted the Republican ticket for years and his name has frequently been linked with un-democratic causes. If he is 'espousing' the people's cause, it is news to us." The article also contained an open letter to "friends in Sao Paulo, Brazil" which stated that "Gary Cooper...is not on your side. He never was... This was merely a cheap trick to get you to see his films--to take your money under false pretenses." (100-337779-A)

The November 2, 1951, issue of the bulletin "Counterattack" contained an article captioned "What's Happened to Gary Cooper?" The article stated that for years Gary Cooper has been prominent in the Motion Picture Alliance for the Preservation of American Ideals, which has led the fight against Communist infiltration in Hollywood. The article continued that Cooper is now one of the stockholders in a new independent film producing company set up by Carl Foreman who, the article stated, had been identified as a Communist Party member in recent Hollywood hearings by screen

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writer Martin Berkeley. The article further stated that Foreman had been an "unfriendly" witness when he appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, claiming that he was not then a Communist, but refusing to say if he had been one and to answer other questions for the Committee. (100-350512-440)

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NAME CHECK

July 12, 1955

GARY COOPER (FRANK JAMES)
Born: May 7, 1901
Helena, Montana

No investigation pertinent to your inquiry has been conducted by the FBI concerning the captioned individual. However, the files of this Bureau reflect the following information which may relate to the subject of your name check request.

The July 15, 1947, edition of the "Tribuna Popular," a newspaper published in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, contained an article which purported to be from a speech made by Actor Gary Cooper at the opening of the Communist Federation of Philadelphia. Ninety thousand persons were said to have attended this meeting. In the article, Cooper was quoted as having placed Communist ideals and as having given enthusiastic support to the American Communist Party.

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Cooper has been prominent in the motion picture alliance for the preservation of American ideals which has led the fight against Communist infiltration in Hollywood. The article continued that Cooper is now one of the stockholders in a new Independent Film Producing Company, set up by Carl Foreman, who, the article stated had been identified as a Communist Party member in recent Hollywood hearings by Screen Writer Martin Berkeley. The article further stated that Foreman had been an "unfriendly" witness when he appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, claiming that he was not then a Communist, but refusing to say if he had been one and to answer other questions for the Committee.

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Office *William* • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: December 14, 1956

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL ON YOUTH FITNESS

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Pursuant to Mr. Nichols' request made in memorandum to Mr. Tolson dated 12/4/56, a review of Bureau files has been made concerning the individuals on the list of tentative nominees for the President's Citizens Advisory Committee on Fitness of American Youth.

A blank memorandum is attached listing those individuals on which no derogatory information was located.

A blank memorandum has been prepared on each individual where derogatory information was found, and these memoranda are attached. It is noted that some of the derogatory information has been secured from loyalty investigations and this information should not be disseminated outside the Executive branch of the Government.

In each instance where derogatory information was located and was not suitable for dissemination outside the Bureau, such information was set forth on the yellow copy of the memorandum pertaining to the particular individual.

ACTION:

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR
ADD. DISSEMINATION.

This memorandum should be forwarded to Mr. Nichols pursuant to his request.

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Boardman
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Section
Mr. [redacted]

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The name of [redacted] has been added to the list under no derogatory data. The files were checked by the Crime Records Section as reported in Mr. Jones memo of 12-17-56.

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12-13-56

GARY COOPER

No investigation has been conducted by the FBI concerning the captioned individual. However, the following information which may relate to Cooper appears in the files of this Bureau.

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(100-351713; 100-337779-A; 100-350512-440; 100-351713-6)