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## INVESTIGATION

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SECTION 4  
SERIALS 39-69

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: June 24, 1960

FROM : *end* Legat, London (100-2101)SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER  
SM - C

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ReBulet, 4/20/60.

There are enclosed the original and four copies of a memorandum containing information concerning subject made available under a confidential classification by

[redacted] is designated as T-1 in the enclosure.

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Regarding PAUL PIERRE ENDICOTT, he is reported to be subject's manager and planned to visit the United Kingdom. [redacted] advised that no record of his arrival has been found.

[redacted] stated that no information has been received indicating SEEGER has visited the United Kingdom and there is some indication he may have given up the idea of traveling to England in 1960.

As there are no further leads outstanding, this case is being placed in an RUC status. [redacted] is aware of our interest in subject however, and this will be re-opened upon receipt of additional information from [redacted]

AGENCY *2cc to ny*  
REQ. REC'D  
DATE FORW *7-8-60*  
HOW FORW *per 7*  
BY *[signature]*

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RUC

3 - Bureau (Encs. 5) *for 1 5 30 BW.00*  
(1 - New York - 100-83801)  
1 - London (100-2101) *200-83801*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

June 24, 1960

PETER SEEGER

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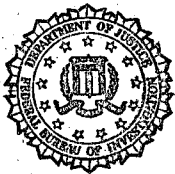
T-1 a confidential source abroad, advised on June 24, 1960 that there is no record of subject having visited the United Kingdom, but there is some indication that he was experiencing difficulty in obtaining a United States passport and has given up his idea of traveling to England in 1960.

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HOW FORW. 9/30/60  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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June 24, 1960

PETER SEEGER

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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June 24, 1960

PETER SEEGER

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. McGuire	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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*copy/Pn*

*Petero*

SEEGER (Title I, p. 41)

It is now anticipated that this case will be called in the first week of June 1960 for the setting of a trial date.

*File 100-200845  
JBR*

Information included in Internal Security Division Bi-Monthly Status Report ~~for~~ as of April 30, 1960.

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May 24, 1960

AIRTEL

To: SAC, Kansas City

From: Director, FBI

DR. CHESTER SPRING WILLIAMS

Applicant

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural  
Organization

Paris, France

LEUN

Reurlet 5-17-60 entitled "Dr. Chester S.  
Williams, LEUN."

Information has been received from CSC that  
captioned individual is applicant for position with UNESCO  
and is under investigation by CSC. In light of this, you  
are requested to immediately set out available pertinent  
information concerning applicant in a letterhead memorandum  
suitable for dissemination to other Government agencies.  
Submit letterhead memorandum to reach Bureau by June 3, 1960.

For your information, Bureau files contain no  
information identifiable with Williams.

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Bland

1 - 100-200845 (Pete Seeger)

SEE NOTE ON PAGE 2

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Airtel to Kansas City  
RE: DR. CHESTER SPRING WILLIAMS

NOTE:

According to Kansas City letter 5-17-60, Williams, born 12-23-18, is Professor of Education, University of Wichita. He told University officials he is life-long friend of Pete Seeger and contemplates being character witness for Seeger in U. S. Court (Seeger, Security Index subject, is prominent communist guitarist and singer who is under indictment, U. S. District Court, New York, for contempt of Congress for refusing to answer questions before HCUA. 100-200845) In March, 1960, Williams organized Music Society consisting of self and wife which sponsored Seeger's appearance 3-6-60 at University of Wichita. At meeting of Society of Arts in Guitar (which refused Williams' request to sponsor Seeger), Williams appeared to be in drunken condition and allegedly made derogatory comments about late Senator McCarthy, expressed opposition to loyalty oaths and voiced opposition to FBI's alleged investigations of teachers and others who do not want to sign noncommunist statements. Williams reportedly studied education in Russia within last few years and in a course at University of Oklahoma on rearing children, he reportedly stated the gifted child should be turned over to the State for proper education. Additional information received by Kansas City Office indicates Williams contemplates trip to Russia in near future. Upon receipt of letterhead memorandum from Kansas City, information on Williams will be disseminated to CSC and State Department. Fred Erwin, Executive Secretary, International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board, CSC, advised 5-23-60 that Williams, born 12-23-18 at Boston, Massachusetts, is under consideration for employment with UNESCO in Paris and is under investigation by CSC's Investigations Division.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 5/19/60

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-23658)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, AKA  
SM-C  
OO: NEW YORK

Re WFO letter to Bureau, dated 4/28/60,  
advising that this office will follow the subject's  
case at the Passport Office.

On May 10, 1960, Mrs. VERDE BUCKLER,  
Passport Office, United States Department of State,  
furnished SA KENNETH J. HASER with a copy of a letter  
dated 5/5/60 which had been directed to the subject's  
attorney, LEONARD B. BOUDIN, 25 Broad Street, New York,  
New York, by the Passport Office. This letter reads  
as follows:

"Dear Mr. BOUDIN:

"In view of the specific nature of the  
Court's order issued in August, 1959 in  
the PETER SEEGER matter as outlined in our  
letter of April 20, 1960 I believe you should  
furnish a similar order or one more general  
in nature. I do not believe we should embroil  
ourselves with the question whether the  
offense is a misdemeanor rather than a  
felony.

"In short, please submit the order and  
we will remove the time limitation from  
Mr. SEEGER's passport and forward it to  
you.

"Sincerely,

"ROBERT D. JOHNSON  
General Counsel  
Passport Office"

WFO will follow subject's case and advise the  
Bureau and the New York Office.

2 - New York (100-83801) (RM)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 4/28/60

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-23658)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, aka  
SM - C  
(OO: NY)

On 4/21/60, Mrs. VERDE BUCKLER, Passport Office, Department of State, furnished SA KENNETH J. HASER with copies of the following which are contained in the subject's passport file.

The first is a memorandum for subject's passport file from Mr. ROBERT D. JOHNSON, General Counsel, Passport Office, dated 4/20/60. It reads as follows:

"On April 18, 1960, about 10:45 a.m., Mr. LEONARD B. BOUDIN, a New York attorney, telephoned. He stated he was in town (Washington, D.C.) on some business in the Supreme Court.

"He inquired about the extension of the passport issued to Mr. SEEGER mentioning that it had been limited for a one year period or until October 10, 1959 because SEEGER was out on bail - contempt of Congress charge.

"He said that the passport had been issued after SEEGER had obtained court permission to leave its jurisdiction. Mr. BOUDIN wanted to know if we could remove the restriction entirely.

"I told him I would look into the matter and let him know.

"After reviewing the file (4/20/60) we will request Mr. BOUDIN to obtain the court's permission to allow SEEGER to leave its jurisdiction or to remove the travel restriction entirely."

The second communication is a letter directed to subject's attorney, LEONARD B. BOUDIN, 25 Broad Street, New York City, dated 4/20/60. This letter reads as follows:

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② - Bureau  
2 - New York (100-83801) (RM)  
1 - WFO

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WFO 100-23658

"Dear Mr. BOUDIN:

"I have reviewed the PETER SEEGER matter pursuant to your telephone conversation of a few days ago.

"Judge WILLIAM B. HERLANDS, U.S. District Court, Southern District, New York, on August 10, 1959 signed an order permitting Mr. SEEGER to depart from the court's jurisdiction and to travel abroad within the United Kingdom from September 25, 1959 to October 9, 1959, inclusive. The order further provided that Mr. SEEGER was to appear with counsel at the Office of the U.S. Attorney on October 10, 1959 at 10:30 a.m.

"I believe that to delete the time limitation placed in Mr. SEEGER's passport in accordance with Judge HERLAND's order you should submit a certified copy of an order vacating or modifying the restriction against his leaving the jurisdiction of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. Upon receipt of this order we can take appropriate steps to extend the passport.

"Sincerely,

"ROBERT D. JOHNSON  
"General Counsel  
"Passport Office"

WFO will follow subject's case and advise the Bureau and New York Office.

1 - Mr. Forsyth  
1 - Mr. Coakley

Legat, London (100-2101)

April 20, 1960

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Director, FBI (100-200845) - 66

PETER SIEGER  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re London letter 4-7-60.

Enclosed for London are three copies of a memorandum concerning background and subversive information regarding Paul Pierre Endicott.

Enclosed for New York and Detroit is a copy of referenced London letter. Any information developed regarding the anticipated or actual travel plans of subject or Endicott should be forwarded to the Bureau in form suitable for dissemination.

Enclosures (3)

2 - New York (100-83801) (Enclosure)

2 - Detroit (100-9150) (Enclosure)

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject on Security Index. Endicott is business manager of subject. Endicott's Security Index card canceled February, 1958. [redacted] furnished information indicating that subject plans travel to England in late 1960 or early 1961. Endicott reportedly plans to visit England at some unspecified date.

[redacted] Endicott, who resides in Garden City, Michigan.

Enclosed memorandum classified "Confidential" as it contains information which if disclosed could possibly identify confidential informants and sources.

1 - 100-294372 (Endicott)

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (Route through for review)

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1 - Mr. Forsyth  
1 - Mr. Coakley

~~100-200-845-66~~  
April 19, 1960

PAUL PIERRE ENDICOTT

Endicott was born March 28, 1919, in Brooklyn, New York. He graduated from New York University in 1940, having majored in accounting. His last known residence was 30532 Sheridan Road, Garden City, Michigan.

He was identified as a member of the Young Communist League in 1943 and as a member of the American Youth for Democracy from 1943 to 1945. He reportedly held membership in the Communist Political Association in 1944 and was press director of a Communist Party club in Detroit in 1945. He was reportedly active in the Communist Party in New York in 1947 and 1948 and transferred his Communist Party membership back to Detroit in 1948. He was further identified as a Communist Party member in 1950 and again in 1954. From 1948 to 1956 he took part in the activities of Communist Party front groups, such as the Civil Rights Congress; Labor Youth League; International Workers Order; and the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

All of the organizations referred to above have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (Route through for review) *det 7/4*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: April 7, 1960

FROM : *camp* Legat, London (100-2101)SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER  
SECURITY MATTER - C

OO: NEW YORK

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Remylet November 18, 1959.

On April 1, 1960 [redacted]

[redacted] has received conflicting reports from secret and reliable sources about a further visit by subject to England. According to one report Seeger proposes to come to England in November, 1960 but according to another any visit on his part is out of the question until after February, 1961. [redacted] stated that from [redacted] it appeared that SEEGER's trial had been postponed and this is probably the reason his future plans are uncertain.

[redacted] has also learned from the same *Eng.* secret and reliable sources that SEEGER's manager, PAUL ENDICOTT, plans to visit the United Kingdom at some unspecified date. [redacted]

From previous information furnished to the Bureau ENDICOTT's address was given as 30532 Sheridan, Garden City, Michigan.

It is requested the Bureau advise if any information has been received concerning possible travel in the future on the part of SEEGER and also furnish any information available concerning ENDICOTT.

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3 - Bureau

(1 - New York, 100-83801)

1 - London (100-2101)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. McGuire *llm*DATE: *2/29/60*FROM : W. G. Eames *WGE*

SUBJECT:

*PETER SEEGER*

The attached ~~X H.R. 477~~ *86th Congress 2nd Session* has been received in the Records Branch, appropriately initialed, and indicated for file. By use of instant transmittal memorandum, all necessary recording and indexing will be accomplished. It is to be noted this form is for internal use only within the Records Branch, principally by the Routing Unit where bulky material not accompanied by memorandum is usually received.

The enclosure, if bulky and not usually filed with other papers in file, may be detached but this action should be clearly noted under the word "Enclosure."

Enclosure

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86TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

**H. RES. 477**

## **RESOLUTION**

Authorizing the Clerk of the House to appear  
in answer to a subpoena of the United States  
District Court for the Southern District of  
New York.

By **Mr. McCORMACK**

March 15, 1960

Considered and agreed to

59-548002-001

86TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. RES. 477

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 1960

Mr. McCORMACK submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

## RESOLUTION

Whereas, in the case of United States of America against Peter Seeger (criminal case numbered C-152-240), pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, a subpoena duces tecum was issued by the said court and addressed to Ralph R. Roberts, Clerk of the House of Representatives, directing him to appear as a witness before said court at 10:30 o'clock antemeridian on the 21st day of March 1960, and to bring with him certain and sundry papers in the possession and under the control of the House of Representatives: Therefore be it

- 1      *Resolved*, That by the privileges of this House no evi-
- 2      dence of a documentary character under the control and in
- 3      the possession of the House of Representatives can, by the
- 4      mandate of process of the ordinary courts of justice, be taken

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*10-200845*  
*5/9/02*

1 from such control or possession but by its permission; be  
2 it further

3 *Resolved*, That when it appears by the order of the  
4 court or of the judge thereof, or of any legal officer charged  
5 with the administration of the orders of such court or judge,  
6 that documentary evidence in the possession and under the  
7 control of the House is needful for use in any court of justice,  
8 or before any judge or such legal officer, for the promotion  
9 of justice, this House will take such action thereon as will  
10 promote the ends of justice consistently with the privileges  
11 and rights of this House; be it further

12 *Resolved*, That Ralph R. Roberts, Clerk of the House,  
13 be authorized to appear at the place and before the court  
14 named in the subpoena duces tecum before mentioned, but  
15 shall not take with him any papers or documents on file in  
16 his office or under his control or in possession of the House  
17 of Representatives; be it further

18 *Resolved*, That when said court determines upon the  
19 materiality and the relevancy of the papers and documents  
20 called for in the subpoena duces tecum, then the said court,  
21 through any of its officers or agents, have full permission to  
22 attend with all proper parties to the proceeding, and then  
23 always at any place under the orders and control of this  
24 House, and take copies of any documents or papers and the  
25 Clerk is authorized to supply certified copies of such docu-

1 ments or papers in possession or control of said Clerk that  
2 the court has found to be material and relevant (except that  
3 under no circumstances shall any minutes or transcripts of  
4 executive sessions of committees, or confidential papers,  
5 documents, or files of the House of Representatives, or any  
6 evidence of witness in respect thereto, be disclosed or copied)  
7 and which the court or other proper officer thereof shall de-  
8 sire, so as, however, the possession of said documents and  
9 papers by the said Clerk shall not be disturbed, or the same  
10 shall not be removed from their place of file or custody under  
11 the said Clerk; and be it further

12 *Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted  
13 to the said court as a respectful answer to the subpoena afore-  
14 mentioned.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>NEW YORK</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>2/18/60</b>	Investigative Period <b>1/12/60 - 2/8/60</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>PETER SEEGER aka</b>		Report made by <b>WILLIAM D. NEUMANN</b>	Typed By: <b>11</b>

CHARACTER OF CASE

**SECURITY MATTER - C**

CC TO: *PHOTO*  
REQ. REC'D *8-15-63*

**AUG 27 1963**

ANS. BY: *7/10/63*

CC TO: *PHOTO*  
REQ. REC'D *7-10/63*

**JUL 26 1963**

ANS. BY: *help*

REFERENCES:

NY report of SA ROBERT W. KENNEDY, dated 2/18/59, and Legat, London letter to Bureau, dated 4/4/59, with enclosed memorandum.

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**SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR  
ADD. DISSEMINATION.**

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Referenced Legat, London letter to Bureau in which certain information concerning the subject's visit to the United Kingdom was set forth in a letterhead memorandum. This memorandum was classified "Secret" and contained information furnished by [redacted]

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[redacted] requested that dissemination of this information not be made outside the Bureau.

REQ. REC'D  
CC 10: *2-7-60*

BY: *Word for*  
ANS: *Word for*

**MAR 5 1960**

Approved: *[Signature]* Special Agent In Charge

Copies made:

- 4-Bureau (100-200845) (RM)
- 1-US Attorney, *NEW YORK*
- 3-New York (100-83801)

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CC 10: *100-200845*

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**FEB 23 1960**

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BY: *[Signature]*

AGENCY

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DATE FORW.

HOW FORW.

BY: *[Signature]*

**SUBV. CONTROL**

**52 MAR 3 1960**



NY 100-83801

The afore mentioned information indicated that subject arrived in the United Kingdom on September 26, 1959, and departed the United Kingdom for New York City on October 19, 1959. [ ] stated that upon arrival SEEGER advised he was to go on series of concerts and his tour in the United Kingdom was sponsored by "Ballads and Blues Association", characterized by [ ] as an Communist inspired music organization.

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[ ] continued that SEEGER gave concerts in Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds, Sheffield, Birmingham and Glasgow and was very successfully received. according to the London Daily Worker. [ ] FOIA(b)(7) - (D) [ ] FOIA(b)(7) - (D) [ ] related that SEEGER may return to the United Kingdom for further concerts in 1960.

A copy of this report is being furnished to the United States Attorney's Office, SDNY pursuant to the request of AUSA LAWRENCE P. MC GAULEY.

AUSA MC GAULEY, by separate letter dated as above, has been advised that this report is for his information only, that it contains both admissible and inadmissible evidence and that witnesses to the information therein, are not necessarily available for testimony.

He was also advised that the report should not be introduced in any proceedings in connection with proceedings of the contempt case of SEEGER.

The sources used for the documentation of the Trade Union Committee, 1959, May Day Celebration, in the order of their appearance are: [ ] and [ ]

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The following informants were contacted with negative results in January, 1960:

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INFORMANTS:

Identity of Source

File Where Located

NY T-1

100-83801-692

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NY T-3  
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NY T-4  
FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

NY T-5  
FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

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LEAD

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

The NYO will keep the Bureau advised of the pending contempt of Congress proceedings against the subject.

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NY 100-83801

1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_.
7. ☒ This report is classified Confidential because (state reason)

information furnished by NY T-2 could reasonably result in identification of an informant of continuing value and thereby compromise his future effectiveness

8. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) subject has been indicted for contempt of Congress, proceedings are pending against him.

9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

On 9/12/49, HERMAN THOMAS, FBI informant for approximately ten years prior to his testimony in May, 1954, advised that on 9/9/49, Mother Bloor, a charter member of the CP, stated that PETE SEEGER was a member of the CP in NY. On 5/13/57, THOMAS advised that his opinion Mother BLOOR in her reference to SEEGER on 9/9/49, unquestionably meant that SEEGER was then a member of the CP (Report of SA WILLIAM L. MC MURRAY, JR. 2/19/58 at NY). On 4/30/53, former [redacted] who has furnished

11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.  
☒ Subject's activities ☐ do ☒ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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reliable information in the past, identified the subject as a CP member active in the Music II Section during the latter part of 1949 or early 1950. On 12/13/54, JOHN LAUTNER advised that he knew subject as a CP member from 1947 to 1949. (Report of SA ARTHUR J. GREENE, JR., 12/21/56, NY).

The subject appeared before HCUA in August, 1955, and refused to discuss groups before which he had entertained. On 1/25/56, the subject was cited for contempt of the House of Representatives for his refusal to answer questions before HUCA (Report of WILLIAM L. MC MURRAY, JR., 2/19/58, at NY).

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

February 18, 1960

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. NY 100-83801

Re: Peter Seeger  
Security Matter - C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent William D. Neumann, dated and captioned as above, at New York.

The informants mentioned in referenced communication have all furnished reliable information in the past.

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Copy to: 1-US Attorney, SDNY RM

Report of: WILLIAM D. NEUMANN  
Date: 2/18/60

Office: New York, New York

File Number: New York 100-83801

Bureau 100-200845

Title: PETER SEEGER

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

## Synopsis:

As of February 8, 1960, PETER SEEGER resided at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, NY and is self employed as an entertainer. On 1/25/60, AUSA LAWRENCE P. MC GAULEY advised that a firm date of 3/21/60, had been set for the contempt of Congress trial in the case of the US versus PETER SEEGER. Subject issued passport number 1780911 on 9/8/59, for proposed travel to the United Kingdom between 9/25/59 and 10/9/59, for purpose of concert engagements. In April, 1959, a source furnished information that at a NY County CP meeting held on 4/9/59, it was mentioned that subject would take charge of the "Cultural Program" of the forthcoming May Day Celebration. The "National Guardian" carried an advertisement reflecting that subject would entertain aboard the "Guardian Boat Ride" on 6/12/59. Subject entertained at a meeting of the Committee of First Amendment Defendants 11/5/59, in NYC. Certain informants familiar with some aspects of CP activity in the NYC area advised in January, 1960, that they had no information concerning the subject.

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DETAILS:

The organizations not documented in the details of this report will be located in the appendix hereto.

I. BACKGROUND

Residence

On February 8, 1960, NY T-1 advised that the subject resides at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York.

Employment

On February 8, 1960, NY T-1 advised that the subject is self employed as an entertainer, singing folk songs, and occasionally gives music lessons at his home.

II. CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS  
PROCEEDINGS PENDING  
AGAINST THE SUBJECT

The July 26, 1956 issue of the "Poughkeepsie New Yorker", daily newspaper published at Poughkeepsie, New York, contained an article which stated that on July 25, 1956, PETER SEEGER, Cold Springs Road, Beacon, New York, a singer of American ballads was among persons who were cited by the House of Representatives for contempt.

This article stated that SEEGER, during August, 1955, declined to answer some questions put to him by the House Committee on Un-American Activities in New York City as it investigated Communist infiltration of the entertainment field.

On March 26, 1957, Assistant United States Attorney ROBERT W. BJORK, Southern District of New York, advised that an indictment for contempt of Congress had been returned in the Southern District of New York against PETER SEEGER. On May 21, 1957, BJORK stated that

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that SEEGER had been arraigned on April 1, 1957, and released on \$1,000.00 bail. On February 25, 1958, BJORK said the case of SEEGER had been marked off the United States court calendar.

On August 7, 1959, Assistant United States Attorney LAWRENCE P. MC GAULEY advised that on August 4, 1959, he placed the case of the United States versus PETER SEEGER for contempt of Congress on the court calendar. He said the trial was set to commence on October 15, 1959.

Assistant United States Attorney MC GAULEY advised on October 26, 1959, that subject's trial was postponed until the latter part of October because of the unavailability of certain witnesses.

\* On January 25, 1960, Assistant United States Attorney MC GAULEY stated that a firm date of March 21, 1960, had been set for the contempt of Congress trial in the case of the United States versus PETER SEEGER.

### III. PASSPORT DATA AND TRAVEL INFORMATION

The Passport files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, were made available to SA KENNETH J. HASER on September 29, 1959, by Mr. JAMES BROOKS, Passport Legal Division, and reflected the following information:

PETER SEEGER was issued passport number 1780911 on September 8, 1959, limited to expire on October 10, 1959, for proposed travel to the United Kingdom between September 25, 1959 and October 9, 1959, for the purpose of concert engagements. In his application, dated August 26, 1959, at Poughkeepsie, New York, SEEGER stated that he intended to depart from Idlewild Airport about September 25, 1959, via Pan American Airways. He stated he was not



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travelling by organized tour and expected to take another trip abroad within the next two years. This passport was valid for all countries except Albania, Bulgaria and those portions of China, Korea and Viet Nam under Communist control.

This file further reflected that on September 8, 1959, the Office of Security, United States Department of State, New York City, New York received a copy of a court order dated, August 20, 1959, signed by Southern District Judge WILLIAM B. HURLANDS, permitting subject to depart from the jurisdiction of the Southern District of New York and travel to the United Kingdom from September 25, 1959 to October 9, 1959, inclusive, for the purpose of conducting his usual professional activities.

On October 5, 1959, Mr. ARCH LEONARD, Traffic Director, Pan American Airways, Idlewild Airport, New York City, advised that PETER SEEGER departed for London, England, on Flight 100, Deluxe, Pan American Airways, on September 25, 1959 at 9:30 p.m.

#### IV. MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES AND ASSOCIATIONS OF THE SUBJECT

In April, 1959, NY T-2 furnished information reflecting that at the New York County Communist Party (CP) Committee meeting held on April 9, 1959, at Adelphi Hall, New York City, it was mentioned that PETER SEEGER would take charge of the "Cultural Program" of the forthcoming May Day Celebration.

The CP, United States of America, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "National Guardian", June 15, 1959 issue, page ten, column one and two, carried an advertisement stating that PETER SEEGER will entertain aboard the "Guardian Boat Ride" leaving Pier 83, New York City, New York on June 12, 1959, at 7:00 p.m.

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On May 29, 1959, NY T-3 furnished information indicating that the Midwest Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born is indebted to the subject for the amount of \$269.76. NY T-3 was unable to furnish the basis for this indebtedness.

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

NY T-4 advised in November, 1959, that PETER SEEGER entertained with several folk songs at a meeting of the Committee of First Amendment Defendants, which was held on November 5, 1959, at the New York Center, West 46th Street, New York City, New York.

NY T-5 furnished information on November 4, 1959, that on October 22, 1959, at a meeting to further the work of the "Morning Freiheit" held at the Fenway Hall, Cleveland, Ohio, it was announced that a concert by PETE SEEGER would be held at the public hall, Music Room, Cleveland, Ohio on November 13, 1959.

Certain informants familiar with some aspects of CP activity in the New York City area advised in January, 1960, that they had no information concerning the subject.

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APPENDIX

COMMITTEE OF FIRST AMENDMENT DEFENDENTS

The "National Guardian" of November 2, 1959, page five, columns three and four, reported that a new civil liberties group, Committee of First Amendment Defendents, would hold a mass meeting in support of thirty defendants who faced jail or trial because of their resorting to the First Amendment in appearance before investigating committee. The meeting was to be held at the New York Center, 227 West 46th Street, New York City, November 5, 1959, at 8:00 p.m.

"MORNING FREIHEIT"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "Morning Freiheit:"

- "1. A 'Communist Yiddish daily.'  
(Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7686.)
- "2. 'The Freiheit has been one of the rankest organs of Communist propaganda in this country for almost a quarter of a century.'  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 75.)"

NATIONAL GUARDIAN

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 "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

- "1. 'Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly. \* \* \* Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.'  
(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, p. 12)"

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APPENDIX

TRADE UNION COMMITTEE 1959  
MAY DAY CELEBRATION

On November 13, 1958, a confidential source advised that during a meeting of the State Staff of the New York State Communist Party (CP) held on November 13, 1958, at CP headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, the question of May Day was raised. It was decided that they should start early and named LOUIS WEINSTOCK to be in charge of the committee to lay the foundation.

The February 22, 1959, issue of "The Worker," an East Coast Communist weekly publication, on page 16, announced a conference for March 7, 1959, at Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City, for May Day plans. The announcement states "commemoration of May Day is being planned by a group of trade unionists it was disclosed last week by the Sponsoring Committee for a May Day Celebration."

The March 15, 1959, issue of "The Worker," on page 5, contained an article concerning the above conference reflecting that May Day would be celebrated in Union Square and that LOUIS WEINSTOCK was elected Chairman of the Committee.

On April 22, 1959, another confidential source made available a throw-away announcing that May Day would be celebrated on May 2, 1959, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Union Square under the sponsorship of the Trade Union Committee 1959 May Day Celebration, Room 3, 130 East 16th Street, New York City.

On December 9, 10, 1958, another confidential source advised that LOUIS WEINSTOCK was then a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, USA (CP), representing the New York District of the CP.

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

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 2/4/60

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, aka  
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Re NY letter to the Bureau, dated 1/27/60.

The "New York Herald Tribune" of Friday, 1/29/60, on page 10, column 8, carries an article stating that Judge EDWARD WEINFELD ruled yesterday in US District Court that PETER SEEGER of Beacon, NY indicted for contempt of Congress, has a right to subpoena Representative FRANCIS E. WALTER. DIC

This article continued by saying, in part, Judge WEINFELD issued a brief decision stating that under the Sixth Amendment of the Constitution, a defendant accused of a crime is guaranteed the right to compel the attendance of witnesses.

NY will continue to follow and advise the Bureau of the proceedings in this case.

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(2-100-241970)(ELLIOTT SULLIVAN)  
1 - New York (100-107274)(ELLIOTT SULLIVAN)(424)  
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DATE: 1/27/60

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

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SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER aka  
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ReNYlet to the Bureau, dated 12/31/59, captioned  
"MARTIN YARUS aka; SM-C".

On 1/25/60, AUSA LAWRENCE P. MC GAULEY advised  
SA WILLIAM D. NEUMANN that a firm date for the Contempt of Congress  
trial has been set for March 21, 1960, in the cases of US vs.  
MARTIN YARUS, US vs. PETER SEEGER and US vs. ELLIOTT SULLIVAN.

MC GAULEY stated that Federal District Judge EDWARD  
WEINFELD reserved judgment on a motion entered by the USA's  
office on 1/25/60 to quash papers served on Representative  
FRANCIS WALTER requiring his appearance as a witness at instant  
trial.

The Bureau will be advised of the proceedings in  
this case.

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- (1) American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born -- entertainer -- Daily Worker, March 1, 1949, page 7
- (2) American Committee for Yugoslav Relief -- participant in dinner program, October 24, 1946 -- testimony before Senate Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization, September 8, 1949, page 543
- (3) American Folksay Group -- member -- Daily Worker, March 9, 1949, page 12
- (4) American Folksay Group -- member -- Worker, March 5, 1950, page 8
- (5) American-Soviet Music Society -- entertainer -- Daily Worker, March 15, 1947, page 8
- (6) American Youth Congress -- song leader at meeting -- leaflet, February 7-9, 1941
- (7) American Youth for Democracy -- entertainer at vets conference -- Daily Worker, May 24, 1946, page 8
- (8) Brooklyn Professional Committee for Democratic China -- entertainer -- Daily Worker, May 6, 1946, page 8
- (9) Camp Kinderland -- entertainer in 1947 or 1948 -- testimony before House Committee, July 25, 1955, p. 1332
- (10) Civil Rights Congress -- entertainer -- Daily Worker, February 3, 1949, page 7
- (11) Committee for a Cultural Salute to Paul Robeson -- sponsor of meeting -- New York Journal American, May 12, 1954
- (12) Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy -- participant -- letterhead and program, June 8, 1949
- (13) Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy -- entertainer -- Worker, October 1, 1950, page 2
- (14) Committee for the First Amendment -- member -- People's Daily World, October 29, 1947, page 3
- (15) Committee for the Negro in the Arts -- participated in play -- Daily Worker, October 20, 1949, page 7
- (16) Communist Party -- refused to answer questions concerning membership -- House Committee report, August 18, 1955, pages 2448-2460

(17) Communist Party -- entertainer at benefit supper -- Daily Worker, March 23, 1946, page 6

(18) Communist Party, Cultural Division -- performer after May Day parade -- Daily Worker, April 28, 1949, page 7

(19) Communist Party, Lower East Side Youth Section -- entertainer -- Daily Worker, February 17, 1949, page 7

(20) Communist Party, New York State Youth Board -- participant -- Daily Worker, February 22, 1949, page 7

(21) Council on African Affairs -- entertainer, June 6, 1946 -- New York Teacher News, May 25, 1946, page 2

(22) Emergency Civil Liberties Committee -- participant in conference -- leaflet, January 30, 1957

(23) Group of Japanese Americans -- guest of -- Daily Worker, February 17, 1949, page 7

(24) Highlander Folk School -- singer at 25th anniversary celebration -- official program, August 30-September 2, 1957

(25) Jefferson School of Social Science -- entertainer -- Daily Worker, May 21, 1946, page 8

(26) Jefferson School of Social Science -- instructor -- testimony of Walter Steele before House Committee, July 21, 1947, page 49

(27) Jefferson School of Social Science -- entertainer -- Daily Worker, June 1, 1950, page 8

(28) Jefferson School of Social Science -- signer of statement supporting right to teach Marxism -- statement, June 24, 1954

(29) May Day, 1950 -- entertainer at jamboree -- Worker, April 30, 1950, page 32

(30) Metropolitan Music School -- performer -- program, June 12, 1954

(31) Metropolitan Music School -- faculty member -- catalog, 1954-1955, page 26

(32) National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions -- participant in play -- Daily Worker, October 20, 1949, page 7

(33) Nature Friends of America -- entertainer at rally to defeat the Mundt Bill -- Worker, April 16, 1950, page 8

(34) New Drama -- entertainer -- Daily Worker, February 17, 1949, page 7

(35) New Masses -- contributor -- New Masses, July 16, 1946, page 7

(36) New York Committee for Protection of Foreign Born -- sponsor -- letterhead, May 1955

(37) People's Artists -- entertainer -- Worker, June 30, 1946, page 5

(38) People's Artists -- entertainer -- Daily Worker, October 28, 1949, page 7

(39) People's Artists -- entertainer -- Daily Worker, March 20, 1950, page 6

(40) People's Artists -- speaker at meeting of -- Daily Worker, May 19, 1950, page 10

(41) People's Artists -- entertainer -- announcement -- June 19, 1954

(42) People's Artists -- entertainer -- Daily Worker, January 14, 1955, page 7

(43) People's Artists -- contributor to Sing Out -- Daily Worker, August 24, 1956, page 7

(44) People's Drama Theatre -- performer -- Worker, April 2, 1950, page 9

(45) People's Songs -- Executive secretary -- People's Songs, February 1946

(46) People's Songs -- national director -- People's Songs, September 1947

(47) People's Songs -- sent birthday greetings to -- People's Songs, February-March 1948

(48) People's Songs -- chairman of national staff -- People's Songs, February 1949

(49) Progressive Citizens of America -- member of actors' division -- Hollywood Reporter, November 3, 1947, page 15

(50) Progressive Citizens of America -- entertainer for -- Daily Worker, April 5, 1948, page 12

(51) Progressive Party of Massachusetts -- entertainer at conference -- leaflet, January 9, 1949

(52) School for Political Action Technique -- instructor -- official catalog, June 26-29, 1946

(53) Schrean Great Camp -- entertainer -- Worker, April 23, 1950, page 10

(54) Sing Out -- entertainer -- announcement, September 22, 1956

(55) Sing Out -- entertainer -- announcement, June 21, 1957

(56) Stop Rankin Meeting -- entertainer -- Daily Worker, May 6, 1946, page 5

(57) Swapping Song Fair -- entertainer -- National Guardian, March 19, 1956, page 10

(58) United Office and Professional Workers of America, Local 16 -- entertainer -- Daily Worker, February 17, 1949, page 7

(59) Testimonial Concert "Bound for Glory" for Woodie Guthrie -- entertainer -- Daily Worker, March 13, 1956, page 6

(60) Veterans against Discrimination of Civil Rights Congress of New York -- veteran sponsor -- letterhead, May 13, 1946

(61) Voice of Freedom Committee -- participated in play -- Daily Worker, October 20, 1949, page 7

(62) Westchester Puckskill Committee -- participant in concert -- Daily Worker, March 21, 1950, page 8

(63) Wingdale Lodge -- entertainer -- letter, September 2-5, 1955

(64) Win-the-Peace Conference -- entertainer -- Daily Worker, May 6, 1946, page 8

(65) Young People's Record Club -- singing recorder -- leaflet, September 1948

(66) Young Progressives -- participant in Wallace rally -- Daily Worker, October 18, 1948, page 7

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 12/14/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, aka.  
SM - C

Re Legat, London letter to the Bureau dated 11/4/59 with attached letterhead memorandum; NY letter to the Bureau dated 10/27/59, both entitled as above; and NY letter to the Bureau dated 10/30/59, entitled, "MARTIN YARUS, aka; SM - C."

A review of subject's file and the indices of the NYO fail to reflect any information concerning LUCY SEEGER, a resident of Leiden, Holland, who was contacted by subject in the United Kingdom in September or October, 1959.

On 12/4/59, AUSA LAWRENCE P. MC GAULEY advised SA WILLIAM D. NEUMANN that a Bill of Particulars had been furnished to subject's attorney in the case of the U.S. versus PETER SEEGER.

MC GAULEY added that the trial is set for January, 1960, with no date specified as yet.

The Bureau will be advised of the proceedings in this case.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: November 18, 1959

FROM : Legat, London (100-2101)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER  
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OO: NEW YORK

CC TO:	USIA
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Remylet November 4, 1959.

Original and five copies of a memorandum containing information concerning subject made available under a Secret classification by [redacted] FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

is being designated as T-1 in the enclosure. The information contained in enclosure indicates according to [redacted] tentative plans for subject's appearances at various cities in the United States. [redacted] states this itinerary of SEEGER's was obtained from a highly delicate and reliable source and because of the delicacy he requests that this information not be disseminated outside the Bureau.

This case will be kept in a pending status awaiting Bureau reply concerning information requested in referenced letter on LUCY SEEGER.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

November 18, 1959

RE: PETER SEEGER

T-1, a confidential source abroad, advised on November 10, 1959, that prior to SEEGER's departure from the United Kingdom for New York City on October 19 he listed the following as dates for public appearances he was going to give in the United States:

October 17, 1959	Luncheon at Cleveland, Ohio, to meet community leaders and appear on local television.
December 23 or 28, 1959	Concert at Carnegie Hall to raise money and publicize "the School." Other people appearing on this program are a group of young colored people, the Montgomery Singers and either MARTIN LUTHER KING or the Rev. SOLOMON SEAY, the latter being the executive secretary of the Montgomery Improvement Association. Plans for this occasion are being made by GUY CARAWAN and it is hoped that when the Montgomery Singers arrive in New York they will be met by Mrs. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT and Dr. RALPH BUNCHE.
February 15, 1960	Television commercial program - Music 60 - from Toronto.
February 20, 1960	Concert in Toronto
Date unknown	Address on civil liberties to the "Y" at Miami University.

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DATE: November 4, 1959

FROM : *CLUB*  
*Wm* Legat, London (100-2101)SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER  
SECURITY MATTER - C

OO: New York

Re New York letterhead memorandum 10/5/59.

There are enclosed the original and five copies of a memorandum containing information concerning subject made available under a secret classification by [redacted]

[redacted] is designated as T-1 in the enclosure. [redacted] stated SEEGER visited the United Kingdom during September and October, 1959, and has since departed for the United States. This information concerning subject was made available by delicate sources, according to [redacted] and because of this he requested that dissemination of this information not be made outside the Bureau.

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ENDICOTT and CROWLEYS mentioned in the enclosure are unknown to this office. HOLLAND DE WITTE ROBERTS is subject of Bufile 100-79512.

[redacted] stated SEEGER was in contact with a LUCY SEEGER in Leiden, Holland, and he asks that if there is any information concerning this individual available it be furnished to him. This case will be kept pending awaiting Bureau reply.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: [redacted] Director, FBI (100-200845)

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November 4, 1959

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

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1 - Mr. Coakley  
1 - Mr. Coll

Legal Attache, Ottawa

October 27, 1959

Director, FBI (105-63242)

*phs*  
MARGARET SEEGER  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Bureau dated 10-16-59, captioned "Peter Seeger, Security Matter - C." near File 100-0-1183. which enclosed [redacted]

Enclosed are two Photostats of a letterhead memorandum dated 4-2-58 and two copies of a letterhead memorandum dated 4-21-59 regarding captioned subject.

The subject is commonly known as Peggy Seeger, and is a folk singer. She is a half sister of Peter Seeger. [redacted]

Any pertinent information developed regarding subject's activities in Canada should be forwarded to the Bureau.

For your information, Los Angeles is office of origin regarding subject.

Enclosures (4) FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

1 - London (100-1503)  
1 - Los Angeles (100-55594)

1 - 100-200845 (Peter Seeger)  
1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (route through for review)  
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By relet Legat, Ottawa, [redacted]

Enclosed memoranda contains background and subversive data regarding subject. She is not the SI, attended Sixth World Youth Festival in Moscow 1957, and has been living in England recently.

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Mr. H. Berman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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*O/peter*  
SEEGER (Title I, p. 41)

On January 4, 1960, the case will be before the District Court for the assignment of a trial judge and the setting of a trial date. It will be tried jointly with Sullivan (p. 38) and Tyne (p. 39).

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 10/27/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, aka  
SM - C

Re NYlet to Bureau dated 10/5/59, with letterhead memorandum attached, concerning subject's travel abroad.

AUSA LAWRENCE P. McGAULEY advised SA WILLIAM D. NEUMANN on 10/26/59 that subject's contempt of Congress trial, set for 10/15/59, was postponed until 10/30/59 because of the unavailability of an essential witness, to wit, Representative FRANCIS WALTER (D - Pa.)

McGAULEY further stated that it was unlikely that the trial in question will come to court for several weeks because of the inability of his office to locate Congressman WALTER.

Liaison will be maintained with AUSA McGAULEY, and the Bureau will be promptly advised of developments in this matter.

2 - Bureau (100-200845) (RM)  
1 - New York (100-83801) (414)

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Date: 10-16-59

To: Director, FBI

(Bufile : 100-200845 )

Attention : \_\_\_\_\_

From: Legal Attache, Ottawa

( 100-0-1183 )

Title PETER SEEGER.	Character SM - C Reference No prior correspondence
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Enclosed are the following

Remarks:

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☐ May not be made without further clearance with RCMP

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Status with this office:

- ☒ RUC  
☐ Pending

3 - Bureau (Encs. 3)

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United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York  
October 5, 1959

Re: Peter Seeger  
Security Matter - C

On August 7, 1959, Assistant United States Attorney Lawrence P. McGauley advised that on August 4, 1959, he placed the case of The United States versus Peter Seeger on the court calendar. He said a trial is set to commence on October 15, 1959, before Federal District Judge James Van Pelt Bryan for contempt of Congress, in that Seeger was cited by the House of Representatives for contempt when in August, 1955, he declined to answer some questions put to him by the House Committee on Un-American Activities in New York City, which was investigating Communist infiltration of the entertainment field.

McGauley stated that on August 4, 1959, the subject's attorney filed a notice of motion for permanent extension of bail, as the subject was planning a trip to the United Kingdom from September 25, 1959, through October 12, 1959. He said the government would oppose this motion which was returnable on August 10, 1959.

On August 31, 1959, McGauley advised that the aforementioned motion was partially granted by Judge Bryan on August 10, 1959, requiring that the subject report to the United States Attorney's office on October 10, 1959, rather than on October 12, 1959, as originally requested in said motion.

On September 29, 1959, Mr. James Brooks, Passport Legal Division, Passport Office, United States Department of State, furnished subject's passport file which reflected the following information:

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HOW FORW. 960-7  
BY M. J. [unclear]

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ENCLOSURE

Re: Peter Seeger

Peter Seeger was issued passport number 1780911 on September 8, 1959, limited to expire on October 10, 1959, for proposed travel to the United Kingdom between September 25, 1959, and October 9, 1959, for the purpose of concert engagements. In Seeger's application dated August 26, 1959, at Poughkeepsie, New York, he stated that he intended to depart from Idlewild Airport about September 25, 1959, via Pan American Airways.

Subject stated in his passport application that he was not traveling by organized tour and that he expected to take another trip abroad in the next two years.

On October 5, 1959 Mister Arch Leonard, Traffic Director, Pan American Airways, Idlewild Airport, New York City, advised that Peter Seeger departed for London, England on Flight 100 Deluxe, PAA, on September 25, 1959 at 9:30 PM.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of any kind. It is the property of the FBI, and is a loan to your agency; it and/or its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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Date: 9/30/59

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. McGuire	_____
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Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	_____
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Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-23658)

PETER SEEGER, aka  
SM - C  
(OO: NY)

Re Stop notice placed in passport files.

Files, Passport Office, Department of State, made available to SA KENNETH J. HASER on 9/29/59, by Mr. JAMES BROOKS, Passport Legal Division, Passport Office, reflect PETER SEEGER was issued passport 1780911 on 9/8/59, limited to expire on 10/10/59, for proposed travel to the United Kingdom between 9/25/59 and 10/9/59, for the purpose of concert engagements. In his application dated 8/26/59 at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., he stated that he intended to depart from Idlewild Airport about 9/25/59 via PAA. Stated not traveling by organized tour and expected to take another trip abroad in next 2 years. This passport was valid for all countries except Albania, Bulgaria and those portions of China, Korea and Viet-Nam under communist control,

Subject stated born 5/3/19 at NYC and file reflects his birth certificate was seen by passport authorities. Gave permanent residence as Dutchess Junction, Fishkill Township, Dutchess Co., New York State. Listed father as CHARLES LOUIS SEEGER, born Mexico City, Mexico, 12/14/86, an American citizen residing at 1420 E. Valley Rd., Santa Barbara, Calif. Listed his mother as CONSTANCE DE CLYVER EDSON, born Denver, Colo., 11/28/86 and residing 2976 S. W. 16th Terrace, Miami, Fla. Subject stated last married 7/20/43 to TOSHI-ALINE OHTA SEEGER, born Munich, Germany, 7/1/22, an American citizen.

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residing with subject, marriage not terminated. Subject gave mailing address as Box 328, Beacon, N. Y.

Subject submitted for inclusion in his file a photostat of sworn affidavit dated 12/28/86 at the U. S. Consulate General, Mexico, City, Mexico, by his grandfather, CHARLES L. SEEGER, attesting to the birth at Mexico City of CHARLES L. SEEGER, JR., on 12/14/86 (subject's father). Subject's application and related papers were sent to Passport Office by FREDERIC A. SMITH, Dutchess County Clerk, Poughkeepsie, with let dated 8/26/59, wherein SMITH pointed out that, as Americanism Chairman of the County American Legion, he had known that subject had been identified in hearings before HCUA as a communist, that subject had been a witness before HCUA, availed himself of the 1st Amendment "and other subterfuges to avoid answering questions," that in April, 1957, subject was indicted by a FGJ for contempt and that subject has never been brought to trial on that indictment.

File reflects that on 9/8/59, Office of Security, Department of State, NYC, received copy of court order dated 8/20/59, signed by US District Judge WILLIAM B. HERLANDS, permitting subject to depart jurisdiction of SDNY and travel to United Kingdom from 9/25/59 to 10/9/59, inclusive for purpose of conducting his usual professional activities. Court order also provided defendant should abide by and comply with all provisions of bail bond and appear in person with counsel at Office of USA, 10/10/59, 10:30 a.m. File also reflects that Passport Office notified LEONARD B. BOUDIN, attorney for subject, NYC, on 9/8/59, that passport was being mailed to subject and was limited in accordance with court order. Subject listed occupation on application as musician. Application was new type which does not call for answer to CP questions.

In view of fact subject's passport limited and possibility he may desire travel abroad at later date, WFO not removing passport stop notice. WFO will send copies of his photo to NY Office by routing slip later. RUC.



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 9/21/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, aka  
SM - C

The following reports on subject have been furnished to AUSA LAWRENCE P. McGAULEY, SDNY:

Report of SA ARTHUR J. GREENE, JR. 2/21/57 at NY

Report of SA WILLIAM L. McMURRAY, JR. 2/19/58 at NY

Report of SA ROBERT W. KENNEDY, 2/18/59 at NY

AUSA McGAULEY has been advised that the reports are for his information only, that they contain both admissible and inadmissible evidence and that witnesses to information therein are not necessarily available for testimony.

He was also advised that the reports and the facts therein are for his information and should not be introduced in any proceedings in connection with prosecution of the contempt case of SEEGER.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845) DATE: 9/16/59

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-23658)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, aka  
SM - C  
(OO: NY)

ReNYairtel 8/7/59 and NYlet 8/31/59 re passport check for subject.

On 9/15/59, Mrs. VERDE BUCKLER, Legal Section, Passport Office, Department of State, advised SE JOHN R. CRUMP that the files of the Passport Office contain no identifiable record of SEEGER as ever having applied for passport facilities.

WFO, in accordance with NY airtel 8/7/59, is placing a stop with the Passport Office with respect to the subject. RUC.

- ② - Bureau
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 8/31/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, aka.  
SM-C

Re New York airtel to Bureau, dated 8/7/59.

AUSA LAWRENCE P. MC GAULEY advised on 8/31/59 that subject's motion for permanent extension of bail was partially granted by Federal Judge JAMES VAN PELT BRYAN on 8/10/59, requiring that subject report to the USA's office on 10/10/59, rather than 10/12/59, as originally requested in said motion.

MC GAULEY added that date for subject's contempt of Congress trial is still set at 10/15/59.

Upon receipt of passport information from WFO, NY will submit letterhead memorandum re subject's proposed travel plans.

WFO is requested to expedite leads set out in referenced communication.

- 2- Bureau (100-200845) (RM)  
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1- New York (100-83801)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-382983)

8/7/59

SAC, NEW YORK (100-106209)

MARTIN LARUS, aka  
SECURITY MATTER - C

*Peter Seeger*

OO:NY

ReNYlet to Director, FBI dated 1/30/59.

On 8/7/59 AUSA LAWRENCE P. MC GAULEY advised SA WILLIAM E. FRIEDMAN that, as a result of the HARTSHOLT decision, the cases of US vs. MARTIN LARUS, US vs. PETER SEEGER, and US vs. ELLIOT SULLIVAN had been returned to the court calendar and were set for trial on 10/15/59.

AUSA MC GAULEY stated PETER SEEGER was planning a trip to England during the period 9/25 - 10/12/59 and attorneys for LARUS and SULLIVAN were seeking a delay in the trials. AUSA MC GAULEY further advised he was opposing the trip abroad; however, he thought his opposition would be overruled.

AUSA MC GAULEY stated he had been assured by US District Judge FREDERICK VAN RAIT BRYAN that the trial would be held on 10/15/59 regardless of the travel.

The NYO will continue to follow the above matter and keep the Bureau advised of further developments.

- 6 - Bureau (RM)  
    (2 - 100-382983) (MARTIN LARUS)  
    (2 - 100-200845) (PETER SEEGER)  
    (2 - 100-241970) (ELLIOT SULLIVAN)

- 1 - New York (100-106209) (MARTIN LARUS)(425)  
1 - New York (100-83801) (PETER SEEGER)(414)  
1 - New York (100-107274) (ELLIOT SULLIVAN)(424)

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**CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS**

**U.S. v. PETER SEEGER (S.D. N.Y.)**

Seeger was indicted on March 26, 1957, for contempt of Congress because of his refusal to answer questions propounded to him by the House Committee on Un-American Activities on July 25, 1956. Defendant's motion to dismiss the indictment on the basis of the Watkins decision was denied by the District Court. Trial of the case has been continued pending a decision of the Supreme Court in Barenblatt.

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Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
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Monthly Status Report ~~for~~ ending June 30, 1954.

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Date: 8/7/59

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Via \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)  
SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, aka.  
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Re NY letters to the Bureau, dated 6/1/59 and 6/23/59, the former enclosing five copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning the subject. Also reference is made to WFO letter to NY, dated 5/28/59, and NY letter to WFO, dated 5/4/59.

On 8/7/59, AUSA LAWRENCE P. MC GAULEY advised that on 8/4/59 he placed the case of the U.S. vs. PETER SEEGER for Contempt of Congress on the court calendar. He said the trial is set to commence on 10/15/59 before Federal District Judge JAMES VAN PELT BRYAN.

MC GAULEY stated that on 8/4/59, the subject's attorney filed a notice of motion for permanent extension of bail as the subject was planning a trip to the United Kingdom from 9/25/59 through 10/12/59. MC GAULEY said the government would oppose this motion and no doubt loose. This motion is returnable on 8/10/59.

WFO is requested to review records of the Passport Office, Department of State, in order to ascertain if subject has applied for a passport. All pertinent information developed desired by the NYO. In the event subject has not as yet applied for a passport, WFO is requested to place a stop with the Passport Office.

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1-New York (100-83801)

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The NYO will follow and report subject's contempt of Congress proceedings in federal court and will, upon receipt of additional information, submit letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination.

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Special Agent in Charge

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 6/23/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, aka.  
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(OO:NEW YORK)

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Re NY let to the Director dated 6/1/59 and WFO let to NY dated 5/28/59.

WFO advised in referenced letter that the files of the Passport Office, Department of State, contains no identifiable record of SEEGER as ever having applied for passport facilities.

It is noted that in referenced NY letter to the Bureau, information was set forth in a letterhead memorandum that subject contemplated travel abroad. This information was based upon an article appearing in the "New York Times," stating that "The Weavers," a musical group, of which subject was a member, were planning a European tour.

On 6/18/59, CSNY 23 advised SA MICHAEL M. O'ROURKE that PETER SEEGER was no longer a member of "The Weavers," and that he had been replaced by one ERIC DARLING.

In view of the foregoing, it does not appear that subject contemplates leaving the US at this time. The NYO will keep the Bureau advised of the pending contempt of Congress proceedings against the subject.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 6/1/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, aka.,  
SM - C  
OO - NYSEE REVERSE SIDE FOR  
ADD. DISSEMINATION.

Re report to SA ROBERT W. KENNEDY at NY, dated 2/18/59; NY letter to WFO dated 5/4/59.

Enclosed are five copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning the subject. Also enclosed are five copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth the reliability of the source whose identity is concealed by a T symbol.

WFO has been requested to review the records the the Passport Office, Department of State, in order to ascertain if subject has applied for a passport. If so, to furnish the NYO with pertinent information developed. Upon receipt of affirmative information from WFO, the NYO will prepare an additional letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination.

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of  
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Careful consideration has been given to the sources concealed and the T symbol was utilized in that instance where the identity of the source must be concealed.

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States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York

June 1, 1959

Bufile 100-200845  
NY 100-83801

Re: Peter Seeger  
Security Matter - C

Reference is made to the memo concerning  
the subject, dated and captioned as above at New York.

Informant, NY T-1 has furnished reliable  
information in the past.

This document contains neither recommendations  
nor conclusions of any kind. It is the property of the  
FBI, and is a loan to your agency; it and/or its  
contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York  
June 1, 1959

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Peter Seeger  
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The "New York Times" Sunday edition of April 26, 1959, Theater Section, Page 2, carried an advertisement to the effect that "The Weavers" a musical group of which subject is a member, would appear at Carnegie Hall on May 15, 1959 and that this would be their only appearance prior to their European tour.

The July 26, 1956 issue of the "Poughkeepsie New Yorker", daily newspaper published at Poughkeepsie, New York, contained an article which stated that on July 25, 1956 Peter Seeger, Cold Springs Road, Beacon, New York, a singer of American ballads was among persons who were cited by the House of Representatives for contempt.

This article stated that Seeger, during August, 1955, declined to answer some questions put to him by the House Committee on Un-American Activities in New York City as it investigated Communist infiltration of the entertainment field.

On March 26, 1957 Assistant United States Attorney Robert W. Bjork, Southern District of New York, advised that an indictment for contempt of Congress had been returned in the Southern District of New York against Peter Seeger. On May 21, 1957 Bjork stated that Seeger had been arraigned on April 1, 1957 and released on \$1,000 bail. On February 25, 1958 Bjork said the case of Seeger had been marked off the United States court calendar.

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On January 23, 1959 Assistant United States Attorney Lawrence P. Mc Gauley advised that the case of the United States versus Peter Seeger had not been placed back on the court calendar because of the unavailability of a Federal Judge to try the case and because Assistant United States Attorney Mc Gauley was waiting for the decision of the United States versus Barenblatt and the United States versus Sacher, contempt of Congress cases which were heard by the United States Supreme Court in October, 1958. On May 18, 1959 Assistant United States Attorney Mc Gauley stated that subject's case has not been placed back on the court calendar because he is still waiting for the outcome of the Berenblatt and Sacher cases. Mc Gauley further advised that Seeger is still under indictment and released on \$1,000 bail precluding his travel outside the continental limits of the United States without permission of the court. Mc Gauley stated that Seeger has not requested or received this authority as yet.

On May 20, 1959 Assistant United States Attorney Mc Gauley stated that Mr. Ross, partner of Martin Popper, Seeger's attorney, advised him that he understood Seeger was planning a tour outside the United States. Mc Gauley stated that Ross was certain that Seeger would apply for permission of the court before he undertook this proposed trip.

On September 12, 1949 Herman Thomas, 518 North 23rd Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania, informant for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for approximately ten years prior to the time he testified in May, 1954 for the government in the case of the United States versus Joseph Kuzma, ET AL, tried in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, advised that Peter Seeger was a member of the Communist Party as of that time.

Peter Seeger

The Communist Party (CP) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Louis F. Budenz, self-admitted former CP functionary and Managing Editor of the "Daily Worker" advised on June 30, 1950 that Peter Seeger was a member of the CP in 1949.

On April 30, 1953 NY T-1 identified Peter Seeger as a CP member active in the Music II Section during the latter part of 1949 or early 1950.

On December 13, 1954 John Lautner, former Chairman of the New York State Review Commission, New York CP, who was expelled from the CP in January, 1950, advised that he knew the subject as a CP member during 1947 to 1949.

The following is a physical description of the subject:

Name	Peter Seeger, also known as Pete Seeger, Pete Bowers
Residence	Beacon, New York
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	May 13, 1919
Place of Birth	New York, New York
Height	6'1"
Weight	143 lbs.
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Build	Slim
Complexion	Fair, face badly pimpled
Marital Status	Married

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The pretext telephone call made on 6/8/54, as referred to in the characterization of Encampment for Citizenship, was made by SA J. GARTH GRAY, the type of pretext used is unknown.

The pretext telephone call made on 5/3/56, was conducted by SA TONY J. SEABAUGH. The pretext used was an inquiry concerning the EFC during the summer months of 1956.

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Used to document HARRY KOGER ✓

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DE T-1 [redacted]				
NY T-7 [redacted]				
CGT-2 [redacted]	Used to document MANDEL TERMAN	10/23/58 ✓ 12/3/58 ✓		
CG T-3 [redacted]	Used to document MANDEL TERMAN			
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Used to document HELEN TRAVIS

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The following informants were contacted with negative results in January, 1959:

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The informants utilized in the characterizations appearing in the appendix are, in their order of appearance, as follows:

Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship  
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Detroit Labor Forum

Encampment For Citizenship

Faculty of Social Science

Metropolitan Music School

Sing Out, Inc.

Southern Conference Educational Fund

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☒ This report is classified Confidential because (state reason) information furnished by NY T-2, AQT-3, NY T-3, NY T-4, NY T-5, NY T-6, NY T-7, DE T-4, DE T-5, could reasonably result in identification of informants of continuing value and compromise the future effectiveness thereof.
8. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) subject has been indicted for contempt of Congress and contempt of Congress proceedings are pending against the subject.
9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)  
On 9/12/49, HERMAN THOMAS, FBI informant for approximately ten years prior to his testimony in May, 1954, advised that on 9/9/49, Mother Bloor, a charter member of the CP, stated that PETE SEEGER was a member of the CP in NY. On 5/13/54,

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THOMAS advised that his opinion Mother BLOOR in her reference to SEEGER on 9/9/49, unquestionably meant that SEEGER was then a member of the CP (Report of SA WILLIAM L. MC MURRAY, JR. 2/19/58 at NY). On 4/30/53 former [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, identified the subject as a CP member active in the Music II Section during the latter part of 1949 or early 1950. On 12/13/54, JOHN LAUTNER advised that he knew subject as a CP member from 1947 to 1949. (Report of SA ARTHUR J. GREENE, JR., 12/21/56, NY).

The subject appeared before HCUA in August, 1955, and refused to discuss groups before which he had entertained. On 7/25/56, the subject was cited for contempt of the House of Representatives for his refusal to answer questions before HUCA (Report of WILLIAM L. MC MURRAY, JR., 2/19/58, at NY).

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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## Copy to:

Report of: Special Agent Robert W. Kennedy      Office: New York  
Date: February 18, 1959

File Number: BU 100-200845  
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Title: PETER SEEGER

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: As of February 2, 1959, PETER SEEGER resided at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York, and was self employed as an entertainer. On January 23, 1959, Assistant United States Attorney LAWRENCE P. MC GAULEY advised that the contempt of Congress case against SEEGER had not been replaced on the court docket because of the unavailability of a Federal Judge to try the case. New York T-1 advised that PETE SEEGER entertained at a program sponsored by "Sing Out". NO T-1 furnished information in the Spring of 1958, that PETER SEEGER was a subscriber to "The Southern Patriot". Announcement of folk songs to be sponsored by Metropolitan Music School on May 25, 1958, reflects that one of the featured entertainers would be PETE SEEGER. PETE SEEGER was featured at concerts sponsored by Detroit Labor Forum on October 18, 1958, and November 30, 1958. Certain informants familiar with Communist Party (CP) activity in the New York City area advised in January, 1959, that they had no information concerning the subject.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

Residence and Employment

On February 2, 1959, New York T-1 advised that PETER SEEGER resides on Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York, maintains Post Office Box 328, Beacon, New York, and is self employed as an entertainer.

II. CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS CONCERNING  
PETER SEEGER

The July 26, 1956, issue of the "Poughkeepsie New Yorker", a daily newspaper published for Poughkeepsie, New York, contained an article which stated that on July 25, 1956, PETER SEEGER, Cold Spring Road, Beacon, New York, singer of American ballads and banjoist was among eight persons who were cited by the House of Representatives for "contempt".

The article stated that SEEGER, during August, 1955, declined to answer some questions put to him by the House Committee on Un-American Activities in New York City, as it investigated possible Communist infiltration of the entertainment field.

On February 13, 1957, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) ROBERT W. BJORK, Southern District of New York, advised SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER that the Federal Grand Jury in New York City had returned a true bill against PETER SEEGER for contempt on February 8, 1957.

AUSA ROBERT W. BJORK, Southern District of New York, advised Assistant Special Agent in Charge, EDWARD J. MC CABE on March 26, 1957, that an indictment for contempt of Congress had been returned in the Southern District of New York against PETER SEEGER.



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On May 21, 1957, AUSA BJORK, Southern District of New York, advised SA FOLKNER that SEEGER had been arraigned on April 1, 1957 and released on \$1000 bail.

On February 25, 1958, AUSA BJORK, Southern District of New York, advised SA HENRY C. RUDA that the case of PETER SEEGER had been marked off the United States Court Calendar.

AUSA BJORK stated that the witnesses necessary for the contempt of Congress proceedings would not be available until after March 1, 1958.

AUSA BJORK advised that the subject's case would be placed back on the Court Calendar when the witnesses became available.

On January 23, 1959, AUSA LAWRENCE P. MC GAULEY advised SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER that the case of the United States vs. PETER SEEGER had not been placed back on the Court Calendar because of the unavailability of a federal judge to try the case and because AUSA MC GAULEY was waiting for the decision of United States vs. BARENBLATT and United States v. SACHER, contempt of Congress cases which were heard by the United States Supreme Court in October, 1958.

### III. MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES AND ASSOCIATIONS OF THE SUBJECT

On March 11, 1958, New York T-2 advised that on February 22, 1958, the publication, "Sing Out" sponsored a program at Carnegie Hall, New York, which began about midnight.

New York T-2 advised that PETE SEEGER was one of the entertainers at this program (see appendix hereto for characterization of Sing Out, Incorporated).

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On April 15, 1958, AQT-1 advised that on the night of April 14, 1958, PETER SEEGER gave a concert at the Museum of International Folk Art, Sante Fe, New Mexico.

On April 18, 1958, AQT-2 advised that on the evening of April 15, 1958, PETER SEEGER gave a concert at Taos High School, Taos, New Mexico.

On April 24, 1958, AQT-3 advised that on April 15, 1958, he had observed PETER SEEGER riding in the automobile belonging to and being driven by CRAIG S. VINCENT.

On October 11, 1953, AQT-4 advised that he has been acquainted with CRAIG VINCENT and his wife, JEANNETTE WELLS VINCENT, the owners and operators of the San Cristobal Valley Ranch, for approximately three and one-half years, and that both of them are known to him as members of the CP. The informant stated that the ranch in the past was used as a meeting place for policy making Communist Party groups.

On November 7, 1957, the records of the County Clerks Office, Taos, New Mexico, were reviewed by SA EDGAR L. MARTIN. These records reflect that JEANNETTE W. and CRAIG S. VINCENT sold the San Cristobal Valley Ranch on June 1, 1954.

New York T-3 advised on March 20, 1958, that he has been in recent contact with CRAIG VINCENT and it is the opinion of NY T-3 that CRAIG VINCENT currently supports the aims and purposes of the CP.

The CP, USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On April 28, 1958, DL T-1 advised that PETE SEEGER, a folk singer from New York City, accompanied by HARRY and GRACE KOGER, Route 3, Longview, Texas, appeared at the Mayflower School, Longview, Texas, at 1:00 p.m. on April 18, 1958. SEEGER gave a demonstration program of songs, banjo and guitar and announced

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his program for that night. According to DLT-1 SEEGER and the KOGERS appeared at the Mayflower School the night of April 18, 1958, and SEEGER gave a performance of songs.

SA T-1 advised on March 13, 1955, that he knew HARRY KOGER to be a member of the CP at that time.

NY T-4, another government agency which conducts intelligence investigations, advised in September, 1950, that JOHN STANFORD, CP Organizer in San Antonio at that time, identified HARRY and GRACE KOGER as members of the CP in San Antonio.

In the Spring of 1958, NY T-1 furnished information concerning the subscriptions of "The Southern Patriot", official organ of Southern Conference Educational Fund. (See Appendix hereto for characterization of Southern Conference Educational Fund).

This information reflected that Mr. PETER SEEGER, Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York, was a subscriber to "The Southern Patriot".

On May 15, 1958, NY T-5 furnished a one page throwaway announcing an afternoon of folk songs to be sponsored by the Metropolitan Music School on May 25, 1958, at New York, New York. The announcement reflects that one of the featured entertainers would be PETE SEEGER. (See Appendix hereto for characterization of Metropolitan Music School).

On May 16, 1958, NY T-6 advised that the Sunday Evening Forum of the Faculty of Social Science held May 11, 1958, featured a film with PETE SEEGER entitled "To Hear Your Banjo Play".

NY T-6 advised that this film was at least ten years old and contained little of interest. (See Appendix hereto for characterization of Faculty of Social Science).

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On May 5, 1958, Mrs. CLARA C. HEANEY, 111 Montague Street, Brooklyn, New York, furnished an announcement that the Encampment for Citizenship would have a concert on May 23, 1958, at 8:30 p.m. at 2 West 64th Street, New York, New York, at which PETE SEEGER would sing. (See Appendix hereto for characterization of Encampment for Citizenship).

On June 2, 1958, BA T-1 advised that PETE SEEGER performed at the Pimlico Junior High School in Maryland on the evening of May 28, 1958.

Baltimore T-1 advised that after singing a Chinese folk song, SEEGER said "There, we went to China without Mr. Dulles' permission".

On August 13, 1958, CG T-1 furnished a leaflet announcing a PETE SEEGER concert to be held August 14, 1958, in Chicago, Illinois, presented by Old Town School of Folk Music.

The July 27, 1958 issue of "The Worker" on page 4, column 3, contains an article captioned "Deny Pete Seeger Hall in Detroit", reflecting that PETE SEEGER had been denied the use of the Detroit Art Institute's Auditorium for a recital.

The July 12, 1958 issue of "The Detroit Free Press" contained an article on page 9 stating a suit was filed in Circuit Court against the Detroit Arts Commission by ERNEST MAZEY, Chairman of the Detroit Labor Forum for refusing to permit PETE SEEGER, a ballad singer, to appear in the Detroit Institute of Arts' Auditorium on October 18 and 19, 1958. The article stated the Detroit Labor Forum was sponsoring the concert of SEEGER on those dates and rental of the hall was refused by the Arts' Commission because the auditorium "may not be rented for programs of political or controversial nature." (See Appendix hereto for documentation on Detroit Labor Forum) and "The Worker".

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On October 23, 1958, DE T-1 advised that a concert featuring PETE SEEGER and SONNY TERRY was held in United Dairy Workers Hall, Detroit, Michigan on October 18, 1958, sponsored by the Detroit Labor Forum.

Detroit T-1 advised that during intermission the victory over the Detroit Art Institute's ban of PETE SEEGER was announced and it was announced that PETE SEEGER would sing at the Detroit Art Institute Auditorium on November 30, 1958.

It is noted that the October 8, 1958 issue of "The Detroit Free Press", contained an article on page 3, column 3, captioned " 'Can't Bar Singer', Judge Rules", reflecting that on October 7, 1958, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge, THOMAS J. MURPHY ordered the Detroit Art Commission to rent its hall to SEEGER. The court ruled that the title "Controversial Figure" had no bearing on denying rental of a hall to SEEGER. If SEEGER was going to advocate some controversial doctrines or make a speech that would cause a disturbance, the court felt that would be a different question. Since all SEEGER wanted to do was to sing folk songs, the court was of the opinion this was within the aims and purposes of the Art Institute.

JOHN LAUTNER, a CP member for over twenty years, who at the time of his expulsion from the CP in January, 1950, was Chairman of the New York State CP Review Commission, advised on February 12, 1955, that he knew SONNY TERRY to have been a CP member from 1947 through 1949.

In the Fall of 1958, NY T-7 furnished information that PETE SEEGER had visited the residence of MANDEL TERMAN in Chicago, Illinois on October 26, 1958.

On November 5, 1958, CG T-2 advised that MANDEL TERMAN in the early 1940's was a member-at-large of the CP of Illinois and chiefly interested in Russian War Relief.

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On October 13, 1958, CG T-3 advised that as of that time MANDEL TERMAN was a Board member of the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship. (See Appendix hereto for characterization of Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship).

On December 17, 1958, IP T-1 advised that on November 25, 1958, PETE SEEGER and SONNY TERRY gave a concert of folk songs in the Oliver Hotel Ballroom, South Bend, Indiana.

On December 3, 1958, Detroit T-1 advised that the PETE SEEGER - SONNY TERRY Concert, sponsored by the Detroit Labor Forum, was held in the Detroit Art Institute Auditorium, Sunday night, November 30, 1958.

Detroit T-1 advised that SEEGER introduced SONNY TERRY and said while he had known and made music with TERRY for about twenty years, this was the first time he had an opportunity to go on a national tour with him, and it had been a wonderful experience.

On December 1, 1958, Detroit T-3, a local Government agency which conducts intelligence investigations, advised that PETER SEEGER gave a concert at Ballinger Field House, Michigan University Extension School Camps, Flint, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on October 10, 1958, and that after the concert, at approximately 12:10 p.m. SEEGER visited the home of ROBERT and HELEN TRAVIS, 1705 Webster Road, Flint, Michigan.

According to Detroit T-3 a station wagon registered to PAUL ENDICOTT, 30532 Sheridan Street, Dearborn, Michigan, was parked in the driveway of the TRAVIS home at the time of SEEGER's visit.

Detroit T-3 advised that the occupants of the Travis's home departed at 7:50 p.m. and at 8:15 p.m., the evening concert by SEEGER was held at the Field House.

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On October 5, 1954, DE T-4 advised that HELEN TRAVIS was then on the State Committee of the CP, District 7.

On October 5, 1954, DE T-4 advised that HELEN TRAVIS was then on the State Committee of the CP, District 7.

On November 21, 1956, DE T-5 advised that ROBERT TRAVIS stated on November 20, 1956, that he was then a member of the CP, District 7.

Mrs. BERENIECE BALDWIN, a member of the CP, District 7, from 1943 to 1951, who has testified on behalf of the Government, advised on June 8, 1950, that PAUL ENDICOTT was a member of the Packard Shop Branch, CP District 7, in June, 1950.

Certain informants familiar with CP activities in the New York City area advised in January, 1959, that they had no information concerning the subject.

APPENDIX

CHICAGO COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP

EDWIN GORDON FOX, 7147 Jeffrey Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, (now deceased), made available in January, 1954, the "First Annual Report CCASF", an undated publication which stated that the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship (CCASF) was incorporated in July, 1943. This document stated "The Council's affiliation with the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship was validated August 11 (1943). The present name was adopted to conform to standard national practice. It should be noted, however, that the Chicago Council is entirely autonomous; the government of its affairs rests exclusively in the hands of its Chicago Executive Board."

A source advised on June 20, 1956, that at an Executive Committee meeting of the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship an officer of that organization stated that the aims of the Council were peaceful co-existence and friendship with the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

A second source advised on May 1, 1958, that the CCASF continues to use its facilities for the purpose of propagandizing for international peace and cultural exchange with the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. This source advised it even though the CCASF claims to be autonomous, leaders of the group are frequently in contact with and its program closely follows that of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.



DETROIT LABOR FORUM (DLF)

On July 8, 1958, a Source advised that the DLF, which was organized approximately in November, 1953, has been the name used by the Detroit Branch American Socialist Clubs (ASC), formerly the Socialist Union of America (SUA). The Source stated that the purpose of the DLF is to attract those persons to attend affairs who would otherwise be repelled by the name "Socialist." The Source further advised that the DLF is the Detroit Branch of the ASC.

A Source on November 8, 1954, advised that the SUA was founded by a minority group which broke away from the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) primarily because the minority group believed that the organization should enter the Communist Party (CP) and other left-wing groups with the intention of swinging these groups right or left, thereby making a revolution possible in a shorter time. The SUA was formally founded at what was called the Midwest Founding Conference, held November 21, 1953, at Detroit, Michigan.

The July, 1957, issue of "The American Socialist" contained the following information concerning the ASC:

The ASC was organized in Chicago, Illinois, on June 1 and June 2, 1957, at a conference sponsored by "The American Socialist." At the conference, the SUA voted to dissolve and participate in the ASC.

The conference adopted a statement of purpose indicating that its objective is the education and organization of new socialist forces in order to prepare the way for the building of a new movement of democratic socialism in the United States and will support "The American Socialist" as a prime source in such education. Inquiries concerning the ASC should be directed to "The American Socialist," Room 306, 857 Broadway, New York 3, New York.

A Source stated on August 19, 1957, that "The American Socialist" is a monthly publication which was controlled by the SUA from January, 1954, to June, 1957, and has been controlled by the ASC since July, 1957.

The SWP and CP, USA, have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

APPENDIX

ENCAMPMENT FOR CITIZENSHIP (EFC)

A confidential source furnished a pamphlet on June 11, 1954, entitled, "Encampment For Citizenship" issued by the EFC, 2 West 64th Street, New York City. This pamphlet reflects in part that the EFC was founded in 1946, and is sponsored by the American Ethical Union, a Federation of American Ethical Cultural Societies.

The pamphlet also reflects that the EFC offers a common ground on which young people can live, work, study and play in true equality, without indoctrination with a particular religious, political or economic point of view. The EFC is a six weeks course with the 1954 session held at the Fieldston School, Riverdale 71, New York, New York, from June 27, 1954 to August 7, 1954, for students from seventeen to twenty three years of age. The EFC consists of an intergrated educational program of lectures and discussions, practical workshops, field trips, film forums and family forums, community government and recreation.

On June 8, 1954, an unidentified person at the Fieldston School was contacted telephonically under pretext by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and advised that the EFC maintains a Winter office at the Society For Ethical Culture, 2 West 64th Street, New York City, and in the Summer the office is moved to the Fieldston School, Riverdale, New York, New York.

Another confidential source advised on June 16, 1954, that the Society For Ethical Culture, 2 West 64th Street, New York City, is "composed of semi-religious, dreamy, democratic people, who are strong religious people underneath. The Society is not a CP front or a Party-sponsored organization, but on occasions, in some areas, CP members may join and make contacts with people within the organization who may be recruited into the Party."

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ENCAMPMENT FOR CITIZENSHIP (EFC) (Continued)

This source further advised that there is no CP policy at the present time for infiltration of the society. The source stated that the Party is not too concerned with the Society For Ethical Culture and its affiliated groups, and never has been.

On May 3, 1956, an unidentified woman in the office of the EFC, 2 West 64th Street, New York City, was contacted telephonically under pretext by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, at which time she advised that the offices of the EFC are presently located at 2 West 64th Street, New York City. She further stated that the EFC had scheduled a six weeks study course to be held from July 1 through August 11, 1956, at the Fieldston School, Riverdale, New York.

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APPENDIX

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

On September 11, 1957, a confidential source advised that Max Weiss had stated the Communist Party in New York State would set up a Marxist institute which will teach a "US" version of Marxism. This institute would be intended primarily for young people and will also be available to "people who can't come into the Party and to the fringe groups." The informant stated that Weiss had advised that he (Weiss) would be in charge of this institute and in the organization of it. The informant stated that Weiss had stated that the program of this institute would be "important and well thought out."

On October 1, 1957, another confidential source advised that Weiss also stated that efforts were being made to re-establish an education system and to reorganize a central school. According to the source, an announcement was to be made that a faculty of social science was being formed to give a series of classes in rooms at Academy Hall. The source stated that Weiss was of the opinion that no attempt to organize a formal school should be made.

On October 2, 1957, another confidential source advised that on October 1, 1957, Harold Collins had reserved rooms at Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City, for meetings of the "Faculty of Social Science" from October 21, 1957, to December 19, 1957.

On August 14, 1958, another confidential source advised that the classes began in October, 1957, at Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City. With the beginning of the second series of classes in January, 1958, the classes were held at Adelphia Hall, 74 5th Avenue, New York City. These classes have also included the Sunday evening Forums, all of which have been administered by Harold Collins. The classes have always been referred to by the various instructors as "the school" or as "classes on Marxist theory" and no formal name has ever been applied to the school.

APPENDIX

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE (Cont'd).

On August 13, 1958, another confidential informant advised that the Faculty of Social Science had leased space at 799 Broadway, New York City, from August 1, 1958, to July 31, 1959, to be used as an office and classrooms.

The "Daily Worker" for April 5, 1956, p.4, column 1, refers to Max Weiss as "National Educational Director, Communist Party."

On February 4, 1958, another confidential source advised that Harold Collins attended a meeting of the Educational Committee of the New York State Communist Party, which meeting took place that date at Communist Party headquarters, 23 W. 26th Street, New York City.

APPENDIX

METROPOLITAN MUSIC SCHOOL, INC.

The Metropolitan Music School, Inc. (MMS), catalogue for 1957-1958, reflects the school is located at 18 West 74th Street, New York 23, New York. The catalogue states the school was founded in 1935 and is a nonprofit cooperative, progressive both in teaching methods and social outlook.

On November 16, 1954, a confidential informant advised that he believes the MMS was organized for the purpose of developing the cultural aspects of the Communist movement, particularly in the field of music. The informant advised on November 2, 1954, he was of the impression that the MMS was always in the hands of the Communist Party. The school's director, LILLY POPPER, was known to the informant as a Communist Party member.

The "New York Times," issue of June 30, 1957, contains an article reflecting that as a result of hearings held in New York City in April, 1957, the House Committee on Un-American Activities had concluded the MMS "is controlled by identified Communists." In support of its conclusion, the Committee named seven present and former officials as having been identified as Communist Party members or as having invoked the Fifth Amendment when interrogated.

APPENDIX

SING OUT, INCORPORATED

The records of the County Clerk, New York County, reflect that Sing Out, Incorporated, filed incorporation papers in New York State on February 28, 1957. Generally the purpose of the organization as listed in the incorporation papers is to deal in all phases of the entertainment business, including producing, supplying entertainers, acting as agent for entertainers as well as conducting business of music publishing.

A confidential informant advised on November 25, 1957, that by letter dated March 14, 1957, Peoples Artists, Incorporated, (PA) advised the Amalgamated Bank, 11-15 Union Square, New York City, that at a Board of Directors meeting of PA held on March 14, 1957, a resolution was passed that all of the current assets and liabilities of PA were to be sold to Sing Out, Incorporated, and that a duly authorized bill of sales be drawn up.

The information furnished by this confidential informant is not to be made public except in the usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena.

IRWIN SILBER, who was an officer of PA and is now President of Sing Out, Incorporated, by letter dated April 10, 1957, advised the Copyright Office, Library of Congress that PA is no longer a legal entity and all past copyrights have been assigned to Sing Out, Incorporated. In the letter he wrote that this signifies a change in the corporate structure and that they are now doing business as Sing Out, Incorporated.

Sing Out, Incorporated, occupies Room 631, 80 East 11th Street, New York City.

SING OUT, INCORPORATED (Continued)

According to the masthead in the song book "Sing Out", it is copyright to Sing Out, Incorporated, and is published quarterly.

The records of the New York Telephone Company as furnished by EDWARD L. BRAUNE, Legal Department, on May 14, 1957, reflect the officers of Sing Out, Incorporated, as follows:

President	IRWIN SILBER
Vice President	PETE SEEGER
Secretary	ANNE WAYNE

A confidential informant advised on December 12, 1956, that IRWIN SILBER was Executive Secretary and ANNE WAYNE was Treasurer of PA in 1956.

In the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, May 14, 1951, there appears the following concerning PA:

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.  
(California Committee on Un-American Activities report 1948, page 392.)"

A confidential informant advised on August 1, 1955, that IRWIN SILBER, ANNE WAYNE, and PETE SEEGER were members of the Music II Section of the CP in New York City, in June, 1950.



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APPENDIX

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL  
FUND, INCORPORATED (SCEF)

An amendment to the charter of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW), which has been cited by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities as a communist front, changed the name of the organization to the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., and listed its purposes as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the southern people in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions and ideals. The amendment was dated April 26, 1946.

A confidential informant advised on June 29, 1956, that during the time the Southern Conference for Human Welfare was in existence, Communist Party members were members of and worked actively in the SCHW. However, since the formation of the SCEF, Inc., rank and file Communist Party members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. Informant stated that the SCEF is a progressive liberal organization which he considers a Communist Party front organization because it has gone along with the Communist Party on certain issues, particularly on the racial question, and through the years certain Communist Party members in the New Orleans area have been assigned to work in the organization to further Communist Party principles.

Informant considers JAMES DOMBROWSKI, the Executive Director of the SCEF, as a Communist Party member because he follows Communist principles, but he is not under Communist Party discipline. Many prominent people who are officials and members of the organization, while liberal in their views, are by no means communist.

This confidential informant advised on June 21, 1957, that the status of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., remains unchanged.

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

"The Worker" is an east coast Communist weekly newspaper.

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United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York  
February 18, 1959

BU 100-200845  
NY 100-83801

Re: Peter Seeger  
also known as  
Security Matter - C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Robert W. Kennedy, dated and captioned as above, at the New York.

New York T-1 was in a position to furnish reliable information.

The informants utilized in the characterization of the Faculty of Social Science, who furnished information on October 2, 1957 and August 13, 1958, were in a position to furnish reliable information.

The informants utilized in the characterization of "Sing Out, Incorporated", who furnished information on November 25, 1957, was in a position to furnish reliable information.

All other informants whose reliability has not otherwise been characterized, have furnished reliable information in the past.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-382983)

1/30/59

SAC, NEW YORK (100-106209)

MARTIN YARUS, aka,  
SECURITY MATTER - C

(OO:NY)

ReNYlet to Bureau dated 10/30/58 captioned  
PETER SEEGER, wa., SM-C.

On 1/23/59 AUSA LAWRENCE P. MC GAULEY advised  
SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER that the cases of US vs. MARTIN  
YARUS, US vs. PETER SEEGER, and US vs. ELLIOT SULLIVAN  
were now assigned to him for prosecution inasmuch as  
AUSA ROBERT W. BJORK was no longer with the Department.

AUSA MC GAULEY stated the status of the above  
mentioned cases had not changed since the submission  
of relet.

AUSA MC GAULEY further advised in addition  
to the unavailability of a Federal Judge to try the case  
he was waiting for the decision of US vs. BARENBLATT and  
US vs. SACHER, heard by the US Supreme Court in October  
1958, which were Contempt of Congress cases, before taking  
any additional steps in the prosecution of YARUS, SEEGER  
and SULLIVAN.

The NYO will continue to follow the above  
matter and keep the Bureau advised of any further developments.

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From: SAC, Indianapolis (100-0)  
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Subject: PETE SEEGER  
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Source [redacted]

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA HAYES S. KING, 11/3/58, that on 11/2/58 she had learned from Reverend JOHN H. MORGAN, Pastor, First Unitarian Church, South Bend, Indiana, that PETE SEEGER, a folk singer, and SONNY TERRY, a blind Negro harmonica player, would appear in South Bend at the Oliver Hotel ballroom on 11/25/58. Appearance will be sponsored by the First Unitarian Church. SIMON BOORDA, Financial Secretary of the Communist Party in Indiana, who is a member of the First Unitarian Church, has contributed \$10 towards the cost of bringing SEEGER and TERRY to South Bend. [redacted] will attend the concert.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 10/30/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, wa.  
SM-C

ReNYlet to Bureau dated 8/27/58 captioned "Martin Yarus, was., SM-C; Elliot Sullivan, was., SM-C; Peter Seeger, wa., SM-C".

On 10/28/58, AUSA ROBERT W. BJORK advised SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER that the status of the cases of MARTIN YARUS, ELLIOT SULLIVAN and PETER SEEGER has not changed.

The cases have not been replaced on the court docket because of the unavailability of a Federal Judge to try the cases.

The case on the captioned subject is being placed in a pending inactive status in the NYO.

The NYO will continue to follow the above matter and keep the Bureau advised of any further developments.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-329612)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-68365)

MANDEL ALLEN Terman  
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(OO: CHICAGO)

*PETER SEEGER*

Re Chicago letter to the Bureau, dated 9/23/58.

On 10/26/58, [redacted] advised that on that date, MANDEL Terman (PH) in Moscow, USSR, was in contact with his wife at telephone number Lakeview 5-1937 in Chicago, Illinois. The informant advised that PETE SEEGER, who had given a concert the previous night, had been at Terman's home in Chicago for breakfast on the morning of 10/26/58. Informant advised that Terman's wife did not seem to be feeling well, and was glad she did not travel with Terman. The informant advised that Terman planned to return to the USA via Pan American Airways from Paris to NY, around December 1st. The informant could provide no further information concerning Terman's arrival.

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The above is being submitted to the Bureau and Chicago Office for information.

Information from this source, if used in a report, must be most carefully paraphrased in order to protect the source.

Under no circumstances should the subject or any unauthorized person become aware we have the above information.

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MARTIN YARUS, was.  
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ELLIOT SULLIVAN, was.  
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PETER SEEGER, wa.  
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ReNYlet to Bureau, dated 6/30/58, captioned  
PETER SEEGER, wa., SM - C.

AUSA ROBERT W. BJORK advised SA WILLIAM A. FOLKNER  
on 8/22/58 that the cases of US vs. GEORGE TYNE (true  
name MARTIN YARUS), US vs. ELLIOT SULLIVAN, and US vs.  
PETER SEEGER, who are to be tried separately, have not  
been returned to the docket of the US District Court,  
SDNY.

Mr. BJORK stated there had not been a  
Federal Judge available to try these cases since the  
appointment of JUDGE LAWRENCE E. WALSH to the position  
of Deputy US Attorney General.

Mr. BJORK further advised he expected a  
Judge to be available to try the cases in October  
1958 and he would have cases returned to the docket  
at that time.

The NYO will continue to follow the above matter  
and keep the Bureau advised of future developments.

- 6 - Bureau (RM)  
2 - (100-382983) (MARTIN YARUS)  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 6/30/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, wa.  
SM-C

ReNYlet to Bureau, dated 4/23/58, entitled "MARTIN YARUS, was., SM-C; ELLIOT SULLIVAN, SM-C; PETER SEEGER, SM-C".

AUSA ROBERT W. BJORK, SDNY, advised SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER on 6/13/58 that the cases of PETER SEEGER, ELLIOT SULLIVAN and MARTIN YARUS have not been restored to the docket of the US District Court, SDNY and are still pending in his office.

AUSA BJORK will be recontacted periodically and the Bureau will be kept advised of all pertinent information.

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MARTIN YARUS, was.  
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ReNYlet to Bureau, dated 2/25/58, entitled "ELLIOT SULLIVAN, wa; SM-C" (Bufile 100-241970) cc Bufiles 100-382983 and 100-200845.

AUSA ROBERT W. BJORK, SDNY, advised SA WILLIAM E. POLKNER on 3/24/58, that the cases of PETER SEEGER, ELLIOT SULLIVAN and MARTIN YARUS, have been temporarily removed from the calendar of the US District Court, SDNY, due to the unavailability of witnesses.

AUSA BJORK, advised that he is currently involved in the trial of another Bureau case and he will have the case of SEEGER, SULLIVAN and YARUS restored to the court calendar in the immediate future.

Inasmuch as the case of US vs. YARUS, SEEGER and SULLIVAN, has been temporarily removed from the Court calendar, and there is no further investigation pending in regard to YARUS, this case is being placed in a pending inactive status by the NYO.

AUSA BJORK will be recontacted periodically and the Bureau will be kept advised of all pertinent information.

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UNITED STATES v. PETER SEEGER (S.D. N.Y.)

Indictment was returned on March 26, 1957, by the Federal Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York, charging the defendant with contempt of Congress in his refusals to answer pertinent questions propounded to him by the House Committee on Un-American Activities on July 25, 1956. Defendant's motion to dismiss the indictment on the basis of the Supreme Court ruling in the case of United States v. Watkins was denied by the District Court.

Information included in Internal Security Division  
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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-241970)

February 25, 1958

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107274)

ELLIOT SULLIVAN, was  
SM-C

Re New York let to the Bureau dated 1/14/58, captioned "PETER SEEGER, was;  
SM-C". (Bufile 100-200845) (New York 100-83801), cc Bufiles (100-200845)  
(100-382983)

On 2/25/58 AUSA, ROBERT W. BJORK, SDNY, advised SA HENRY C. RUDA that  
the cases of PETER SEEGER, ELLIOT SULLIVAN and MARTIN YARUS were recently  
marked off the current US Court calendar by USDJ WEINFELD, over the  
Government's objection.

AUSA BJORK stated that the witnesses necessary for the contempt of  
Congress proceedings would not be available until sometime after March 1,  
1958. He advised that the above cases would be placed back on the Court  
calendar when those witnesses become available.

The New York Office will continue to follow this matter and keep  
the Bureau advised of future developments.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 2/19/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, wa.  
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ADD. DISSEMINATION.

Reference is made to the report of SA WILLIAM L. MC MURRAY, JR., at New York, dated and captioned as above, four copies of which are attached. Also attached are four copies of a letterhead memorandum relating to the reliability of informants, whose identities are concealed by use of T symbols.

REFERENCES: Report of SA ARTHUR J. GREENE, 2/21/57, at New York.  
New York letter to Director, 1/14/58.

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<del>T-4</del> [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]	PETE SEEGER of New York was guest performer at Annual Festival of Nationalities sponsored by MCPFB, 10/19/57	FOIA(b)(7) - (D)
"	<del>Used to document Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born</del>	
"	<del>Used to characterize PAT ELLIS</del>	
"	<del>Used to characterize Reverend WILLIAM T. BAIRD</del>	
<del>T-5</del> [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]	<del>Used to document Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born</del>	
<del>T-6</del> [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]	<del>Used to characterize PAT ELLIS</del>	
<del>T-7</del> [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]	<del>Used to characterize ALEC JONES</del>	
<del>T-8</del> [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]	<del>Used to characterize ALEC JONES</del>	
<del>T-9</del> [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]	<del>Used to characterize Reverend WILLIAM T. BAIRD</del>	
<del>T-10</del> [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]	<del>Used to characterize RODOLFO LOZOYA</del>	
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T-13 NYO Confidential Mailbox	Used to document "Sing Out"	
T-14 FOIA(b)(7) - (D)		FOIA(b)(7) - (D)
T-15 FOIA(b)(7) - (D)		
T-16 FOIA(b)(7) - (D)		
T-17 FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	Used to characterize CRAIG STEPHAN VINCENT and JEANNETTE WELLS VINCENT	
T-18 FOIA(b)(7) - (D)		FOIA(b)(7) - (D)
T-19 FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	Used to document Detroit Labor Forum	
"	Used to document Socialist Union of America	

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The confidential informants utilized in the documentation of Sing Out, Inc., mentioned in the details, are identified as

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The confidential informant utilized in the documentation of the Metropolitan Music School, mentioned in the details, is identified as

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It is noted that on 2/6/57, JOHN KENNETH ACKLEY testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Executive Session in New York City. ACKLEY furnished information concerning various individuals and their association with the Metropolitan Music School.

ACKLEY testified that PETER SEEGER at one time played a concert for the school and was a banjo instructor. ACKLEY claimed the 5th Amendment when asked if SEEGER is a Communist.

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At New York, New York

Will follow the pending Contempt of Congress proceeding against SEEGER.

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Confidential informants, mentioned in the details, are identified as follows:

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contacted by SA JOHN A. HAAG on 1/3/58.  
contacted by SA JOHN A. HAAG on 1/3/58.  
contacted by SA LEO M. NAGLE on 1/10/58.  
contacted by SA LEO M. NAGLE on 1/13/58.



1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_.
7. ☒ This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL because (state reason) \_\_\_\_\_  
it contains information indicating that the FBI has coverage of subversive activities conducted at certain locations in New York City, Detroit, Cleveland and Chicago. If this fact were disclosed, it could possibly reveal the identities of informants and seriously hamper investigation of subversive activities; this would be injurious to the National Defense.
8. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) \_\_\_\_\_  
subject has been indicted for contempt of Congress and contempt of Congress proceedings are pending against the subject.

9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) \_\_\_\_\_

On 9/12/49, HERMAN THOMAS, FBI informant for approximately ten years prior to his testimony in May, 1954, advised that on 9/9/49, Mother BLOOR, a charter member of the CP, stated that PETE SEEGER was a member of the CP in NY. On 5/13/57, THOMAS advised that in his opinion, Mother BLOOR in her reference to SEEGER on 9/9/49, unquestionably meant that SEEGER was then a member of the CP.

LOUIS F. BUDENZ advised on 6/30/50, that subject was a member of the CP in 1945. On 4/30/53, former  reliable, identified subject as a CP member

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active in the Music II Section during the latter part of 1949 or early 1950. On 12/13/54, JOHN LAUTNER advised that he knew subject as a CP member from 1947 to 1949. On 9/23/55, EUGENE GLANSBERG, Hopewell Junction, NY, advised that in about 1948 he personally observed the subject, after entertaining the staff at Camp Lakeland, Hopewell Junction, NY, hand out cards to join the CP and give a speech urging the staff to join the Party.

During the period 1940 to 1957, inclusive, the subject, as an entertainer, has repeatedly appeared at functions of numerous organizations which have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

In August, 1955, the subject appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities and refused to discuss groups before which he had entertained. On 7/25/56, the subject was cited for contempt of the House of Representatives for his refusal to answer questions before the HCUA. On 3/26/57, AUSA ROBERT W. BJORK, SDNY, advised that an indictment for contempt of Congress had been returned in the SDNY against the subject. On 1/8/58, AUSA BJORK advised that the date for subject's trial had not been set and he, BJORK, was awaiting further information as to the exact date witnesses would be available.



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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent William L. Mc Murray, Jr. dated and captioned as above, at New York.

Informants designated as T-1, T-13 and T-14 were in a position to furnish reliable information.

Informants designated as T-2 through T-12, T-15 through T-17 and T-19 have furnished reliable information in the past.

The informant designated as T-18 has furnished reliable information in the past, but whose original sources are unknown.

Confidential informants who advised during December, 1957, and January, 1958, that they did not know subject and could furnish no information concerning him, have furnished reliable information in the past.

The first confidential informant utilized in the documentation of Sing Out, Incorporated, was in a position to furnish reliable information. *P. 12*

The remainder of the confidential informants utilized in the documentation of Sing Out, Incorporated, and the confidential informant utilized in the documentation of the Metropolitan Music School, Incorporated, have furnished reliable information in the past. *P. 13-17*  
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ADD. DISSEMINATION.

PETER SEEGER resides at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York, and maintains Post Office Box 328 Beacon, New York. He is self employed as an entertainer. A source advised on 9/12/49, that on 9/9/49, Mother BLOOR, a charter member of the CP, stated that PETE SEEGER was a member of the CP in New York. On 10/23/57, a source advised that on 10/19/57, the Annual Festival of Nationalities sponsored by the MCPFB was held at Chicago, Illinois, and that PETE SEEGER of New York was the guest performer for the evening. AUSA ROBERT W. BJORK, SDNY, advised on 3/26/57, that an indictment for contempt of Congress had been returned in the SDNY against PETER SEEGER. On 5/21/57, AUSA BJORK advised that SEEGER had been arraigned on 4/1/57, and released on \$1,000 bail.

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SYNOPSIS (CONT'D)

On 1/8/58, AUSA BJORK advised that the date for trial had not been set and that he was awaiting further information as to the exact date witnesses would be available. Confidential informants did not know subject and could furnish no information concerning him.

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DETAILS:

I BACKGROUND

Residence

On January 7, 1958, T-1 advised that PETER SEEGER resides at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York, and maintains Post Office Box 328, Beacon, New York.

Employment

On January 7, 1958, SAM WOOD, Chief, Police Department, Beacon, New York, advised SA LEO M. NAGLE that PETER SEEGER is self employed as an entertainer.

The "Daily Worker" issue of December 31, 1957, page four, column one, referred to PETE SEEGER as a folk singer and banjo player and announced that SEEGER had given a concert at Carnegie Hall, New York City, on the Friday night preceding December 31, 1957.

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

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## II. AFFILIATIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

### Evidence of Communist Party (CP) Membership

HERMAN E. THOMAS, 518 North 23rd Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania, a former member of the CP of Eastern Pennsylvania, and Delaware (CPEPD), who furnished information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for approximately ten years prior to the time he testified in May, 1954, for the Government in the case of the United States versus JOSEPH KUZMA, ET AL, tried in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, advised SA THOMAS F. HANNIGAN on September 12, 1949, that on September 9, 1949, a Lehigh Valley Section Committee meeting of the CPEPD was held in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

THOMAS stated that at this meeting Mother BLOOR, a charter member of the CP, stated that PETE SEEGER was a member of the CP in New York.

On May 13, 1957, THOMAS advised SA HANNIGAN that in his opinion Mother BLOOR, in her reference to SEEGER on September 9, 1949, unquestionably meant that SEEGER was then a member of the CP.

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

### Evidence of Activity Before CP Front Groups As An Entertainer

On August 15, 1957, HENRY S. BREITROSE, 6124 23rd Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, was contacted by SAS FRANK BYDLON and VINCENT J. ASCHERL, at which time he furnished information concerning individuals within his acquaintance at the University of Wisconsin, who were affiliated with the Labor Youth League (LYL) sometime during the period 1953 to 1956.

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BREITROSE advised that folk singer PETE SEEGER gave a performance at a public meeting sponsored by the LYL at the University of Wisconsin sometime during the period 1953 to 1956.

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

T-2 advised on February 5, 1957, that on January 30, 1957, a meeting of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC) was held at the Hotel Biltmore, New York City, and that the meeting was called "A Conference on Self-Defense Against Unconstitutional Intrusions."

T-2 further advised that PETE SINGER, not further identified, sang the song "Freiheitlinder" at this affair.

T-2 further advised that approximately 300 people attended the meeting and about 65 per cent of the number were men.

T-3 advised on February 1, 1957, that at the ECLC meeting held at the Hotel Biltmore, New York City, on January 30, 1957, PETE SEEGER stated that he fully realized the importance of the Bill of Rights and how zealously they must be protected.

The ECLC has been cited by the Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, page 91, as "To defend the cases of Communist law breakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \*\*\* Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. When the Communist Party itself is under fire, these fronts offer a bulwark of protection."

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On October 23, 1957, T-4 advised that on October 19, 1957, the Annual Festival of Nationalities sponsored by the Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (MCPFB) was held at Milda Hall, 3140 South Halstead Street, Chicago, Illinois. Approximately 250 individuals attended this festival.

PAT ELLIS was chairman of this affair and opened the meeting by stating that the MCPFB concerned itself with the foreign born Americans who have been victimized by the Walter-Mc Carran Law.

PAT ELLIS then introduced ALEC JONES as the Administrative Secretary of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACFPB), who was a guest at this conference from New York.

Reverend WILLIAM T. BAIRD was introduced as the Chairman of the MCPFB, who would make a collection speech.

BAIRD stated he was honored to be in attendance and to be the Chairman of the MCPFB.

He then discussed various facts concerning the exclusion of RODOLFO LOZOYA from the United States.

PAT ELLIS then introduced the guest performer for the evening, who was PETE SEEGER of New York.

PETE SEEGER dedicated his first song to the LOZOYA family and mentioned that it was a shame that RODOLFO LOZOYA was separated from his family, but that if everyone did their part, LOZOYA would soon be reunited with them.

SEEGER then proceeded to sing seven or eight songs.



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On May 12, 1955, T-5 advised that the MCPFB was formed in the late 1940's and was at that time and up to May, 1955, the Midwest organization of the ACPFB.

T-4 advised on August 1, 1957, that the MCPFB was, since May 1, 1955, and still is, the Midwest organization of the ACPFB.

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

In April, 1957, T-6 advised that JONNIE LUMPKIN ELLIS was, in April, 1957, an active member of the CP and was recently elected to the position of Educational Director, South Side Division, Illinois District CP.

On August 1, 1957, T-4 advised that JONNIE LUMPKIN ELLIS, also known as PAT ELLIS, was Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the MCPFB as of that time.

On March 1, 1957, T-7 advised on that date ALEC JONES was in contact with CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, Chairman of the Illinois-Indiana CP District.

On November 5, 1957, T-8 advised that ALEC JONES, ACPFB Educational Director, attended a meeting of the ACPFB held in Cleveland, Ohio, on October 28, 1957.

T-9 advised on November 15, 1951, that on that date, HERB BLOCK, then Chairman of the 8th Ward CP Club, had stated that this club was receiving full cooperation on peace from Reverend BAIRD.

On August 1, 1957, T-4 advised that Reverend WILLIAM T. BAIRD was Chairman of the MCPFB as of that time.

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On January 18, 1957, RODOLFO LOZOYA advised Investigators L. T. PRICE and FRANK GARDNER, Immigration and Naturalization Service, El Paso, Texas, that he probably became a member of the CP in 1936 and remained a member for three or four years.

T-10 advised on May 21, 1957, that the MCPFB had issued a four page brochure appealing for contributions to fight the exclusion of RODOLFO LOZOYA.

On May 23, 1957, T-11 advised that on May 22, 1957, a meeting was called by PAT ELLIS at the MCPFB Office. The purpose of the meeting was to start an active campaign on the part of the MCPFB to help RODOLFO LOZOYA gain re-entry into the United States.

### III CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS CONCERNING PETER SEEGER

The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of August 19, 1955, contained an article which revealed that PETER SEEGER had appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) on August 18, 1955, which committee held hearings at the Federal Court House, Foley Square, New York City, on Communist activities in the Theatre, Radio, Television and in the Unions of Entertainers.

The article further revealed that SEEGER refused to discuss the groups he had played before.

The article further revealed that SEEGER refused to answer questions about his alleged association with the Civil Rights Congress (CRC), American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, Inc. (ACYRI), American Peace Crusade (APC), American Peace Mobilization (APM), California Labor School (CLS), Jefferson School of Social Science (JSSS), Labor Youth League (LYL), People's Songs, People's Artists and the Cultural Division of the CP.

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The article stated that SEEGER did not invoke the protection of the Fifth Amendment even after he was warned he faced contempt proceedings and he insisted that the committee had no right to ask about his associations.

(4) The July 26, 1956 issue of the "Poughkeepsie New Yorker", a daily newspaper published in Poughkeepsie, New York, contained an article which stated that on July 25, 1956, PETER SEEGER, Cold Spring Road, Beacon, New York, singer of American ballads and banjoist, was among eight persons who were cited by the House of Representatives for "contempt".

The article stated that SEEGER, during August, 1955, declined to answer some questions put to him by the HCUA in New York City as it investigated possible Communist infiltration of the entertainment field.

The ACYRI, APC, APM, CLS, CRC and JSSS have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

People's Songs has been cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, page 392, "as a Communist front which was incorporated January 31, 1946, in New York City. 'All of the productions of People's Songs, Inc., follow the Communist Party line as assiduously as do the people behind the organization'".

People's Artists, Inc. has been cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, page 392, "as a Communist front."

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On February 13, 1957, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) ROBERT W. BJORK, Southern District of New York, advised SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER that the Federal Grand Jury in New York City had returned a true bill against PETER SEEGER for contempt on February 8, 1957.

AUSA ROBERT W. BJORK, Southern District of New York, advised Assistant Special Agent in Charge EDWARD J. MC CABE on March 26, 1957, that an indictment for contempt of Congress had been returned in the Southern District of New York against PETER SEEGER.

The "New York Daily Mirror" newspaper, dated March 27, 1957, page four, column one, reflects in an article that PETER SEEGER was indicted on the previous day by the Federal Grand Jury on a charge of contempt of Congress inasmuch as he had refused to answer certain questions before the HCUA investigation of suspected Communist infiltration of show business in 1955.

According to the article, SEEGER was scheduled to be arraigned on the following Monday and could receive a maximum sentence of one year in prison and a fine of \$1,000 on each contempt count against him.

This article disclosed that SEEGER cited the First Amendment before the HCUA and challenged the HCUA'S power to inquire into his beliefs and associations.

On May 21, 1957, AUSA BJORK, Southern District of New York, advised SA FOLKNER that SEEGER had been arraigned on April 1, 1957, and released on \$1,000 bail.

AUSA BJORK further advised on May 21, 1957, that numerous motions for dismissal of the charges against SEEGER had been filed by SEEGER and these motions were to be heard on May 27, 1957, by Judge LAWRENCE E. WALSH, United States District Court, Southern District of New York.

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On July 12, 1957, AUSA BJORK advised SA FOLKNER that Judge LAWRENCE E. WALSH had denied the motions for dismissal made by SEEGER.

These motions were heard on May 27, 1957, and the reason given for dismissal was that the motions were multiplicitus.

AUSA BJORK further advised that Judge WALSH had requested the Assistant United States Attorney to file briefs on August 6, 1957, to show cause why the charges against SEEGER should not be dismissed in accordance with the recent decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the Watkins Case.

On November 6, 1957, AUSA BJORK advised SA FOLKNER that on October 30, 1957, Judge WALSH denied the motions to dismiss filed by SEEGER.

AUSA BJORK stated that the date of trial had not been set by Judge WALSH.

On January 8, 1958, AUSA BJORK advised that he had received information that witnesses for the contempt of Congress proceeding would not be available until Congress convened in January, 1958.

AUSA BJORK stated that the date for trial had not been set and that he was awaiting further information as to the exact date witnesses would be available.

IVI - MISCELLANEOUS

The "Daily Worker" issue of April 16, 1957, page six, column five, announced that PETE SEEGER and his five string banjo would act as host at an open house and hootenanny folk sing program on Friday night at 8:30 PM at the Pythian Hall, 135 West 70th Street, New York City, "Sing Out" Magazine was to sponsor the program.

On April 22, 1957, T-12 advised that he attended a hootenanny at Pythian Hall, 135 West 70th Street, New York City, on April 19, 1957, and among the folk singers and entertainers present was PETER SEEGER.

T-13 furnished the Spring, 1956 issue of the song book entitled, "Sing Out", which was described on the cover as a "People's Artists Publication."

On page two it was stated that the 1956 copyright was by People's Artists, 124 West 21st Street, New York City.

On May 20, 1957, T-13 furnished the Spring, 1957 issue of the song book "Sing Out." On page two it was stated that the 1957 copyright was by "Sing Out", 80 East 11th Street, New York City.

On May 14, 1957, EDWARD L. BRAUNE, Legal Department, New York Telephone Company, New York City, furnished information to SA ROBERT D. WARDEN that PETE SEEGER was then vice president of Sing Out, Inc.

The records of the County Clerk, New York County, reflect that Sing Out, Inc., filed incorporation papers in New York State on February 28, 1957.

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Generally the purpose of the organization, as listed in the incorporation papers, is to deal in all phases of the entertainment business, including producing, supplying entertainers, acting as agent for entertainers as well as conducting business of music publishing.

A confidential informant advised on November 25, 1957, that by letter dated March 14, 1957, People's Artists, Inc., advised the Amalgamated Bank, 11-15 Union Square, New York City, that at a Board of Directors meeting of People's Artists held on March 14, 1957, a resolution was passed that all of the current assets and liabilities of People's Artists were to be sold to Sing Out, Inc., and that a duly authorized bill of sale be drawn up.

The information furnished by this confidential informant is not to be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

IRWIN SILBER, who was an officer of People's Artists, Inc., and is now president of Sing Out, Inc., by letter dated April 10, 1957, advised the Copyright Office, Library of Congress, that People's Artists, Inc., is no longer a legal entity and all past copyrights have been assigned to Sing Out, Inc.

In the letter he wrote that this signifies a change in the corporate structure and that they are now doing business as Sing Out, Inc.

The records of the New York Telephone Company as furnished by EDWARD L. BRAUNE, Legal Department, on May 14, 1957, reflect the officers of Sing Out, Inc., as follows:

*member Music II Section C.P. June 1957*

President

IRWIN SILBER

Vice President

PETE SEEGER

Secretary

ANNE WAYNE

*12-12-56 EXECUTIVE  
SECRETARY People's Artists  
INC.*

*Treasurer People's  
Artists, Inc. 12-12-56*

*member Music II Section C.P.*

*June 1950*

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A confidential informant advised on December 12, 1956, that IRWIN SILBER was Executive Secretary and ANNE WAYNE was Treasurer of People's Artists, Inc., in 1956.

A confidential informant has advised that IRWIN SILBER and ANNE WAYNE were members of the Music II Section of the CP in New York City in June, 1950.

BEN BLUMENREICH, Renting Agent, 80 East 11th Street, New York City, advised on December 2, 1957, that Sing Out, Inc., occupies Room 631, 80 East 11th Street, New York City.

The "Daily Worker" issue of May 10, 1957, page 7, column one, announced that PETE SEEGER, King of the 5 String Banjo, and one of America's best known folk singers, was to be the featured artist at a concert to be held Sunday, May 19, 1957.

The affair was being sponsored by the Metropolitan Music School and was to be held at the Pythian Hall, 135 West 70th Street, at 2:30 PM. The proceeds were to go to the school's scholarship fund.

"The Worker" issue of September 8, 1957, page 12, column five, announced that folk singer PETE SEEGER was to head the bill at a hootenanny song-fest the coming Friday night, September 13, 1957, at the Chateau Gardens, Houston Street and Second Avenue.

The hootenanny was being sponsored by "Sing Out", described as a folk music magazine.

Some of the young Americans who attended the recent World Youth Festival in Moscow were to appear in the folk song concert.



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"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper.

On September 30, 1957, T-14 advised <sup>that</sup> on September 13, 1957, he attended the "Hootenanny" at the Chateau Gardens, Houston Street and Second Avenue, New York City. There were about 2,000 people present and a large crowd was gathered at the entrance.

T-14 further advised that PETE SEEGER was among the entertainers on the stage of the Chateau Gardens.

T-14 stated that a group of eight boys and girls who had attended the World Youth Festival in Moscow, sang a few songs and one of the girls spoke for about fifteen minutes on what the Americans did at the festival in Moscow and how enthused she was over the reception the Russians gave them.

On July 30, 1957, T-15 advised that during the months of June and July, 1957, CRAIG STEPHAN VINCENT and JEANNETTE WELLS VINCENT, San Cristobal, New Mexico, were in correspondence with PETE SEEGER, Dutchess Junction, Beacar, New York.

On September 18, 1957, T-16 advised that during the months of August and September, 1957, CRAIG STEPHAN VINCENT and JEANNETTE WELLS VINCENT, San Cristobal, New Mexico, were in correspondence with PETE SEEGER, Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York.

T-17 advised on October 11, 1953, that he has been acquainted with CRAIG VINCENT and his wife, JEANNETTE WELLS VINCENT, the former owners and operators of the San Cristobal Valley Ranch for approximately three and a half years and that both of them were known to him as members of the CP.

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T-17 stated that the ranch in the past was used as a meeting place for policy making CP groups.

On October 15, 1957, T-18 advised that the "PETE SEEGER Concert" sponsored by the Detroit Labor Forum (DLF), was held on September 28, 1957, at the Central Young Women's Christian Association, Witherell and Montcalm, Detroit, Michigan.

The admission to this affair was \$1.50 and the attendance was estimated at approximately \$1,000.

T-18 further advised that at approximately 8:25 PM, an announcer appeared on the stage and told the audience that this would be the only interruption of the evening. A list of future activities to be presented by the DLF was then read off, followed by the introduction of SEEGER.

The concert by SEEGER ended at approximately 11:30 PM.

On April 5, 1955, T-19 advised that the DLF was the name used by the Detroit Branch of the Socialist Union of America (SUA) to conceal the true identity of the SUA.

T-19 advised on November 8, 1954, that the SUA was founded by the minority group which broke away from the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) primarily because the minority group believed that the organization should enter the CP and other left wing groups with the intention of swinging these groups right or left, thereby making a revolution possible in a shorter time.

The SUA was formally founded by what was called the Midwest Founding Conference held November 21, 1953, at Detroit, Michigan.

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

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The records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, New York City Police Department, as checked by request of SA AUGUST J. MICEK in December, 1957, failed to reflect any record identifiable with the subject.

On January 7, 1958, SAM WOOD, Chief, Beacon New York Police Department, advised SA NAGLE that his records fail to reflect any information concerning the subject.

Confidential informants, who are familiar with some phases of Communist activity in the New York City area, advised during December, 1957 and January, 1958, that they had not know PETE SEEGER and could furnish no information concerning him.

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METROPOLITAN MUSIC SCHOOL, INCORPORATED

The Metropolitan Music School, Incorporated, (MMS) catalogue for 1955-1956 reveals that the school was founded in 1935 and is a non-profit cooperative, progressive both in teaching methods and social outlook.

A confidential informant advised on November 16, 1954, that he believes the school was organized for the purpose of developing the cultural aspects of the Communist movement, particularly in the field of music. This informant advised on November 2, 1954, that he was of the impression that the MMS was always in the hands of the Communist Party (CP). The school's director, LILLY POPPER, was known to informant as a CP member.

The "New York Times," April 10, 1957, issue, page 18, carried an article which reads in part as follows:

"A subcommittee of the House Committee on Un-American Activities began four days of public hearings here (NY) yesterday on charges of Communist infiltration of the music world.

"Eleven witnesses from the Metropolitan Music School, 18 West 74th Street, refused to answer questions about past or present membership in the Communist Party. They were the school's director, president emeritus, registrar, two other officials and six teachers."

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Mr. Boardman.....
Mr. Belmont.....
Mr. Mohr.....
Mr. Parsons.....
Mr. Rosen.....
Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Trotter.....
Mr. Nease.....
Tele. Room.....
Mr. Holloman.....
Miss Gandy.....

\*UNITED STATES v. PETER SEEGER (S.D. N.Y.)

Indictment was returned on March 26, 1957, by the Federal Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York, charging the defendant with contempt of Congress in his refusals to answer pertinent questions propounded to him by the House Committee on Un-American Activities on July 25, 1956. Defendant's motion to dismiss the indictment on the basis of the Supreme Court ruling in the case of United States v. Watkins was denied by the District Court.

Information included in Internal Security Division  
Monthly Status Report for December, 1957.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 1/14/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

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SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, wa.  
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ReNYlet to Bureau dated 11/22/57, captioned  
"MARTIN YARUS, was., SM-C", Bufile 100-382983, NY file  
100-106209, cc Bufile 100-241970 and Bufile 100-200845.

On 11/6/57, AUSA ROBERT W. BJORK, SDNY, advised  
SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER that on 10/30/57, Judge LAWRENCE E.  
WALSH, USDC, SDNY, denied the Motions to Dismiss filed by  
MARTIN YARUS, ELLIOT SULLIVAN and PETER SEEGER.

AUSA BJORK stated the date for trial had not  
been set by Judge WALSH; however, AUSA BJORK was of the  
opinion it would start in January, 1958.

AUSA BJORK further advised he had written to  
Washington to determine the availability of witnesses for  
the contempt of Congress proceeding and as of that time he  
had not received this information.

On 1/8/58, AUSA BJORK advised SA WILLIAM L.  
MC MURRAY, JR., that he had received information from  
Washington that witnesses for the contempt of Congress  
proceeding would not be available until Congress convened in  
January, 1958. AUSA BJORK further advised that the  
witnesses would probably be available sometime in February,  
1958.

AUSA BJORK stated that the date for trial had  
not been set and that he was awaiting further word from  
Washington as to the exact date witnesses would be available.

The NYO will continue to follow this matter and  
keep the Bureau advised of future developments.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. J. Parsons

DATE: 1/6/58

FROM : A. K. Bowles

SUBJECT: VIRGIL L. STURGILL  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Virgil L. Sturgill visited the Laboratory January 3. He said he is a friend of Miss Edith Brobeck, Laboratory aide in document section. He was an instructor in the Ashland, Kentucky, schools twenty years ago when Miss Brobeck worked in the office of the school board.

Mr. Sturgill said he is presently employed in the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Walter Reed Hospital. From 1946 to 1956 he was employed in the Veterans Administration Hospital, Oteen, North Carolina. Mr. Sturgill said he is very much interested in folk singing.

Mr. Sturgill said about four years ago he came to the Bureau to report some information he knew about the activities of Junius Scales, Communist leader in North Carolina. Since then he has read in the newspapers that Scales was convicted in Federal Court in North Carolina for Smith Act violation. He wanted to know whether Scales was serving a sentence now. After checking with the Domestic Intelligence Division, Mr. Sturgill was advised that Scales's conviction was reversed by the U. S. Supreme Court and he will be tried again in Greensboro, North Carolina. This is public source information.

Mr. Sturgill said he also read in the newspapers that Pete Seeger, a folk singer from New York, had been called to testify before a Congressional Committee concerning Communist activities. Mr. Sturgill said he is acquainted with Pete Seeger through folk music circles. He did not volunteer any information concerning Seeger.

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Date: December 10, 1957

To:

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PETER SEEGER  
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Reference is made to a letter from

Enclosed for your information is one  
copy of a report concerning Peter Seeger, who is  
believed identical with captioned individual. In  
addition, there is enclosed one copy each of two  
reports concerning Saunders Terry, with alias  
Sonny Terry.

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Enclosures (3)

- 1 - Ottawa (For information)  
1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (Route through for review)

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Review of these reports reflect both Seeger and Terry are similar-type entertainers and likewise reflect previous associations between the two. Enclosed report concerning Seeger is serial 39 of instant file and enclosed reports concerning Terry are serials 1 and 2 of 100-420094. This letter classified "Confidential" inasmuch as enclosed reports are so classified, it being noted these reports contain information the disclosure of which would be prejudicial to national defense.

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Subject Sonny Terry  
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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-382983)

11/22/57

SAC, NEW YORK (100-106209)

MARTIN YARUS, was.

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(OO: NEW YORK)

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The NYO will continue to follow the above matter and keep the Bureau advised of future developments.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-106209)

MARTIN YARUS, was.  
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ReNYlet to Director, FBI dated 8/19/57.

On 9/19/57 AUSA ROBERT BJORK advised SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER that on 9/16/57 the attorneys for MARTIN YARUS, PETER SEEGER, and ELLIOT SULLIVAN had filed the briefs which JUDGE LAWRENCE E. WALSH, USDC, SDNY had instructed them to file.

Mr. BJORK subsequently advised SA FOLKNER, on 10/1/57 that JUDGE WALSH had not acted on the briefs filed by the attorneys for the defense and the US Attorney. According to Mr. BJORK a specific date had not been set by the Judge for his decision on the briefs.

The NYO will continue to follow the above matter and keep the Bureau advised of future developments.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-106209)

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MARTIN YARUS, was  
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(OO: New York)

Rerep SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER, 3/18/57, NY, captioned  
as above and NYlet to Director, FBI, 7/16/57.

On 8/13/57, AUSA ROBERT BJORK advised SA WILLIAM E.  
FOLKNER that he had submitted briefs to Judge LAWRENCE E.  
WALSH, USDC, SDNY, 8/6/57, to show cause why the charges against  
MARTIN YARUS, PETER SEEGER and ELLIOT SULLIVAN should not be  
dismissed in accordance with the recent decision of the Supreme  
Court of the United States in the Watkins Case, in compliance  
with Judge WALSH'S instructions.

AUSA BJORK stated the defense counsel for YARUS,  
SEEGER and SULLIVAN had not understood that they were to file  
briefs, and Judge WALSH granted a continuance until 9/15/57,  
for defense counsel to file briefs in behalf of their clients.

The NYO will continue to follow the above matter and  
keep the Bureau advised of future developments.

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    (1 - 100-241970) (Elliot Sullivan)  
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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-382983)

SAC, NEW YORK (100-106209)

MARTIN YARUS, was.

SM - C  
(OO:NY)

Rerep of SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER, 3/18/57, at NY,  
captioned as above and NY letter to DIRECTOR, FBI dated  
5/28/57.

On 7/12/57, AUSA ROBERT BJORK, SDNY, advised SA WILLIAM  
E. FOLKNER that Judge LAWRENCE E. WALSH, SDNY, had denied  
motions for dismissal made by MARTIN YARUS, PETER SEEGER and  
ELLIOT SULLIVAN.

The above mentioned motions were heard on 5/27/57  
and the reason for dismissal was that the motions were  
multiplicitus, according to Mr. BJORK.

Mr. BJORK further advised Judge WALSH had requested  
the AUSA to file briefs on 8/6/57 to show cause why the charges  
against YARUS, SEEGER and SULLIVAN should not be dismissed  
in accordance with the recent decision of the Supreme Court of  
the United States in the WATKINS Case.

The NYO will continue to follow the above matter and  
keep the Bureau advised of future developments.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-106209)

MARTIN YARUS, was  
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(OO:NY)

Rerep of SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER, 3/18/57, at NY,  
captioned as above, and NY airtel to Director, 3/28/57,  
captioned, "ELLIOT SULLIVAN, was; SM-C."

On 3/26/57, AUSA ROBERT BJORK, SDNY, advised that  
an indictment for contempt of Congress had just been returned  
in the SDNY against subject, PETER SEEGER, and ELLIOT SULLIVAN.

Mr. BJORK advised SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER on 5/21/57  
that YARUS, SEEGER, and SULLIVAN had been arraigned on 4/1/57,  
and released on \$1,000 bail.

Mr. BJORK further advised on 5/21/57, that numerous  
motions for dismissal had been filed by the defendants and  
the motions were to be heard on Monday, 5/27/57, by Federal  
Judge LAWRENCE E. WALSH.

According to Mr. BJORK, the defendants, YARUS and  
SEEGER, were represented by the law firm of MARTIN POPPER,  
and defendant SULLIVAN was represented by Attorney DAVID  
SCHRIBNER.

The NYO will continue to follow the above matter  
and keep the Bureau advised.

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- 4 - Bureau (100-382983) (RM)
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for Peter Seeger  
Bufile 100-200845  
Rw 8/7/57*

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107274)  
SUBJECT: ELLIOT SULLIVAN, was  
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ReNYlet to Bu, 2/13/57.

The "New York Daily Mirror", newspaper, dated 3/27/57, page 4, column 1, reflects under the caption "Indict Three For Balking At Red Quiz" that PETER SEEGER (Bufile 100-200845; NYfile 100-83801) MARTIN YARUS, with alias: George Tyne (Bufile 100-382983; NYfile 100-106299) and ELLIOT SULLIVAN, above, were indicted on the previous date, by a Federal Grand Jury on charges of Contempt of Congress.

According to the above article "Seeger was named in 10 counts and the two others in 13 counts each."

The above article discloses that the above individuals will be arraigned on next Monday and that they can receive a maximum of one year in prison and a fine of \$1,000.00 on each contempt count against them.

It was also reflected that YARUS, SEEGER, and SULLIVAN cited the First Amendment in their appearance before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) in August, 1955, and did not cite the Fifth Amendment.

The NYO will continue to follow the above matter and keep the Bureau advised.

5-Bureau (100-241970) (RM)

(1-100-382983 MARTIN YARUS, WA)

(1-100-200845 PETER SEEGER)

1-New York (100-106299 MARTIN YARUS, WA)

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TITLE <b>CHANGED PETER SEEGER, wa: Peter Bowers</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>019514 SECURITY MATTER - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS:**

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR  
ADD. DISSEMINATION.

Subject resides at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, NY, and is self-employed as a singer. Source advised in September, 1949, that subject was member of the CP. Subject identified as a CP member active in the Music II CP Section during the latter part of 1949 or early 1950. Subject described as CP member from 1947 to 1949. Source advised that about 1948 subject gave speech to members of staff at Camp Lakeland, Hopewell Junction, NY, urging staff to join the CP. During April, 1951, subject described as always available for CP affairs as an entertainer. During period 1940 to 1957, subject appeared as entertainer at functions of numerous organizations which have been designated by the Attorney General of the US pursuant to Executive Order 10450. During August, 1955, subject refused to discuss groups before which he had played when questioned by House Committee on Un-American Activities. On 7/25/56, subject cited for contempt by House of Representatives for his refusal to answer

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SYNOPSIS (CONT'D)

questions before the HCUA. Subject stated, "I think I had just better not say anything" when contacted by Bureau agents during May, 1953. Subject indicated ALP voting preference during 1952, 1953 and 1954.

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DETAILS: The title of this report is being marked changed to reflect the subject's alias as PETER BOWERS as revealed in the records of G-2, Department of the Army, and to delete the names PETE SEEGER and PETE BOWERS, which are variations of subject's true name and alias.

Individuals, organizations, institutions and publications designated by an asterisk (\*) are documented in the Appendix of this report.

### I. BACKGROUND

#### A. Birth

The records of the Board of Health, Borough of Manhattan, New York, reveal, under certificate number 20503, that PETER SEEGER was born May 3, 1919, at Manhattan, New York. The father was listed as CHARLES LOUIS SEEGER, born in Mexico City, 32 years of age and a musician. The mother was listed as CONSTANCE EDSON SEEGER, born in Colorado, housewife, and mother of two other children. The SEEGER residence was listed as Patterson, New York.

#### B. Marriage

The records of the Manhattan Marriage Bureau, <sup>DUTCHESS JUNCTION</sup> ~~BEACON~~ NY, checked by SA RICHARD JOHN KMIECIK on January 24, 1957, revealed that PETER SEEGER was married to TOSHI A. OHTA on July 20, 1943, at Manhattan, New York. The record listed the subject as white, age 24, a resident of Washington, D.C., born New York City, and occupation United States Army. The subject's parents were listed as CHARLES LOUIS SEEGER, born Mexico, and mother CONSTANCE EDSON, born USA.

The bride was listed as white, age 21, a resident of 129 MacDougal Street, New York City, born Munich, occupation fashion photographer. The parents were listed as TAKASHI OHTA, born Japan, and VIRGINIA HARPER, born USA. NY

The records revealed that this marriage was the first for each party and the witnesses were listed as JULIA BLAIR BARNWELL and JOHN SEEGER. NY

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C. Education

The records of G-2, Department of the Army, revealed the following education of the subject:

1924-1932	Grammar school Springhill, Connecticut (graduate)
1932-1936	High school Avon-Old-Farms, Connecticut (graduate)
1936-1938	Harvard University Cambridge, Massachusetts (non-graduate)

D. Military Service

A review of the Army Service Record, Department of Defense, Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, on February 11, 1957, revealed that PETER SEEGER, Army Serial Number 34333466, was inducted into the United States Army on July 24, 1942, and entered on active duty on the same date at Fort McClellan, Alabama. He was honorably discharged on December 14, 1945, as a Technician, 5th Grade, at Fort Dix, New Jersey, by reason of demobilization.

SEEGER served one year, two months and seven days in foreign service in the Central Pacific Theater of Operations and participated in the battles and campaigns of Eastern Mandates. SEEGER was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, the Good Conduct Medal and the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal.

There is no record of court martial or absence without leave. Character and efficiency ratings ranged from unknown to excellent. There is no record of reserve service.

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E. Identification Record

The following is the identification record of the subject which appears in the files of the Identification Division of the FBI under number 754 610 A:

<u>Contributor of Fingerprints</u>	<u>Name and Number</u>	<u>Arrested or Received</u>
Army	Peter Seeger #23225466	7-24-42 Ft Mc Clellan Ala.

F. Residence

On February 8, 1957, T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the subject resides at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York, and maintains Post Office Box 328, Beacon, New York.

G. Previous Residences

The records of G-2, Department of the Army, reveal the following previous residences of the subject:

1909½ First Avenue  
Birmingham, Alabama

5547 Kenwood  
Chicago, Illinois -  
(May 1, 1942, to May 6, 1942)  
(Care of D. SCHMIDT)

5521 Cass Avenue  
Detroit, Michigan -  
(April 24, 1942, to May 1, 1942)  
(Care of L. GILBREATH)

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Schroeder Hotel

~~Milwaukee, Wisconsin~~

(March 23, 1942, to April 4, 1942)  
(Care of V. LAWLER)

4306 Sixth Avenue  
New York City  
(after May 6, 1942)

10001 Dallas Avenue  
Silver Springs, Maryland  
(March 14, 1941)

70 East 12th Street  
New York City

130 West Tenth Street  
New York City

23 Downing Street  
New York City

27 Jane Street  
New York City

647 Hudson Street  
New York City

The subject's Army Service record reveals the following previous residence:

1942      Care of Pan American Union,  
Washington, D.C.

On December 5, 1950, T-2, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that on November 24, 1950, Mr. and Mrs. PETER SEEGER, 129 MacDougal Street, New York City, indicated that they were no longer residing at this address and could be reached care of Cromwell Music, 129 West 52nd Street, New York, New York.

On December 14, 1955, T-3, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that the subject and his wife and two children were residing off Route 9D, near Camp Beacon, Beacon, New York.



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#### H. Employment

A pretext telephone call by a Special Agent of the FBI on February 8, 1957, to an unidentified male individual at Peoples Artists, Inc.,\* 124 West 21st Street, New York City, revealed that the subject is a self-employed singer. This call further revealed that the subject acts as his own agent in regard to entertainment engagements and may be contacted for such purposes at Beacon, New York.

It is noted that the "New York Post," November 18, 1956, issue, contained an advertisement stating that PETE SEEGER would appear in his "only New York Concert this year" on February 1, 1957, at the Pythian Auditorium, 135 West 70th Street, New York City.

#### I. Previous Employments

The records of G-2, Department of the Army, revealed the following previous employment of the subject:

Checking clerk (1939)

Farmer, general day laborer (1940)

Singer and musician (self-employed)  
(1940-1942)

The records of G-2, Department of the Army, reveal that the subject was employed from 1940 to 1942 by the Almanac Singers\* as an entertainer. The records reveal that the Almanac Singers was a group of individuals, organized by the subject, which wandered around the United States entertaining by singing folk songs and songs written by members of this group.

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On October 28, 1952, T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Peoples Songs, Inc.\* was organized about the early part of 1946 by PETER SEEGER and others. The informant advised that PETER SEEGER was editor from September, 1946, to October, 1947, Executive Director from June to October, 1947, and Chairman from November, 1947, to an unknown date.

A pretext telephone call by a Special Agent of the FBI on October 6, 1954, to an individual who identified himself as the principal of the Downtown Community School, 285 East 11th Street, New York, New York, revealed that the subject was at that time a teacher at this institution and a member of "The Weavers," a professional singing quartet which periodically toured sections of the United States at that time.

A pretext telephone call by a Special Agent of the FBI on October 6, 1954, to an unknown individual at the Registrar's Office, Columbia University, New York City, revealed that the subject at that time had a contract to teach a course in "American Folk Music and Its World Origins" for the Fall Semester at this institution.

On October 14, 1954, T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PETER SEEGER was an instructor of music at the Metropolitan School of Music,\* 18 West 74th Street, New York City, at that time.

The 1955-1956 catalog of the Metropolitan School of Music, Inc. listed PETER SEEGER as a faculty member and instructor of American Folk Music and Its Origins.

It is noted that on November 14, 1956, T-6, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, furnished a form letter, dated November 2, 1956, under the letterhead People's Artists, Inc., 80 East 11th Street, New York City,

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and signed by PETER SEEGER, "For People's Artists Executive Board." The letter stated that the Executive Board of People's Artists had reached a decision to dissolve the organization. According to the letter, the function of People's Artists when it was organized in 1949 was to carry forward the job of promoting folk music and that inasmuch as folk music is now popular, this was one basis for dissolving People's Artists.

## II. AFFILIATIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

### A. Evidence of Communist Party (CP) Membership

On September 12, 1949, HERMAN THOMAS, 518 North 23rd Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania, informant for the FBI for approximately ten years prior to the time he testified in May, 1954, for the government in the case of the United States versus JOSEPH KUZMA, ET AL, tried in United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, advised that PETER SEEGER was a member of the CP.

LOUIS F. BUDENZ, self-admitted former CP functionary and managing editor of the "Daily Worker," advised on June 30, 1950, that PETER SEEGER was a member of the CP in 1949. BUDENZ advised that he obtained this information from ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG\* and V.J. JEROME.\*

On April 30, 1953, T-4 identified PETE SEEGER as a CP member active in the Music II Section during the latter part of 1949 or early 1950.

On December 13, 1954, JOHN LAUTNER, former Chairman of the New York State Review Commission, CP, who was expelled from the CP in January, 1950, advised that he knew the subject as a CP member from 1947 to 1949.

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B. Evidence of CP Sympathies

On June 9, 1947, T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished a petition addressed to Senators ROBERT F. WAGNER and IRVING M. IVES, Washington, D.C., captioned "Defeat the Union-Busting Bills." Appearing on this petition was the name PETER SEEGER, 129 MacDougal Street, New York City 12, New York. The petition stated that it was issued by the CP, New York State, 35 East 12th Street, New York City.

LOUIS F. BUDENZ, previously mentioned, advised on June 30, 1950, that he recalled the subject as a folk singer and believed that the subject entertained at a closed dinner session in honor of ELLA REEVE BLOOR, which was held in conjunction with the National Convention of the CP during 1944.

On September 23, 1955, T-8, who has furnished reliable information in the past and who was a former employee at Camp Lakeland, Hopewell Junction, New York\*, during the summers of 1948 and 1949, advised that in about 1948 the Weavers singing group entertained at Camp Lakeland on several occasions. According to T-8, the informant personally observed PETER SEEGER, after entertaining the staff, hand out cards to join the CP and give a speech urging the staff to join the Party.

During April, 1951, JOHN LAUTNER, previously mentioned, advised that PETER SEEGER, a singer, was always available for CP affairs as an entertainer.

On November 24, 1953, T-7 furnished information that PETE SEEGER, Peoples Artists, 799 Broadway, New York, New York, had obtained a one year subscription to the "Daily Worker"\* which subscription expired on September 14, 1954.

On March 15, 1954, T-7 furnished information that PETE SEEGER, Peoples Artists, 799 Broadway, New York, New York, obtained three combination subscriptions to the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker"\* which subscriptions expired on March 22, 1954.

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On June 1, 1954, T-9, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on April 26, 1954, a Marxist refresher study class met at Topanga, California.

It is noted that T-9 advised that he had been advised by ROBERT AMES that these classes were a preparatory step to entering the CP.

According to T-10, who has furnished reliable information in the past, ROBERT AMES was a CP member in May, 1947.

T-9 advised that included on the agenda of the above class was PETE SEEGER, guitarist, and it was stated that SEEGER would like to sing to this group of people and educate them to the Marxist theory. According to the informant, it was further mentioned that SEEGER would like to have the Topanga group subsidize his playing and singing. According to the informant, it was decided to give a party sometime in June, 1954, to collect funds for SEEGER.

During May, 1956, T-11, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, furnished information that PETE SEEGER, Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York, and family corresponded with ARNOLD S. JOHNSON\* during September, 1955, at which time birthday greetings were extended to JOHNSON.

On February 4, 1955, T-12, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, furnished information that the SEEGER family, Post Office Box 452, Beacon, New York, sent season greetings during December, 1954, to EUGENE DENNIS\* and JOHN GATES\*.

On January 6, 1955, T-13, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, furnished information that the SEEGER family, Box 452, Beacon, New York, sent season greetings to CARL WINTER\* and IRVING POTASH\* during December, 1954.

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C. Evidence of Activity Before CP Front  
Groups as an Entertainer

The following is a list of events at which the subject appeared or was scheduled to appear as an entertainer or participant. All T symbol informants listed as sources in this section have furnished reliable information in the past. The date appearing in parenthesis beneath the T symbol is the date the information was furnished by the informant. All organizations listed as sponsors in this section are documented in the Appendix of this report.

The following characterizations are set forth concerning certain individuals set out as sources in this section:

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<u>Source</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
T-14 (June 19, 1948)	National Convention of the National Conference on American Foreign Policy in Greece, June 5-6, 1948, Hotel Capitol, New York City	American Council for a Democratic Greece

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<u>Source</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Observations by Special Agents of the FBI	Rally held October 24, 1945, at Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City	American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, Inc.
"Daily People's World," issue of October 22, 1947	Picnic held at Valley Park Country Club, Los Angeles, California	American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, Inc. (Southern California Chapter)
"Daily Worker" issue of August 24, 1948	Rally sponsored by American Labor Party, September 9, 1948, Yankee Stadium, New York City	American Labor Party (ALP)
"Daily Worker" issue of June 25, 1953	Peace Festival and Rally, June 28, 1953, Triboro Stadium, Randalls Island, New York City	American Labor Party
"Daily Worker" issue of March 3, 1954	"Lift Every Voice" to end discrimination in the Parkchester Housing Project, March 26, 1956, Manhattan Center, New York City	ALP, Bronx County
T-15 (May 18, 1954)	ALP rally, May 6, 1954, Manhattan Center, New York City	ALP

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<u>Source</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
"Daily Worker" issue of June 17, 1954	Kings County ALP rally, Aperia Manor, 813 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, New York, June 15, 1954	ALP, Kings County
"Daily Worker" issue of April 7, 1954	Rally for Trade and Peace with China, April 3, 1954, UE Hall, Chicago, Illinois	American Peace Crusade
"Daily Worker" issue of September 5, 1940	Caucus held by Southern Delegates of American Peace Mobilization, Chicago, Illinois, September 1, 1940	American Peace Mobilization
"Daily Worker" issue of May 21, 1947	Rally for Greece, May 28, 1947, New York City	American Relief for Greek Democracy
"Daily Worker" issue of March 6, 1947	Choral and Folk Music of USA and USSR, March 16, 1947, New York City	America - Soviet Music Society
"Daily Worker" May 24, 1946 issue	Veterans Conference, May 5, 1946, Central Plaza Annex, 40 East Seventh Street, New York City	American Youth for Democracy (AYD)



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<u>Source</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
"Daily Worker" issue of March 18, 1948	American Youth for Democracy Square Dance, March 19, 1948, 163 Bleecker Street, New York City	AYD
<del>T-16 (April 13, 1954)</del>	Book Fair, California Labor School, San Francisco, California, April 10, 1954	California Labor School (CLS)
<del>T-17 (September 24, 1954)</del>	"Folk Music Forum," October 2, 3, 1954, CLS, San Francisco, California	CLS
<del>T-18 (July 14, 1954)</del>	1954 Spring Term of CLS, San Francisco, California	CLS
<del>T-19 (September 1, 1954)</del>	1954 Summer Term CLS, San Francisco, California	CLS
<del>T-17 (September 13, 1954)</del>	1954-1955 Fall Term, CLS, San Francisco, California	CLS
<del>T-20 (November 2, 1955)</del>	Folk Festival, October 30, 1955, 37 Elgin Street, San Francisco, California	CLS

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T-20  
(September 18,  
1956)

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T-21  
(June 1, 1956)

T-22  
(October 19,  
1956)

Event

Concert at Scottish  
Rite Auditorium,  
San Francisco,  
California, October  
6, 1956

Informal  
entertainment,  
August 14, 1955,  
Camp Woodland, Inc.,  
Phoenicia, New York

PETE SEEGER Concert,  
May 25, 1956,  
Orchestra Hall,  
Chicago, Illinois

Recital on songs  
of America and the  
Soviet Union on  
occasion of  
greeting double  
anniversary of  
United States - USSR  
diplomatic relations  
and the emergence of  
the Soviet Union on  
the world scene,  
November 10, 1956,  
Milda Hall, 3142  
South Halstead,  
Chicago, Illinois

Sponsor

CLS

Camp Woodland,  
Phoenicia, New York

Chicago Council of  
American-Soviet  
Friendship

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American-Soviet  
Friendship

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Event

Sponsor

"Daily Worker"  
issue of  
September 5,  
1946

Entertainment at  
Town Hall, September  
15, 1946, staged by  
People's Songs, Inc.,  
New York City

Civil Rights Congress  
(CRC)

T-23  
(June, 1949)

Rally entitled  
"Hail New China  
Ally for Peace,"  
June 16, 1949,  
City Center Casino,  
New York City

Committee for a  
Democratic Far Eastern  
Policy

"Daily Worker"  
issue of  
September 26,  
1950

Meeting entitled  
"Spotlight on Asia,"  
featuring SEEK HUN  
KIM, North Korean  
diplomat, October 9,  
1950, Hotel Diplomat,  
New York City

Committee for a  
Democratic Far Eastern  
Policy

"Daily Worker"  
issue of  
May 17, 1953

Rally, "Culture  
Fights Back, 1953"  
May 20, 1953, Hotel  
Capitol, New York  
City

Committee to Defend  
J. V. Jerome  
v. J.

"Daily Worker"  
issue of  
May 22, 1953

STEVE NELSON  
Dinner, May 22,  
1953, Manhattan  
Towers Hotel, New  
York City

Committee to Defend  
Steve Nelson

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Event

Sponsor

~~T-24~~  
(June 1, 1954)

Rally in behalf of  
PAUL ROBESON, May  
26, 1954,  
Renaissance Ballroom,  
137th Street and  
Eighth Avenue, New  
York City

Committee to Restore  
Paul Robeson's Passport

"Daily Worker"  
issue of  
March 29, 1946

Supper held March  
31, 1946, 201 West  
72nd Street, New  
York City

Community Club,  
Thomas Jefferson  
Section, CP, New York  
State

~~T-25~~  
(March, 1947)

Party held at  
Jefferson School of  
Social Science, 201  
West 72nd Street,  
New York City,  
March 15, 1947

CP, West Midtown  
Club

"Daily Worker"  
issue of  
June 20, 1947

Alberton Section  
Housewarming,  
June 20, 1947,  
Bronx, New York

CP, Alberton Section

"Daily People's  
World" issue  
of November 8,  
1947

Halloween Party for  
children of Communist  
workers and their  
friends

CP, South Side and  
62nd Assembly District  
Sections, Los Angeles,  
California

"Daily Worker"  
issue of  
April 13, 1948

May Day Rally,  
April 30, 1948,  
Graham Auditorium,  
Newark, New Jersey

CP, Essex County,  
New Jersey

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Source

"Daily Worker"  
issue of  
February 18,  
1949

"Daily Worker"  
issues of  
April 28, 1949,  
and May 5, 1949

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T-26  
(September 27,  
1956)

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Event

"Pete Seeger at  
Greatest Youth  
Party of the Year--"  
February 19, 1949,  
77th Street and  
Fifth Avenue, New  
York City

"Now Is the Time"  
show in honor of 12  
indicted Communist  
leaders, Panel Room,  
13 Astor Place, New  
York City, April 30,  
1949

Meeting, November  
14, 1953, 19 High  
Street, Boston,  
Massachusetts

Dance and cocktail  
party, 1949 or 1950,  
hotel located  
between 70th and  
80th Streets, New  
York City

"Get Together for  
Peace," January 14,  
1950, Jewish  
Community Center,  
1475 Williams  
Street, Denver,  
Colorado

Sponsor

CP, Lower East Side  
Youth Section

Cultural Division  
of CP

Creative Arts Workshop

"Daily Worker" Fund  
Raising Affair

"The Denver Friends  
of Peoples Artists,  
Inc. of New York"

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Event

Sponsor

~~T-27~~  
(December 26,  
1956)

Concert, Pythian  
Theater, New York  
City, January 13,  
1957

Downtown Community  
School

~~T-28~~  
(January 17,  
1957)

Conference on "Self-  
Defense Against  
Unconstitutional  
Intrusions," Biltmore  
Hotel, New York City,  
January 30, 1957

Emergency Civil  
Liberties Committee  
(ECLC)

"Daily Worker"  
issue of  
September 6,  
1940

Assembly of 1800  
Washingtonians and  
Emergency Peace  
Mobilization Delegates,  
Turners Arena,  
Washington, D.C.,  
September 4, 1940

Emergency Peace  
Mobilization

"Daily Worker"  
issue of March  
10, 1954

International  
Women's Day, March  
13, 1954,  
Yugoslav-American  
Cooperative Home,  
Inc.\*, New York City

Families of the Smith  
Act Victims

~~T-29~~  
(January 9,  
1956)

Christmas-Chanukah  
Children's Party,  
December 18, 1955,  
1400 Girard Avenue,  
Philadelphia,  
Pennsylvania

Friends and Families of  
the Smith Act  
Defendants

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Sponsor

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Concert by PETER SEEGER, September 24, 1954, Embassy Auditorium, Los Angeles, California

Hollywood Arts, Sciences and Professions Council

Annual dinner, March 13, 1949, Hotel Astor, New York City

Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee

"Daily Worker" issue of November 25, 1948

Second Concert for Children, November 27, 1948, New York City

Jefferson School of Social Science (JSSS)

"Daily Worker" issue of June 1, 1950

Jefferson School Carnival, June 3, 1950, New York City

JSSS

"Daily Worker" issue of February 16, 1954

Lecture on "Work Songs and Ballads," February 16, 1954, Jefferson School, Sixth Avenue and 16th Street, New York City

JSSS

"Jewish Life" issue of November, 1955

Festival of Music on Jewish Themes, December 2, 1955, Brooklyn Academy of Music, Brooklyn, New York

"Jewish Life"

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Event

Sponsor

"Daily Worker"  
issue of  
April 1, 1949

Joint Anti-Fascist  
Refugee Committee  
Caucus-for-Peace,  
Manhattan Center,  
New York City, April  
4, 1949

Joint Anti-Fascist  
Refugee Committee  
(JAFRC)

T-30  
(October 4,  
1953)

"Evening of Folk  
Songs," October 9,  
1953, Yugoslav-  
American Cooperative  
Home, Inc., 405  
West 41st Street,  
New York City

Labor Youth League  
(LYL)

"Daily Worker"  
issue of  
September 9,  
1949

LYL meeting,  
Manhattan Center,  
New York City,  
September 9, 1949,  
in protest of "violence"  
at PAUL ROBESON's  
Peekskill Concerts

LYL

"Daily Worker"  
issue of  
February 3,  
1954

Second National  
Convention, Rally  
and Jamboree,  
February 19, 1954,  
Hunts Point Palace,  
Bronx, New York

LYL

T-31  
(May 5, 1954)

"An Evening with  
Pete Seeger,"  
May 1, 1954,  
Yugoslav-American  
Cooperative Home,  
Inc., New York City

LYL



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<u>Source</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
"Daily Worker" issue of May 7, 1954	PETE SEEGER concert, May 7, 1954, Yugoslav-American Cooperative Home, Inc., New York City	Manhattan LYL
<del>T-32 (May 4, 1955)</del>	Party and dance, April 30, 1955, 229 Seventh Avenue, New York City	Student Division LYL
<del>T-5 (May 24, 1956)</del>	"An Afternoon of Folk Songs with Pete Seeger," May 13, 1956, 135 West 70th Street, New York City	Metropolitan School of Music, Inc., New York City.
"Daily Worker" issue of March 24, 1941	Meeting of League of American Writers (date and location not reflected), entertain- ment by PETE BOWERS and the Almanac Singers*	League of American Writers

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T-33  
(November 16,  
1955)

"Daily Worker"  
issue of  
February 4, 1954

"National  
Guardian" issue  
of October 3,  
1955

T-34  
(March 28, 1956)

"National  
Guardian"- New  
York Edition,  
issue of April  
13, 1953

Event

"Seventh Annual  
Festival of  
Nationalities,"  
featuring PETE  
SEEGER, November 12,  
1955, Milda Hall,  
3140 South Halstead,  
Chicago, Illinois

"National Guardian"  
Winter Ball,  
February 11, 1954,  
Manhattan Center,  
New York City

PETE SEEGER folk  
Song concert,  
November 1, 1955,  
Washington School  
Auditorium, Berkeley,  
California

Concert of Music  
and Dance, April 17,  
1956, Carnegie Hall,  
New York City

"Folk - Concert  
Ensemble," April 17,  
1953, New York City

Sponsor

Midwest Committee  
for Protection of  
Foreign Born

"National Guardian"

"National Guardian"

"National Guardian"

National Lawyers  
Guild

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Event

Sponsor

~~T-35~~  
(February 20,  
1956)

National Lawyers  
Guild National  
Convention,  
February 10-13,  
1956, Hotel Statler,  
Detroit, Michigan

National Lawyers  
Guild

"Daily Worker"  
issue of  
September 27,  
1953

Peace rally,  
September 27, 1953,  
Carnegie Hall, New  
York City

National Council of  
Arts, Sciences and  
Professions, Inc.

"Daily Worker"  
issue of  
September 15,  
1953

ROSENBERG-SOBELL  
dedication rally,  
September 16, 1953,  
Randalls Island  
Stadium, Randalls  
Island, New York City

National Committee to  
Secure Justice in the  
Rosenberg Case

~~T-36~~  
(April 13, 1954)

Dance and social,  
3514 Franklin  
Avenue, St. Louis,  
Missouri

National Negro Labor  
Council, St. Louis  
Chapter

~~T-37~~  
(November 15,  
1955)

Nationality Festival,  
November 13, 1955,  
Lazak's Hall, Bates  
Street, Pittsburgh,  
Pennsylvania

Nationality Committee  
of Western Pennsylvania

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issue of  
April 5, 1948

"Show Time for  
Wallace," April 5,  
1948, Cafe Society  
Downtown, New York  
City

National Council for  
American-Soviet  
Friendship

~~T-38~~  
(April 13, 1953)

PETE SEEGER concert,  
April 10, 1953,  
Peoples Art Center,  
St. Louis, Missouri

Neighborhood Folk  
Chorus

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Event

Sponsor

"Daily Worker"  
issue of April  
23, 1947

Meeting called by  
"New Masses" featuring  
GERHARDT EISLER,  
April 28, 1947, New  
York City

"New Masses"

"Daily Worker"  
issue of  
August 16, 1947

"New Masses" Labor  
Day Weekend,  
September, 1947,  
The Allaben,  
Mapanock, New York

"New Masses"

~~T-4~~  
(April 15, 1953)

"All Fools  
Hootenanny," April  
4, 1953, Webster  
Hall, 119 East 11th  
Street, New York City

Peoples Artists,  
Inc., New York City

~~T-4~~  
(October 22,  
1953)

Hootenanny,  
September 26, 1953,  
Pythian Hall, New  
York City

Peoples Artists,  
Inc.

~~T-39~~  
(January 6,  
1954)

Hootenanny,  
December 24, 1953,  
Manhattan Center,  
New York City

Peoples Artists,  
Inc.

~~T-40~~  
(June 24, 1954)

Hootenanny,  
June 19, 1954,  
Manhattan Center,  
New York City

Peoples Artists, Inc.

"Daily Worker"  
issue of March  
28, 1955

"All Fools  
Hootenanny,"  
April 2, 1955,  
Pythian Hall, 135  
West 70th Street,  
New York City

Peoples Artists, Inc.

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<u>Source</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
"National Guardian" issue of May 9, 1955	"Children's Hootenanny with Pete Seeger, Gil Green---May 7---Peoples Artists Studio---" New York City	Peoples Artists, Inc.
"Daily Worker" issue of May 10, 1955	Spring Fever Hootenanny, May 14, 1955, the Pythian, 135 West 70th Street, New York City	Peoples Artists, Inc.
"Daily Worker" issue of September 21, 1955	Hootenanny, September 24, 1955, The Pythian, 135 West 70th Street, New York City	Peoples Artists, Inc.
"Daily Worker" issue of March 26, 1948	"Un-American Hootenanny," March 26, 1948, Irving Plaza, 15 Irving Place, New York City	People's Songs
"Daily Peoples World" issue of November 6, 1947	Rally protesting loyalty tests in Congressional probes, November 12, 1947, Los Angeles, California	Progressive Citizens of America (Broyle Heights Chapter)

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<u>Source</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
"Daily Peoples World," issue of January 1, 1948	Progressive Citizens of America Birthday Cabaret, 240 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, January 10, 1948	Progressive Citizens of America
<del>T-41</del> (October 3, 1955)	Progressive Party Testimonial Dinner in honor of HENRY BEITSCHER*, October 1, 1955, Bellevue Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Progressive Party
"Daily Worker" issue of April 27, 1955	Union Square May Day Rally, April 29, 1955, Union Square, New York City	Provisional Workers and Peoples Committee for May Day, 1956
"Daily Worker" issue of March 19, 1950	Bazaar, March 17, 18, 19, 1950, 77 Fifth Avenue, New York City	School of Jewish Studies, New York City
<del>T-42</del> (December 21, 1953)	"Songs with Pete Seeger," December 18, 1953, Essex Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	South Philadelphia Committee to Aid the Smith Act Victims
<del>T-43</del> (November 15, 1955)	Folk song function featuring PETE SEEGER, November 2, 1955, Cosmopolitan Hotel, 360 South Westlake, Los Angeles, California	Southern California Arts, Sciences and Professions Council

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<u>Source</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 60px; width: 100%;"></div>	Appeared on platform of May Day Parade, May 1, 1946, New York City	United May Day Committee
"Daily Worker" issue of July 29, 1953	Music Festival, July 31 - August 9, 1953, White Lake Lodge, White Lake, New York	White Lake Lodge
<del>T-44</del> (July 18, 1955)	Holiday entertainment, April 3, 1955, Wingdale Lodge, Wingdale, New York	Wingdale Lodge, Inc.
"National Guardian," issue of September 5, 1955	"Labor Day Weekend--- at Wingdale Lodge--- Featuring Pete Seeger," September, 1955	Wingdale Lodge, Inc.
<del>T-45</del> (November 26, 1949)	Second National Convention, Young Progressives of America, Towne Club, Cleveland, Ohio, November 24-27, 1949	Young Progressives of America

D. Evidence of CP Front Group Affiliations  
Other Than as an Entertainer

The records of G-2, Department of the Army, reveal that the subject was Secretary of the Harvard Student Union, a chapter of the American Student Union\*, while in attendance at Harvard University.

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The catalog of the JSSS for the fall term, 1946, listed PETE SEEGER as among new lecturers at the JSSS.

On June 19, 1953, T-46, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on June 13, 1953, a musical review entitled "Courage is Contagious," a National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions Field Theater Production, was presented for the "National Guardian" at the Danish Auditorium, 1359 West 24th Street, Los Angeles, California. According to information furnished by the informant, PETE SEEGER was among the individuals who wrote the various songs used in this production.

During August, 1953, T-47, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information that PETER SEEGER, care of Peoples Artists, Inc., 799 Broadway, New York City, was a subscriber to the "National Guardian." According to the information furnished by the informant, SEEGER's subscription would expire during March, 1954.

On February 7, 1955, T-48, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, furnished information that the Winter 1955 issue of "Sing Out!" the official quarterly publication of Peoples Artists, 124 West 21st Street, New York City, listed PETE SEEGER as a staff member.

On October 19, 1955, T-49, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, furnished information that Peoples Artists, Inc., 124 West 21st Street, New York 11, New York, forwarded a check for twenty dollars to the Student Division, LYL, 229 Seventh Avenue, New York City, at which time the LYL was informed by Peoples Artists that PETE SEEGER had asked that this contribution be made.



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On May 7, 1956, T-50, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information that PETER SEEGER, Box 328 Beacon, New York, contributed three dollars as a continued pledge for a three month period to the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born\*, 23 West 26th Street, New York 10, New York, for the defense of the American Committee.

On May 20, 1956, T-51, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the subject was a sponsor for the Veterans Against Discrimination of the Civil Rights Congress of New York.\*

#### E. Miscellaneous

##### CP Affiliation

During August, 1951, T-52, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on August 19, 1951, ESTHER JACKSON\* stated that PETE SEEGER had fallen out of favor with the CP recently for playing before a segregated audience in Washington, D.C., knowing at the time he accepted the engagement that it was this type of audience. According to the informant, ESTHER JACKSON stated that SEEGER seemed to "like money more than Party principles."

During June and July, 1954, SYLVESTER GREGORY PASCHAL, Chicago, Illinois, a self-admitted member of the CP since 1944, advised that while in New York City in 1948 and 1949 he became a member of "Peoples Songs" which promoted folk songs and had a CP cell within its membership. According to PASCHAL, PETE SEEGER, Beacon, New York, was a member of "Peoples Songs."

##### House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) Testimony and Citation

The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of August 19, 1955, contained an article which revealed that PETER SEEGER had appeared before the HCUA on August 18, 1955, which

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committee held hearings at the Federal Court House, Foley Square, New York City, on Communist activities in the theater, radio, television and in unions of entertainers. According to the article, SEEGER refused to discuss the groups he had played before.

The article further stated that SEEGER refused to answer questions about his alleged associations with the Civil Rights Congress\*, American Committee for Yugoslav Relief\*, American Peace Mobilization\*, American Peace Crusade\*, CLS\*, Jefferson School of Social Science\*, LYL\*, Peoples Songs\*, Peoples Artists\* and the Cultural Division of the CP.

The article stated that SEEGER did not invoke the protection of the Fifth Amendment even after he was warned he faced contempt proceedings and insisted that the committee had no right to ask about his associations.

The July 26, 1956, issue of the "Poughkeepsie New Yorker," a daily newspaper published in Poughkeepsie, New York, contained an article which stated that on July 25, 1956, PETER SEEGER, Cold Spring Road, Beacon, New York, singer of American ballads and banjoist, was among eight persons who were cited by the House of Representatives for contempt. The article stated that SEEGER, during August, 1955, declined to answer some questions put to him by a HCUA in New York City as it investigated possible Communist infiltration of the entertainment field.

#### Peekskill Riots\*

On December 19, 1949, T-53, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PETE SEEGER, 129 MacDougal Street, New York, New York, was among the individuals who filed notice of intention to file a claim

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against New York State as a result of the riots on August 27, 1949, and September 4, 1949, at Peekskill, New York, at the so-called PAUL ROBESON concerts. According to the informant, SEEGER filed claim for property damage.

The "Daily Worker" issue of September 29, 1949, page 13, column 3, announced that Charter Records, a "Progressive record company," produced a record known as the "Peekskill Story" with HOWARD FAST\* as narrator and featuring PETE SEEGER and the Weavers.

#### Interview

On May 8, 1953, the subject was interviewed by SA HEINZ H. EISELE and SA TRENWITH S. BASFORD at Dutchess Junction, New York. The subject upon being advised of the identity of the agents and the purpose of the interview was to discuss his previous affiliations, stated: "I think I had just better not say anything."

#### American Labor Party

The records of the Dutchess County Board of Elections, reviewed by SA HEINZ H. EISELE, revealed that PETER SEEGER listed a voting preference for the ALP for the years 1952, 1953 and 1954.

#### III. DESCRIPTION

The following is a composite description of the subject obtained from the records of G-2, Department of the Army, background sources mentioned in this report and personal observations by SA HEINZ H. EISELE on May 8, 1953:

Name	PETER SEEGER
Alias	Peter Bowers
Address	Dutchess Junction Beacon, New York

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*PETER SEEGER - SUMMARY*

Occupation	Self employed as singer of folk songs
<u>Date and Place of Birth</u>	May 3, 1919 New York, New York
Height	6'1"
Weight	143 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Build	Slim
Complexion	Fair, face pimpled
Scars and Marks	Rather prominent red nose
Race	White
Sex	Male
Marital Status	Married
Spouse	EILEEN TOSHI OHTA SEEGER
Relatives	CONSTANCE SEEGER - Mother CHARLES L. SEEGER - Father CHARLES L. SEEGER - Brother JOHN SEEGER - Brother
Military Service	United States Army
<u>FBI Number</u>	ASN 34335466 745 610 A
<i>Photograph</i>	<i>Available</i>

*DUTCHESS JUNCTION  
BEACON, N.Y.*

APPENDIX

DOCUMENTATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS, ORGANIZATIONS  
INSTITUTIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Those organizations designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450 are designated by a double asterisk (\*\*).

Those organizations, institutions and publications cited by the HCUA "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," (and appendix), revised, dated May 14, 1951, are designated by a triple asterisk (\*\*\*).

ALMANAC SINGERS\*\*\*

"1. 'Communist entertainers.'

"(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, p.97.)"

~~AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN\*\*~~

~~AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR YUGOSLAV RELIEF, INC.\*\*~~

~~AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR A DEMOCRATIC GREECE\*\*~~

~~AMERICAN LABOR PARTY~~

A confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 9, 1954, that from the time of its inception in 1936, there existed within the ALP a struggle for power among three groups. These were the CP, the Socialist Party and the Social Democrats. By the early 1940's, the CP emerged as the controlling force within the ALP in the major industrial areas in New York State. Generally these were the areas around Albany, Buffalo, Jamestown, Rochester, Schenectady, Syracuse, Troy, and the Hudson River Valley; Columbia, Dutchess, Nassau and Westchester Counties; and New York City, with the exception of Brooklyn. In 1942, the CP was able to capture the ALP in Brooklyn. The informant knew this situation to continue up until at least 1949. The ALP never developed into an organization of any real consequence in the non-industrial areas of New York State.

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Another informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 4, 1956, that the CP then, as in the past, through its members in key positions in the ALP, constituted the force that controlled it.

On October 7, 1956, PETER HAWLEY, New York State chairman, ALP, announced the ALP state committee unanimously approved a resolution dissolving the organization and ordering the liquidation of its assets.

AMERICAN PEACE CRUSADE\*\*

AMERICAN PEACE MOBILIZATION\*\*

AMERICAN RELIEF FOR GREEK DEMOCRACY\*\*\*

- "1. 'The headquarters of this Communist front is located at 111 West Forty-second Street in New York City. \* \* \* Eighteen of the sponsors of the American Relief for Greek Democracy are either directors or sponsors of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.'

"(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, pp.168 and 169.)"

AMERICAN-SOVIET MUSIC SOCIETY\*\*\*

- "1. 'An affiliate of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

"(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p.323.)"

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AMERICAN STUDENT UNION\*\*\*

"2. 'A Communist Party front organization for the indoctrination of American students in colleges and universities in the United States.'

"(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1943, p. 115.)"

AMERICAN YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY\*\*

HENRY BEITSCHER

On March 28, 1956, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that HENRY BEITSCHER was Political Action Director in charge of CP political activities in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as of March 12, 1956.

CALIFORNIA LABOR SCHOOL  
321 Divisadero Street  
San Francisco, California\*\*

CAMP KINDERLAND  
CAMP LAKELAND

A confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has advised that Camp Kinderland and Camp Lakeland are adjacent to one another and are located at Hopewell Junction, New York, having been founded about 1924. Camp Lakeland is a summer camp for adults, while Camp Kinderland is a summer camp for children.

"The Worker," the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker," an east coast Communist newspaper, of April 29, 1956, described Camp Kinderland as "a children's camp combining progressive Jewish culture with interracial living."

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Another confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has advised that Camp Lakeland was known by him to have been controlled by the CP and to have contributed money to the CP in the past. The informant advised on June 22, 1956, that due to the camps' present financial difficulties, the camps have not been in a position to make contributions to the CP as they had in the past.

Page five of the "Daily News," a New York City daily newspaper, for April 16, 1956, contains information to the effect that Camps Lakeland and Kinderland are managed by DAVID GREENE, a "notorious Communist Party member."

CAMP WOODLAND, INC.,

Also known as:

Camp Woodland

A confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 20, 1954, that Camp Woodland was founded in the late 1930's or early 1940's by NORMAN STUDER. He stated that NORMAN STUDER was a CP member, and that the camp was frequented by many CP members during the 1930's and early 1940's, but that during this period, there was no other indication that the camp was controlled by the CP.

An advertisement appeared in the "New York Times Magazine," April 29, 1956, page 72, which included the following:

"WOODLAND, Phoenicia, NY, an Interracial  
Camp Where Children Live and Grow  
Happily Together"---"NORMAN STUDER,  
Director, 853 Broadway, NYC."

Another confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on July 8, 1954, that DOROTHY WILSON, whom informant knew to have been a CP member for many years, had recently referred to Camp Woodland as a "progressive camp."



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CHICAGO COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP

On May 1, 1956, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information that the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship is an affiliate of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship\*\*.

CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS\*\*

COMMITTEE FOR A DEMOCRATIC FAR  
EASTERN POLICY\*\*

COMMITTEE TO DEFEND STEVE NELSON

On November 18, 1955, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the Committee to Defend Steve Nelson is an outgrowth of the Civil Rights Congress activities in behalf of STEVE NELSON.

COMMITTEE TO RESTORE PAUL ROBESON'S  
PASSPORT

The Committee to Restore Paul Robeson's Passport was originally formed as the Provisional Committee to Restore Paul Robeson's Passport, with an address of Suite 6, 139 West 125th Street, New York 27, New York, according to a mimeographed letter dated in May, 1954, issued by the Provisional Committee.

According to a confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, this committee was formed for the purpose of launching a campaign for the restoration of PAUL ROBESON's passport, which had been denied him for the past four years, by the State Department, and its activities were launched at a rally on May 26, 1954, at the Renaissance Casino in New York City.

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Another confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 10, 1954, that many Communists were in attendance at the aforementioned rally.

Another informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on December 3, 1954, that this committee was then located at the office of the Council on African Affairs, Incorporated\*\*, Suite 6, 139 West 125th Street, New York City, and was then dominated and controlled by the Council on African Affairs, Inc.

It is to be noted that the Council on African Affairs, Inc. has dissolved and is no longer in existence.

The latter informant advised on December 9, 1955, and on April 26, 1955, that the Committee to Restore Paul Robeson's Passport, although it continued to maintain desk space at Suite 6, 139 West 125th Street and was listed as a tenant at Suite 6, 139 West 125th Street, had not been active for the past year and at present it was in a dormant status.

#### CREATIVE ARTS WORKSHOP

On February 26, 1953, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the Creative Arts Workshop, 19 High Street, Boston, Massachusetts, was directed by LEO RAVINOVITZ, known to the informant to be a member of the CP District Number One, Boston, Massachusetts. The informant advised that the Creative Arts Workshop was infiltrated by CP District Number One, Boston, Massachusetts.

#### DAILY PEOPLE'S WORLD

"1. 'The official organ of the Communist Party on the west coast.'

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"(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, January 3, 1941, p. 10.)"

"DAILY WORKER"

The "Daily Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper.

EUGENE DENNIS

EUGENE DENNIS, former National Secretary of the CP, was convicted on October 14, 1949, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

DENNIS was released from the Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, on March 1, 1955, and is presently out on bond awaiting trial under the membership provisions of the Smith Act of 1940.

"THE DENVER FRIENDS OF PEOPLE'S ARTISTS INC. OF NEW YORK"

See People's Artists, Inc.

DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

A confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in 1947 that the Downtown Community School was then a non-profit organization incorporated in New York in October, 1944. The Downtown Community School was originally organized by a group of parents and educators to meet the needs for an elementary school in their community. It was opened September 26, 1944, and tuition was \$400.

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Another confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 20, 1945, that the Downtown Community School at that time was Communist controlled.

On November 10, 1949, EUGENE DENNIS was examined in supplementary proceedings in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, to ascertain what assets DENNIS might have to satisfy a fine of \$10,000 levied against him on October 21, 1949, by Judge HAROLD R. MEDINA.

This fine was levied in connection with DENNIS' conviction under the Smith Act. DENNIS testified that his seven year old son attends the Downtown Community School on East 11th Street, New York City. DENNIS also testified that he had been General Secretary of the CP, USA, since July, 1946.

#### EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE

The "Daily Worker," an east coast Communist daily newspaper, issue of October 8, 1951, page 1, columns 4 and 5, in an article entitled "150 Notables Form Emergency Civil Rights Committee," reflected that the formation of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC) had been announced on October 7, 1951. It was shown that the purpose of the organization would be to help mobilize public opinion in support of the traditional American constitutional guarantees of civil liberties and to render aid to victims of abridgment of these liberties in politics, education, and the professions. The founders, according to the article, included more than 50 members of the clergy and many educators and professionals.

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A confidential informant, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, on October 21, 1955, furnished information reflecting that the CP felt that help should be extended in building a "united front civil liberties organization" in the United States which, while not led by the "left," would contain labor, liberal and "left forces" within it in a commonly agreed program, including defense of the rights of Communists.

The information further indicated that the CP felt that this aim can best be achieved by helping the ECLC to become a national organization with local chapters operating on the basis of its programs.

The headquarters of the ECLC is located at 421 Seventh Avenue, New York City.

EMERGENCY PEACE MOBILIZATION\*\*\*

"1. 'The American Peace Mobilization \* \* \* was formally founded at a meeting in Chicago at the end of August 1940, known as the Emergency Peace Mobilization.'

"(Attorney General Francis Biddle, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7684.)

"2. Cited as a Communist front which came forth, after Stalin signed his pact with Hitler, to oppose the national defense program, lend-lease, conscription, and other American 'war-mongering' efforts. It immediately preceded the American Peace Mobilization in 1940.

"(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, pp. 105, 156, and 169.)"

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"3. 'Among the more conspicuous Communist fronts that have defied brazenly the interests of the United States and other freedom-loving nations whenever they have been in conflict with the interests of Soviet Russia and world Communism.' At its Labor Day week-end meeting held in Chicago in 1940, it gave the name of American Peace Mobilization to the front, American League for Peace and Democracy.

"(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, pp. 67 and 1950.)"

FAMILIES OF THE SMITH ACT VICTIMS\*\*

HOWARD FAST

On October 18, 1950, JOHN LAUTNER, former chairman of the Review Commission of the New York State CP, advised that HOWARD FAST was a member of the National Cultural Commission, CP, USA, in 1947.

The December 22, 1953, issue of the "Daily Worker," page 1, column 2, carried an article entitled "Howard Fast Awarded Stalin Peace Prize." In this article FAST was described as one of the publishers of the "Daily Worker."

FRIENDS AND FAMILIES OF THE SMITH  
ACT DEFENDANTS

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On October 14, 1954, [redacted]

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and who at that time was closely associated with several of the wives of the Philadelphia Smith Act defendants, advised that the Families

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and Friends of the Smith Act Defendants was organized in 1953, for the purpose of raising funds for the defendants and publicizing the Philadelphia Smith Act trial.

On February 14, 1956, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the Friends and Families of the Smith Act Defendants held Christmas-Chanukah parties in 1953, 1954 and 1955, and does not function except during the Christmas season.

On January 9, 1956, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that at the 1955 Christmas-Chanukah party held December 18, 1955, BARBARA ROBERTS and PAULINE MOSS collected funds to pay the expenses of the party.

On July 18, 1955, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that BARBARA ROBERTS was at that time Club Organizer of a CP club in the 4th Congressional District Region, CP of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware.

On July 19, 1955, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PAULINE MOSS had recently been made organizer of a club in the 47th-29th Ward Section, 4th Congressional District Region, CP of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware.

#### JOHN GATES

On October 14, 1949, JOHN GATES was convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

On July 2, 1951, GATES was incarcerated to begin serving a five year sentence for the above conviction. At the time of his incarceration, GATES was a member of the National Commission, CP, USA, and editor of the "Daily Worker."

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On March 1, 1955, GATES was released from the Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, upon completion of sentence for the above conviction.

HOLLYWOOD ARTS, SCIENCES AND  
PROFESSIONS COUNCIL

On January 4, 1956, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that until January 3, 1956, the Hollywood Arts, Sciences and Professions Council was the Southern California Chapter of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions\*\*\* in New York City and consistently followed the program and policies of the parent organization.

On January 3, 1956, the Hollywood Arts, Sciences and Professions Council office dissolved by action of its executive committee and vote of its membership.

ESTHER JACKSON

On May 27, 1954, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that although it was not a secret that ESTHER JACKSON was a CP member, the CP did not want to publicize it.

JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE\*\*

ARNOLD S. JOHNSON

On January 24, 1953, ARNOLD SAMUEL JOHNSON was convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for conspiracy to violate the Smith Act of 1940. He was remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal and incarcerated in the United States Penitentiary, Petersburg, Virginia, on January 31, 1955.



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"JEWISHLIFE"\*\*\*

"1. 'Among typical examples of the Communist press and publications.' Published by the Morning Freiheit Association, Inc.

"(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, pp. 49 and 225.)"

JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE\*\*

V.J. JEROME

V.J. JEROME was convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on January 21, 1953, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940 and was incarcerated in the United States Federal Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

LABOR YOUTH LEAGUE\*\*

LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WRITERS\*\*

VITO MARCANTONIO

VITO MARCANTONIO was the former ALP Congressman from New York City and the New York State Chairman of the ALP.

VITO MARCANTONIO died on August 9, 1954.

METROPOLITAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC, INC.

The Metropolitan School of Music catalog for 1953-1954 states the school was founded in 1935 and is a non-profit cooperative school, progressive both in teaching methods and social outlook.

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Corporation records, County Clerk's Office, New York City, reflect that the Metropolitan School of Music, Inc. filed for incorporation on August 31, 1944.

On November 16, 1954, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that she believes the school was organized for the purpose of developing the cultural aspects of the Communist movement, particularly in the field of music. The moving spirit of this school seemed to be the CP. The school was principally engaged in teaching music, but provided jobs for CP musicians and hired CP musicians as instructors. Building funds were raised from CP people. Practically all the instructors were either CP members or closely associated with the Party. The school received favorable reviews in the "Daily Worker." This source advised that she has no information concerning the school's activities or personnel since 1948.

On November 2, 1954, the above source advised that she had the impression that the Metropolitan School of Music, Inc. was always in the hands of the CP. The school's director, LILLY POPPER, was known to this source as a CP member.

On November 12, 1954, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that approximately seven or eight years ago, at a Queens County CP meeting, an announcement was made suggesting to comrades that if anyone was interested in taking up music or singing he should patronize this school.

The "Daily Worker" issues of February 9, 1954, page 7, column 1, and February 16, 1956, page 16, reflect that the Metropolitan School of Music, Inc., 18 West 74th Street, New York City, continues to operate and hold concerts.

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MIDWEST COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF  
FOREIGN BORN

On May 8, 1956, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that since May 1, 1955, the Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born has been, and still is, the midwest organization of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born\*\*.

NATIONALITY COMMITTEE OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 12, 1955, that the Nationality Committee of Western Pennsylvania is not an organization as such. It is merely an administrative committee composed of JOSEPH RUDIAK and JOSEPH MANKIN, Chairman and Secretary, respectively, and both District Number 5 CP members. The source advised that in his opinion RUDIAK and MANKIN have been assigned by the CP to work in the nationality groups and that they are responsible for the functions of the so-called committee. The source stated that this committee has no membership and its purpose is to work among the various nationality groups in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, area in an effort to place in effect the policies of District Number 5, CP.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case (NCSJRC) maintains national headquarters in Room D, 940 Broadway, New York City, and the mailbox servicing this office is labelled "Sobell Committee."

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The

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ROSENBERGS were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951, and MORTON SOBELL to 30 years imprisonment on the same date. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953, and MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California.

HOWARD RUSHMORE, a newspaper reporter with the "New York Journal American," advised in January, 1952, that the NCSJRC was formed on January 2, 1952, for the purpose of obtaining a new trial for the ROSENBERGS.

A confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 9, 1956, that the NCSJRC was attempting to keep alive the ROSENBERG case and to fight for the release of MORTON SOBELL. He stated that the CP took an extremely active part in assisting the committee.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP\*\*  
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ARTS, SCIENCES AND  
PROFESSIONS, INC.\*\*\*

"1. Cited as a Communist front.

"(Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Review of 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, House Report No. 1954, April 26, 1950 (originally released April 19, 1949), p. 2.)"

"NATIONAL GUARDIAN";  
WEEKLY GUARDIAN ASSOCIATES, INC.

The 1949 report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities cited the "National Guardian" as a

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publication, launched in New York in 1948 aiming at national circulation, which it found to be from its inception notoriously Stalinist in its staff, writers, management and content. (1949 report of the California Senate Fact Finding Committee on Un-American Activities; page 394)

The Masthead of the "National Guardian," issue of May 14, 1956, reflects that it is published weekly by Weekly Guardian Associates, Inc., 197 East Fourth Street, New York City.

NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD\*\*\*

"Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'

"(Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Report on the National Lawyers Guild, House Report No. 3123, September 21, 1950 (originally released September 17, 1950).)"

NATIONAL NEGRO LABOR COUNCIL\*\*

NEIGHBORHOOD FOLK CHORUS

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has described the Neighborhood Folk Chorus as a CP front group in St. Louis, Missouri.

"NEW MASSES"\*\*\*

"Until its recent merger with Mainstream, the New Masses has been the weekly journalistic voice of the Communist Party. Its first appearance was as a monthly. As the Masses,

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"it was suppressed by the United States Government for its subversive policies.' Mainstream was launched by the Communist Party in January 1947, dealing with the field of literature and creative arts.

"(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Reports, 1947, p. 160, and 1948, p. 340.)"

#### PEEKSKILL RIOTS

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in the fall of 1949 that the Peekskill disorders (Peekskill riots) of August 27, 1949, and September 4, 1949, in the vicinity of Peekskill, New York, were the outgrowth of concerts given by PAUL ROBESON. The source stated that the concerts were held under the auspices of the Harlem Division of the Civil Rights Congress.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in June, 1950, that PAUL ROBESON was known to him prior to 1945 as a concealed Communist.

#### PEOPLE'S ARTISTS, INC.\*\*\*

"1. Cited as a Communist front.

"(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p. 392.)"

#### PEOPLE'S SONGS\*\*\*

"1. Cited as a Communist front which was incorporated January 31, 1946, in New York City. 'All of the productions of People's Songs, Inc., follow the Communist Party line as assiduously as do the people behind the organization.'

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"(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p. 392.)"

IRVING POTASH

IRVING POTASH was convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, October 14, 1949, for conspiracy to violate the Smith Act of 1940. He was released from federal penitentiary on December 9, 1954, upon completion of his five year term.

POTASH was arraigned in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on December 10, 1954, on charges of violation of the membership section of the Smith Act of 1940.

On March 4, 1955, POTASH was (voluntarily) deported to Poland and on June 21, 1955, the outstanding indictment against him was nolle prossed.

PROGRESSIVE CITIZENS OF AMERICA\*\*\*

- "1. Cited as a 'new and broader Communist front for the entire United States' formed in September 1946 at the direction of 'Communist steering committees' from the 'Communist-dominated National Citizens Political Action Committee' and the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions.

"(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Reports, 1947, p. 369, and 1948, p. 354.)"

PROGRESSIVE PARTY

The National Committee, CP, USA, in issuing its final text of the "Resolution Growing Out of the Presidential Elections" in "Political Affairs," issue of July, 1953,

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states in substance that in 1948 the CP helped stimulate the formation of the Progressive Party and correctly supported the Progressive Party through the 1953 elections. It then states:

"However, the mistake our Party made was to confuse this task with the historic task of forming a new mass party of the people. As a consequence, there existed the wrong estimate that the formation of the Progressive Party represented something more than the simple emergence of an important fighting force for peace; that it represented the emergence of a great people's Party."

As a result of this reasoning, the resolution concludes that the "Progressive Party, the CP and other progressive forces" must unite in a broad, mass-front coalition.

Concerning "Political Affairs," mentioned above, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, a convicted CP functionary, testifying in the case "UNITED STATES VS. ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, ET AL," on October 20, 1952, stated that "Political Affairs" has been the theoretical organ of the CP since the publication's beginning in 1945.

PROVISIONAL WORKERS AND PEOPLES COMMITTEE  
FOR MAY DAY 1955

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 17, 1955, that the Provisional Workers and Peoples Committee for May Day 1955 was a continuation of the United May Day Committee and United Labor and Peoples Committee for May Day as it was called in other years and had for its purpose the CP function of organizing the May Day rally held at Union Square, New York City, on April 29, 1955.



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The source continued that the May Day Committee in the past few years, under various names, has made the "technical" move of dissolving itself after each May Day and forming a new committee with a new name and new officers for each succeeding May Day. The purpose of this maneuver, according to the source, is to establish the various May Day committees as ad hoc committees, each of which is separate and distinct from the other and thereby attempt to avoid hearings before the Subversive Activities Control Board.

SCHOOL OF JEWISH STUDIES,  
NEW YORK CITY \*\*

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA COMMITTEE TO AID  
SMITH ACT VICTIMS

On December 21, 1955, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the South Philadelphia Committee to Aid Smith Act Victims held a meeting on December 18, 1953, at the Essex Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. According to this source, the main speakers were STEVE NELSON and DAVID DAVIS. The purpose of this meeting was to combat Smith Act trials in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and elsewhere.

STEVE NELSON and DAVID DAVIS have both been convicted for conspiracy to violate the Smith Act of 1940.

On May 17, 1955, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that this organization has not been active since the December 18, 1953, affair.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ARTS, SCIENCES AND  
PROFESSIONS COUNCIL

See documentation on Hollywood Arts, Sciences and Professions Council.

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ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG

The records of the Clerk of the Court, Criminal Division, United States District Court, Southern District of New York, reflect that on July 31, 1956 (following a jury trial, United States District Judge ALEXANDER BICKS presiding), ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG was found guilty of violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

The above records reflect that on September 17, 1956, Judge BICKS imposed a one year sentence on TRACHTENBERG as a result of his conviction on July 31, 1956.

The records of the United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, reflected that on November 17, 1956, a notice of appeal was filed on behalf of TRACHTENBERG. Following the entry of this notice of appeal, Judge BICKS granted a defense motion to continue the defendants in "UNITED STATES VS. ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, ET AL" on their present bail.

ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG is currently free under \$10,0000 bail.

UNITED MAY DAY COMMITTEE \*\*

VETERANS AGAINST DISCRIMINATION OF THE  
CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS OF NEW YORK\*\*

WHITE LAKE LODGE, INC.

In the April 12, 1948, edition of the "Times Herald," a Middletown, New York, newspaper, appeared an article which read in part:

"...the Ben Gold Fur Workers Health and Welfare Fund...will operate a huge furrier summer camp... known as the Ben Gold Health Resort...on a 250 acre tract of land covering all of Amber Lake and most of White Lake..."

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According to the records of ARTHUR N. MEYERS, County Clerk, Sullivan County, New York, the Fur Workers Resort, White Lake, New York, was recorded as doing business on May 21, 1949. Mr. MEYERS' records reflect that on June 4, 1953, a deed between the Ben Gold Fur Workers Health and Welfare Fund and the White Lake Lodge, Inc., was filed.

On March 27, 1955, an article appeared in the "New York Times" entitled "Leftist Fur Union Undergoes Purge." In part, this article read:

"The Left-Wing International Fur and Leather Workers Union began going through an anti-Communist meat grinder last week.

"The fur union, expelled from the Congress of Industrial Organizations five years ago on charges of Communist domination, became part of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen, AFL, a month ago.

"MAX BLOCK, International Vice-President of the meat union, disclosed that his union already had started a quiet program to 'de-communize' the furriers. The first casualty was the fur group's huge summer camp at White Lake, New York.

"Mr. BLOCK said he was convinced that the camp served as a Communist indoctrination center, in which swimming and tennis were incidental to Marxist 'education' courses. With the approval of PATRICK E. GORMAN, Secretary Treasurer of the meat cutters, Mr. BLOCK ordered the camp closed for this year.

"He said it had become part of the property of the Amalgamated under the merger agreement. He added that it would be put up for sale. If no adequate offer is received, the camp will be re-opened in 1956 or 1957 without any 'educational' trimmings, Mr. BLOCK declared..."

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WINGDALE LODGE, INC.  
Formerly known as Camp Unity

On May 27, 1953, a confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Camp Unity has been controlled by the CP since its inception in 1929 or 1930.

The "Daily Worker," an east coast Communist daily newspaper, issue of August 6, 1953, page 8, column 1, described Camp Unity, Wingdale, New York, as an "adult interracial resort."

On March 17, 1955, another confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he had learned that the name of Camp Unity was being changed to Wingdale Lodge with offices at 202 West 40th Street, Room 605, New York City.

On April 27, 1956, another confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that regardless of the name it uses, the camp is always referred to as Camp Unity by the CP and that captioned organization was, and still is, a joint operation of the national office of the CP and the New York State CP.

CARL WINTER

CARL WINTER was one of the eleven CP leaders convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on October 14, 1949, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

YOUNG PROGRESSIVES OF AMERICA

HERBERT ROMERSTEIN, a self-admitted former Communist and Young Progressives of America (YPA) member, in testimony before a sub-committee of the Committee of the Judiciary, United States Senate, on April 12, 1951, and June 12, 1951, stated that YPA was set up on the basis of

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the needs of the CP. YPA members were active within the organization as Communists and the organization was developed along CP lines. ROMERSTEIN also related that YPA leadership was composed of CP members. He further testified that the founding convention of the YPA was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1948.

A confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 24, 1955, that the YPA sponsored a concert by PAUL ROBESON on January 6, 1955, held in Townsend Harris Auditorium, City College of New York.

Concerning PAUL ROBESON, another confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in June, 1950, that ROBESON was known to him prior to 1945 as a concealed Communist.

The first above-mentioned informant advised on January 31, 1956, that the YPA applied for a charter at City College of New York, but that same was declined and that the YPA could not function on the campus of the City College of New York.

A confidential informant, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, on March 14, 1956, advised that the YPA, as of this date, maintained a group at the City College of New York.

YUGOSLAV-AMERICAN COOPERATIVE HOME, INC.\*\*

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✓ Previous employment

100-83801-61

✓ CP membership

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✓ "All Fools Hootenanny"

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✓ Hootenanny, NYC

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✓ 9/26/53

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✓ Previous employment

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✓ Metropolitan School of  
Music affair, 5/13/56

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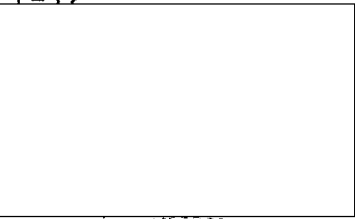
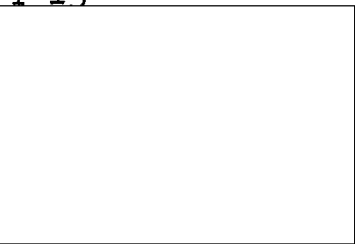
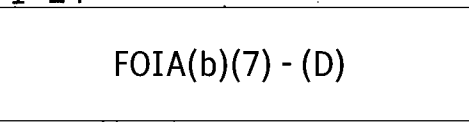
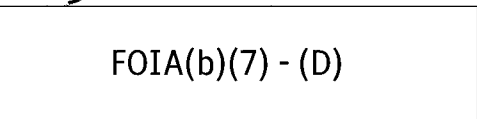
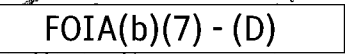
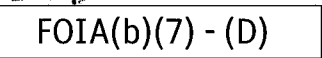
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T-8 FOIA(b)(7) - (D)		100-83801-279
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T-48 Confidential Mailbox, NYO		100-83801-230
<del>T-49</del> FOIA(b) (7) - (D)		100-83801-369
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T-53 <div>FOIA(b) (7) - (D)</div>		100-83801-297 p.141

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

The following informants were utilized as sources in the documentations appearing in the Appendix of this report. These sources are set forth in the order of their utilization in connection with the various documentations.

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HENRY BEITSCHER

Camp Lakeland

Camp Woodland

Chicago Council of  
American-Soviet  
Friendship

Committee to Defend  
Steve Nelson

Committee to Restore  
Paul Robeson's  
Passport

Creative Arts  
Workshop

Downtown Community  
School

Emergency Civil  
Liberties Committee

Friends and Families  
of the Smith Act  
Defendants

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Hollywood Arts,  
Sciences and  
Professions  
Council

ESTHER JACKSON

Metropolitan School  
of Music

Midwest Committee  
for Protection of  
Foreign Born

Nationality Committee  
of Western  
Pennsylvania

National Committee to  
Secure Justice in the  
Rosenberg Case

Neighborhood Folk  
Chorus

Peekskill Riots

Provisional Workers  
and Peoples Committee  
for May Day 1955

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LOUIS F. BUDENZ

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South Philadelphia  
Committee to Aid  
Smith Act Victims

Wingdale Lodge, Inc.

Young Progressives  
of America

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

LOUIS F. BUDENZ

ADMINISTRATIVE

The pretext telephone call on November 5, 1956, referred to in this report, was a telephone call made by SA BEN CUNNINGHAM under the pretext of sales.

The pretext telephone calls referred to in this report on October 6, 1954, were made by SA WILLIAM J. ROEMER under an unknown pretext.

It is noted that this source has advised that she has no objections to the revelation of her name, however, desires that her address be kept confidential.

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The pretext telephone call on 2/8/57 regarding subject's employment was made by SA ARTHUR J. GREENE, JR. under pretext of an appointment.

Observation of the subject at a rally on 10/24/45 at New York City was made by SAS HOWARD LITTLE and EDWARD W. BUCKLEY.

*Howard*  
An FD 122 has been submitted recommending the subject's inclusion on the Security Index.

A suitable photograph of the subject is available.

The subject's Army Service record was reviewed by Investigative Clerk Edward J. Mergen.

On 2/13/57, AUSA ROBERT W. BJORK advised that on 2/8/57 the Federal Grand Jury in New York City had returned a True Bill against the subject for contempt and that he expected to take further action in the immediate future.

This case is being placed in a closed status, however, the office of the United States Attorney, SDNY, is being requested to advise the New York Office of the outcome of the above proceedings. The Bureau will be immediately advised of the results, which will in addition be included in the next report concerning the subject.

REFERENCE Report of SA ARTHUR J. GREENE, JR., 12/21/56, NY.  
Bureau letter to New York, 1/11/57.

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