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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 9/11/63

FROM : *788* SAC, HONOLULU (100-6317)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SM - C
(OO: New York)

CF
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Re New York letter to Bureau 7/26/63.

Enclosed for the Bureau are fifteen copies of a Letterhead Memorandum captioned as above. This number of copies is enclosed for Bureau inasmuch as New York letter of 6/24/63 enclosed that number of copies.

Copy of Letterhead Memorandum is also enclosed for New York, Office of Origin.

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HN T-1 in memorandum is [redacted] used to document JOHN KELLY, JR.

HN T-2 is [redacted] contacted August 26, 1963, by SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN, original source this memorandum.

Also enclosed for Bureau and New York are fifteen copies and one copy, respectively, of informant evaluation

memo

BA: *W. J. ...*
VWZ
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CC 10: *0257A*
ENCLOSURE

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ADD. DISSEMINATION.

CC TO: *W. J. ...*
REQ. REC'D. *9/20/64*
MAR 24 1964
ANS. *B. J. ...*
BY: *B. J. ...*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Honolulu, Hawaii
September 11, 1963

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

PETER SEEGER

The August 21, 1963, edition of the "Honolulu Advertiser," a daily newspaper of Honolulu, reported that PETE SEEGER, the folk singer, had arrived in Honolulu the day previous in a stop on a trip that would cover some twenty-two countries in ten months. The article noted that SEEGER would give concerts at the Orvis Auditorium at the University of Hawaii on August 22 and 24, 1963, and, after a five day stay, would move on to Western Samoa and then across the Pacific. The article related that SEEGER was accompanied by his wife, TOSHI, a Japanese-Caucasian woman born in Virginia, and their three children, son DAN, 17, and daughters MIKA, 15, and TINYA, 8.

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Mrs. Peter Seeger
Seeger

Hawaii
Seeger

APPROX. 1955

APPROX. 1946

APPROX. 1945

An article in the "Honolulu Star-Bulletin," another daily newspaper of Honolulu, on August 21, 1963, in writing of SEEGER's visit, pointed out that LARRY COTT, Executive Vice President of Imua, on two separate occasions had criticized SEEGER as being "active in the functions of the Communist Party since 1940" and said SEEGER "transmits the Communist Party line by way of his folk music". The article stated that SEEGER would neither confirm nor deny the charges and stated "but my religion and my politics are my own affair I refuse to be more specific than that."

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On September 4, 1963, LARRY COTT, of Imua, an avowedly anti-Communist organization, reported that both of SEEGER's adult concerts at the University of Hawaii had been sellouts. SEEGER had also given a matinee at the University of Hawaii for children. COTT stated that at Saturday's program of August 24, 1963, SEEGER had sung a song which he described as recently copyrighted "folk" song by an anonymous friend in Berkeley. COTT stated that in reality the song was written by a publicly identified former Communist, MALVINA REYNOLDS, whose 1954 book of folk songs, many following the Communist line, had carried an introduction by SEEGER. COTT related that the REYNOLDS song, in his opinion, was low keyed propaganda to the effect that America is a land of conformity. SEEGER, according to COTT, also sang a piece from Japan about nuclear bombs; a song on American schools as institutions of

Hawaii

RE: PETER SEEGER

indoctrination; and, as a finale, his own copyrighted song, "Where Have All the Flowers Gone," according to COTT, inspired by a passage from the Soviet writer, MIKHAIL SHOLOKOW's "And Quiet Flows the Don".

COTT related that SEEGER's performances at the University had been greeted by members of the University of Hawaii Chapter of Young Americans for Freedom distributing a two-page pamphlet acquainting the audience in detail with SEEGER's association with the Communist Party and Communist Party front groups.

COTT stated that SEEGER and his family had been met at the airport by JOHN KELLY, JR.

Hawaii
On January 31, 1957, Honolulu T-1, a former member of the Communist Party from 1947 to 1951, identified JOHN KELLY, JR., as being a member of the Communist Party during this period.

Hawaii
On August 26, 1963, Honolulu T-2 reported that on the afternoon of August 23, 1963, PETE SEEGER had given an unannounced concert at the ILWU Memorial Hall at Honolulu. Several of the officials of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (ILWU) had been in attendance. Before SEEGER started to sing, he had acknowledged AH QUN McELRATH in the audience, indicating that they were personal friends. Informant related that no charge had been made for the concert, and only about fifty persons were in attendance. At the conclusion of the performance, a collection had been taken for the purpose of buying leis for participants in the coming march on Washington.

On November 10, 1953, ROBERT McBURNEY KEMPA, a former member of the Communist Party in Honolulu from January, 1947, to June, 1953, identified AH QUN McELRATH as a member of the Communist Party in 1947, 1949, and 1951.

On August 27, 1963, Mrs. ANNALIE TAPIBOUET, Royal Grove Hotel, 161 Ulunui, reported that PETE SEEGER and his family had stayed at that hotel from August 20 to August 25, 1963, when they departed Honolulu for the Orient on a world tour. Mrs. TAPIBOUET stated that SEEGER's reservations had

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been made at the hotel by JOHN KELLY, JR. Mrs. TAPIBOUET stated she did recall that shortly after SEEGER had arrived, he had telephoned to ROBERT McELRATH of the ILWU, but she had not observed any other pertinent contacts on the part of SEEGER.

Hawaii
On November 10, 1953, ROBERT McBURNEY KEMPA identified ~~ROBERT McELRATH~~ as having been a Communist Party member in 1948.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Honolulu, Hawaii
September 11, 1963

Title: PETER SEEGER

Character

Reference Letterhead Memorandum dated
September 11, 1963, at Honolulu.

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

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
American Embassy
Paris, 8, France

RA

[Handwritten initials]

Date: August 14, 1963
To: Director, FBI (100-200845)
From: Legat, Paris (100-1871) (RUC)
Subject: PETER SEEGER
SM - C

ReBulet to State Department 7/1/63.

This is to advise that pertinent information regarding the subject's background and itinerary was furnished to

[Redacted box] on 7/9/63.

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They were requested to advise us in the event the subject comes to their attention during his visit here. Subject has not as yet come to the attention of these agencies. In the event they receive any information of interest to the Bureau, this office will be advised.

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1 - Paris
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

RA

TO : Director, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 8-14-63

Law

FROM : Legal Attache, Bonn (100-1111) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference Bulet to Department of State, 7-1-63.

Enclosed are _____ copies of the following regarding subject:

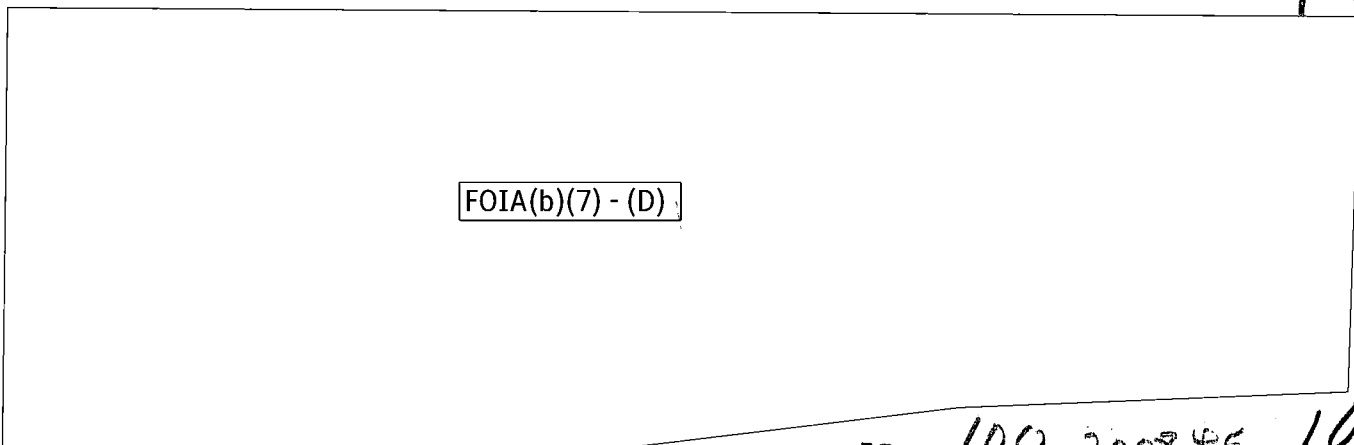
Letterhead Memorandum dated _____

Communication dated _____

This information was received by Legal Attache _____ (date)

Source agency in letterhead memorandum or originator of communication is:

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Enclosed is classified _____ By source. See Remarks:

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Local distribution:

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Remarks: The above-checked sources were alerted to subject's travel on 7-10-63. Any information received by _____ be reported.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 8-14-63

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FROM : Legal Attaché, Madrid (100-463) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SECURITY MATTER - C

ReBulet to the Department of State dated 7-1-63.

Under date of 7-10-63 pertinent information regarding subject's travel to Europe was made available to

[Redacted]

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

In view of information contained in New York letterhead memorandum dated 7-26-63 that subject definitely is not going to visit Spain during the tour, no further action appears necessary by Legat, Madrid.

- 4 - Bureau (1 - Liaison Section
1 - New York, 100-83801)
 - 1 - Madrid
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

CF
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 8/14/63

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-23658)(RUC)

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

ReNYlet 6/24/63 requesting WFO review subject's passport file.

Enclosed for Bureau and New York are 8 and 2 copies respectively, of LHM reflecting passport review conducted by IC JAMES W. MURRAY.

In addition to the information contained in the LHM, Mr. SEEGER's passport file reflects that on April 18, 1960, Mr. LEONARD B. BOUDIN, New York Attorney, telephoned Mr. ROBERT D. JOHNSON, Chief Consul, Legal Division, Passport Office, and inquired about the extension of subject's Passport Number 1780911, issued on 9/8/59, it being noted that it had been limited for one year or until 10/10/59, because subject was out on bail - contempt of Congress charge. Mr. BOUDIN stated that the passport had been issued after subject had obtained court permission to leave its jurisdiction, and he wanted to know if the restriction could be removed entirely.

By letter dated 4/20/60, Mr. JOHNSON advised Mr. BOUDIN as follows: "...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."

- 2- Bureau (Enc. 8)
- 2- New York (100-83801)(Enc. 2)(RM)
- 1- WFO

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date 8/26/63
by BCLP/ml

WFO 100-23658

On 4/20/60, Mr. BOUDIN forwarded subject's passport to Miss FRANCES G. KNIGHT, Director, Passport Office, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., requesting that "the passport now be extended for the full statutory period of three years from September 8, 1959, and that the special limitation be removed from the passport."

On 5/5/60, Mr. JOHNSON again directed a letter to Mr. BOUDIN, advising him to "submit the order and we will remove the time limitation."

The next piece of correspondence in file is a letter dated 9/8/61, from Mr. BOUDIN to Miss FRANCES G. KNIGHT, which reads as follows:

"Dear Miss KNIGHT:

Some time ago I believe that we deposited with your office the passport of PETER SEEGER with the understanding that it would be returned and validated for travel whenever the court permitted such travel in the light of the indictment and pending appeal in Mr. SEEGER's case.

We are now in receipt from Mr. SEEGER's counsel, Wolf, Popper, Ross, Wolf & Jones, Esqs., of a motion made in the Court of Appeals granting Mr. SEEGER leave to leave the jurisdiction of the Southern District of New York and to travel to Europe, and of a letter from Mr. SEEGER's attorneys indicating that the motion was granted subject to the condition precedent that Mr. SEEGER appear upon notice.

Would you be good enough to return to us Mr. SEEGER's passport validating it for travel up to and including November 25, 1961."

On 9/19/61, Mr. JOHNSON directed a letter to Mr. BOUDIN advising him that inasmuch as subject's passport was originally issued on 9/9/59, it had expired and it would be necessary for subject to execute a renewal application.

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On 9/21/61, subject executed the renewal form indicating that he desired to travel to the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales) and the Netherlands for a five-week business trip. He indicated that he would depart from the Port of Montreal, Canada, by ship on October 13, 1961. He was scheduled to return by air. He listed his wife, residing at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York, as the person to be notified in the event of death or accident. He listed his permanent residence and mailing address as being the same as his wife's. He advised that he had made "a dozen or more short trips - several days each - United Kingdom" from 9/20/59 to 10/9/59.

Copies of photo will be furnished New York by R/S.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D.C.
August 14, 1963

PETER SEEGER

File maintained for subject at Passport Office, United States Department of State, was reviewed on July 29, 1963, and contained following information:

Passport Number D453486 was issued to Peter Seeger on June 17, 1963. It is not valid for travel to Albania, Cuba and those portions of China, Korea and Viet-Nam under Communist control. It will expire June 16, 1966, and may be renewed for two years.

Application for passport was dated May 22, 1963, at Poughkeepsie, New York, and contained following information as indicated by subject:

He was born May 3, 1919, at New York, New York. His permanent residence was Box 431, Beacon, New York.

His parents were shown as:

15230 EARLHAM ROAD, PACIFIC PALISADES, CALIF
~~MRS. ALB~~
 Father: Charles Lewis Seeger, born December 14, 1886, at Mexico City, Mexico.
 Mother: Constance DeClyver Edson Seeger, born November 28, 1886, at Denver, Colorado.

~~MRS. SEE~~
~~X~~ He was last married July 20, 1943, to Toshi-Aline Ohta Seeger, born July 1, 1922, at Munich, Germany. Marriage has not terminated. BOX 431, BEACON, N.Y.

~~MRS. PETER SEEGER~~

He intended to depart from the Port of San Francisco, California, on August 19, 1963, by air for a stay abroad of ten months for a "concert tour." Proposed itinerary was shown as: Australia, Japan, India, Africa, Israel, Italy, France,

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Greece, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Sweden, Russia, Holland, Great Britain, and Denmark.

He was described as follows:

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|-------------|---------------------|
| Height: | 6'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " |
| Hair: | Brown |
| Eyes: | Brown |
| Marks: | None |
| Occupation: | Musician |

He listed his father, residing at 15230 Earlham Road, Pacific Palisades, California, as the person to be notified in the event of death or accident.

In applying for his 1963 passport, subject utilized form DSP-11 revised in December, 1961. Such form contains no statements or questions regarding Communist Party membership; however, it does contain a "warning" regarding provisions of Section 6 of the Internal Security Act of 1950. Pages 3 and 4, one of which contains the "warning" were missing and, accordingly, it is not known whether or not subject actually saw the "warning."

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-200845)

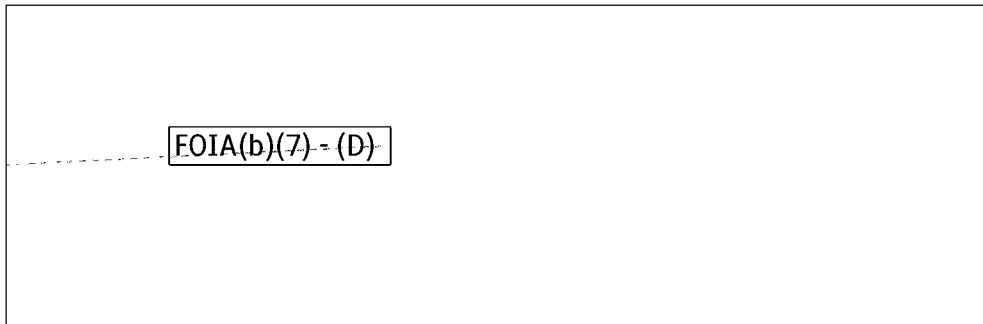
DATE: 8/9/63

FROM : Legat, Tokyo (100-236) (P)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SM - C

Rebulet to Director, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Department of State, dated 7/1/63.

Following sources in Japan have been alerted re possible visit of Subject:



Bureau will be advised of any pertinent information received from sources.

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- 4 - Bureau
 - (1 - New York, 100-83801)
 - (1 - Foreign Liaison)
- 1 - Tokyo
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845) DATE: 8/9/63

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801) (P*)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SM - C

(OO: New York)

ReNYlets to Bureau, 6/24 and 7/26/63; Bulet to State Department, 7/1/63.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and 15 copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting additional information as to captioned subject's plans to travel abroad.

No copies of this letterhead memorandum are being included for other offices inasmuch as it is felt all interested offices have previously been furnished with pertinent data for their investigation.

The source mentioned in attached letterhead memorandum is [redacted] which is [redacted]. The information received was obtained by SA THOMAS NOLAN, Jr. on 7/31/63.

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CC TO: *USIA*
REQ. REC'D... *3/20*
MAR 24 1964
ANS. BY: *Bull*

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CC TO: *OST-4*
REQ. REC'D *7-18-64*
JUL 25 1964
ANS. BY: *RJT DEE*

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1 - New York (

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

August 9, 1963

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Bureau 100-200845
New York 100-83801

Peter Seeger

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past furnished the following itinerary for Peter Seeger on his forthcoming world concert tour:

August - West Coast, Canada, Hawaii

September - Australia

October - Indonesia and Japan

November - Japan and India

December - Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Nygeria,
Ghanda, Guinea

January - Israel and Italy

February - Great Britian and Scandanavian countries

March - Bulgaria, Rumania, Poland

April - Poland and Czechoslovakia

May - Russia

June - return to New York via London

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)(-P*-)

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

DATE: 7/26/63

ReNYlet to Bureau, 6/24/63. Bulet to State Department 7/1/63.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and twelve copies and for San Francisco and Honolulu two copies each of a letterhead memorandum reflecting additional information as to captioned subject's plans to travel abroad.

Enclosed for San Francisco and Honolulu is one copy of NYlet dated 6/24/63, with accompanying letterhead memorandum and one copy of Bureau letter dated 7/1/63.

PETER SEEGER is on the NYO SI and his activities come within SI criteria.

The information received from the Harold Leventhal Agency, 200 West 57th St., NY, NY, which is the booking agency for captioned subject, was obtained through a pretext by SA JOSEPH E. MORAN on 7/24/63.

On 7/24/63, SA C. RICHARD STRAUCH determined through the Flight Information Office of Trans World Airlines that TWA has no flights leaving San Francisco going west.

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ADD. DISSEMINATION.

At Honolulu, Hawaii

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| CC TO: | 601 |
| REQ. REC'D: | 8-15-63 |
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| ANS. | |
| BY: | Attorney Gen |

Will verify subject's arrival in Hawaii on 8/20 or 21/63, and report in form suitable for dissemination of subject's

- 2 - Bureau (100-200845) (Encls. 13) (RM)
- 2 - Honolulu (Encls. 5) (RM) (AM)
- 2 - San Francisco (Encls. 5) (RM) (AM)
- 1 - New York (100-83801)

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activities, mode of travel, and itinerary.

SAN FRANCISCO

At San Francisco, California

Will determine subject's itinerary and mode of transportation as well as activities while in San Francisco 8/17-19/63, and report in form suitable for dissemination.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

July 26, 1963

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Bureau 100-200845
New York 100-83801

Re: Peter Seeger
Security Matter - C

Information received from the Harold Leventhal Agency, 200 West 57th Street, New York, New York, which is the booking agency for Seeger, reflects that Seeger is presently on a concert tour in the United States and must be in San Francisco, California for a concert on August 17, 1963. He also must be in Hawaii on August 20 or 21, 1963. On his world concert tour which Seeger is scheduled to take after leaving San Francisco on or about August 19, 1963, he plans to visit Hawaii, Japan, Australia, Russia, Rumania, England, Italy, Eastern Europe, two African countries (which ones not yet known). Seeger is definitely not going to visit Spain on the tour. He will return to the United States in the Spring of 1964.

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Date 7/9/63

To

Director

BU FILE # 100-200845

Att.

SAC

Title PETER SEEGER

ASAC

SM - C

Supv.

Agent

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Clerk

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Return with explanation or notation as to action taken. | |

ReBulet to Department of State 7/1/63.
Pertinent information re subject furnished
to [redacted] on 7/9/63.

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Paris 100-1871 (P)

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SAC Norman W. Philcox

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Office Legat. Paris

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Date 7/8/63

To

Director (100-200845) FILE # 100-236

- Att. SAC
- ASAC
- Supv.
- Agent
- SE
- CC
- Steno
- Clerk

Title PETER SEEGER
SECURITY MATTER - C

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9 JUL 18 1963

NYO LHM dated 6/24/63 this date disseminated to following:

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OTC
SAC Harold L. Child, Jr.
Legal Attache
Office Tokyo

58 JUL 17 1963

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(SC) 100-200845 - 100

- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - Mr. Haack
- 1 - Mr. Krupinsky

Date: July 1, 1963

EX-102

Director
Bureau of Intelligence and Research
Department of State

mt

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: PETER SEEGER
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference is made to information previously furnished to you and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) concerning the captioned individual.

Enclosed for your Department and CIA is a copy of a memorandum dated June 24, 1963, concerning the contemplated travel abroad on the part of Seeger. No additional information has been received regarding his exact itinerary.

This matter has been referred to the Legal Attaches at Bonn, London, Madrid, Paris, Rome, and Tokyo for contact with appropriate security services to receive any pertinent information that they may develop regarding Seeger while he is in the areas covered by those Legal Attaches. However, this Bureau would appreciate any pertinent information that you may receive regarding Seeger in other countries where he may travel.

Upon removal of the classified enclosure, this letter becomes unclassified.

Enclosure

1 - Director (Enclosure)
Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans
1-Foreign Liaison Unit

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- 2-Madrid (Enclosure)
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ATTENTION: LEGAL ATTACHES, TOKYO, ROME, PARIS, BONN, LONDON,
MADRID, AND SAC, NEW YORK

Enclosed for the Legal Attaches is one copy of New York letterhead memorandum dated June 24, 1963. Legal Attaches are instructed to make every effort to develop through sources information regarding the subject including advance information concerning travel plans to countries other than those covered by you. [REDACTED]

The information contained in the enclosed memorandum may be furnished to your sources. For your information, only, the subject's name is included in the Security Index of the New York Office.

FOIA(b)(3) - 50 USC 3024(i)(1) - Intelligence Sources and Methods

New York is instructed to take the necessary steps to ascertain further travel plans of the subject, his itinerary, and verification of his departure from the United States as well as his return. Submit the results of your investigation in form suitable for dissemination.

NOTE:

Subject's name is included in the SI. He was reported to be a member of the CP from approximately 1945 to 1949. From at least the early 1940's to the present time, he has appeared as an entertainer at numerous affairs sponsored by the CP and various CP-front groups. Letter classified "Confidential" because the enclosure is so classified on the basis that it contains information from informants, the unauthorized disclosure of which could possibly reveal the informant's identity and, therefore, be detrimental to the national security.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845) DATE: 6/24/63

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801) (P*)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SM - C
(OO: NEW YORK)

CC TO: *Army*
REQ. REC'D 7-10-63
JUL 26 1963
ANS. BY: *Welp* *di*

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original and 14 copies, and for WFO 2 copies of a LHM reflecting that the captioned subject plans to travel abroad and would depart from San Francisco, California, by Trans World Airlines on 8/19/63.

PETER SEEGER is on the NYO SI and his activities come within SI criteria. A suitable photograph of SEEGER is available in the NYO.

The source who furnished information on 5/16/62 concerning the subject entertaining at a mass meeting sponsored by the National Council for American-Soviet Friendship on 5/10/62 was [redacted] (file number where located - [redacted]).

The enclosed LHM is classified "Confidential" because it contains data received from [redacted] reflecting that the NYO has coverage of NY CP activities. The unauthorized disclosure of this information could reveal the source's identity and destroy the effectiveness thereof. This could seriously hamper investigation of subversive matters and thereby be injurious to the national security.

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CC TO: *ON 1*
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ANS. BY: *Stattman*

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ENCLOSURE

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LEAD:

WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D.C.

Will review the records of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, for any additional information regarding the subject.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York

June 24, 1963

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.
Bureau File 100-200845
New York File 100-83801

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Re: Peter Seeger
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Peter Seeger is a self-employed entertainer, being a singer of folk songs and a banjo player. He resides at Dutchess Junction in Beacon, New York.

The records of the Dutchess County Clerk's Office at Poughkeepsie, New York, reveal that Peter Seeger of Beacon, New York, made application for a passport on May 22, 1963. The records further reveal that on September 8, 1959, Seeger was issued passport number 1780911, which has been submitted for cancellation. Seeger indicated when making application for passport that he intended to depart from San Francisco, California, on August 19, 1963, by Trans World Airlines, for the purpose of a concert tour and expected to stay for ten months. The countries he listed to be visited

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Re: Peter Seeger

are Australia, Japan, India, Africa, Israel, Italy, France, Greece, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Russia, Holland, Great Britain, Sweden and Denmark.

On September 12, 1949, Herman Thomas, a former member of the Communist Party (CP) of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware (CPEPD) who furnished information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for approximately ten years prior to the time he testified in May, 1954, advised that on September 9, 1949, Mother Bloor, a charter member of the CP, stated that Peter Seeger was a member of the CP in New York. On May 13, 1957, Thomas advised that it was his opinion that Mother Bloor, in her reference to Seeger on September 9, 1949, unquestionably meant that Seeger was then a member of the CP.

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.

The "New York Times", on October 11, 1960, reflected Seeger was in attendance as a delegate at the First National Session of the National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee at the Taft Hotel, New York City, on October 10, 1960.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" issued December 1, 1961, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, page 115, contains the following citation regarding the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NCAUAC):

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Re: Peter Seeger

"National Committee to Abolish the
Un-American Activities Committee

"Cited as a 'new organization' set
up in the summer of 1960 to lead and
direct the Communist Party's
'Operation Abolition' campaign.
Seven of the national leaders of
this group have been identified as
Communists.
(Committee on Un-American Activities,
House Report 1278 on the Truth About
the Film 'Operation Abolition', Part 1,
October 3, 1961, p. 5.)"

A source has advised that the NCAUAC
changed its name on March 3, 1962, to
include the word "House" in its name,
thereby becoming known as the
National Committee to Abolish the
House Un-American Activities Committee.

On May 16, 1962, a source, who has furnished
reliable information in the past, advised Seeger
entertained at a mass meeting sponsored by the National
Council for American - Soviet Friendship held at
60th Street and Broadway, New York, New York, on
May 10, 1962.

The National Council for
American - Soviet Friendship
has been designated pursuant
to Executive Order 10450.

Peter Seeger, usually known as Pete Seeger,
is a white male who was born on May 3, 1919, in New
York City, New York. He is described as six feet one
inch, 145 pounds, slim build, brown hair, blue eyes
and fair complexion.

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June 7, 1963

PT/L - Robert D. Johnson

Passport Matter: Peter Seeger

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On June 7, 1963 about 10:45 p.m. Mr. Leonard B. Boudin, MEXICO
New York attorney, telephoned to inquire as to the status of
the passport application executed by Mr. Seeger at Poughkeepsie,
New York, recently.

Mr. Boudin said that Mr. Seeger is a folk singer who is
contemplating a tour of some 25 countries. The tour is being
arranged by Harold Leventhal, a New York City theatrical agent.

About 12:30 p.m. Mr. Boudin again telephoned. He said the
following information might be helpful in considering Mr. Seeger's
application. In March 1963, Mr. Seeger performed at a reception
held at the Polish Embassy where he was introduced to Mrs. Chester
Bowles. Later he performed at a large concert where he met Mr.
and Mrs. Bowles. Mr. Boudin said that Mr. Seeger is very respect-
able and there was, no doubt, in his (Boudin's) mind that from a
cultural point of view it was distinctly in the U.S. interest to
facilitate Mr. Seeger's tour.

I told Mr. Boudin I would check and let him know. *ure*

Mr. Boudin told me he was leaving for Mexico on Sunday, next.

Mr. Orrin Bartlett, FBI Liaison, was orally informed of the
foregoing on June 7, 1963.

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1 - Mr. Haack
1 - Mr. Krupinsky

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Peter Seeger, born May 3, 1919, in Manhattan, New York, is the subject of a security investigation of this Bureau. He is self-employed as an entertainer and singer of folk songs. His mailing address is Post Office Box 328, Beacon, New York, and he resides at Dutchess Junction, New York.

Seeger was reported to be a member of the Communist Party (CP) from approximately 1945 to 1949. From at least the early 1940's to the present time he has appeared as an entertainer at numerous affairs sponsored by the CP and various CP front groups.

On March 26, 1957, an indictment was returned by the Federal Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York charging Seeger with contempt of Congress in his refusal to answer pertinent questions propounded to him by the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) on July 25, 1956. On March 29, 1961, he was found guilty and on April 4, 1961, he was sentenced to one year in prison on each of ten counts, the sentences to run concurrently. He was also fined the costs of the court action. Seeger appealed the sentence and was released on \$2,000 bond.

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On May 18, 1962, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the conviction and dismissed the indictment on the grounds that it was defective and that it did not sufficiently allege the authority for the Congressional Committee's inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE SAC, NEW YORK:

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[REDACTED] advised that Pete Seeger proposes to visit Australia in September, 1963. If you have not already done so, you should conduct an investigation regarding the proposed visit and furnish such information to the Bureau in form suitable for dissemination.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

The subject's name is included in the Security Index. This case is maintained in a pending inactive status and New York is maintaining contact with the United States Attorney's Office for any information regarding the status of the subject's case. On March 27, 1963, the United States Attorney's Office at New York advised that the Department of Justice has not decided as to whether or not to pursue a reindictment of the subject. Letter is classified "Confidential" because incoming letter is so classified and the information regarding the subject's subversive activities is based upon information from confidential informants of continuing value to the internal security of the United States.

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| <u>Call Me Please</u> | <u>Room 4131 IB</u> |
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| TITLE OF CASE PETER SEEGER | | REPORT MADE BY C. RICHARD STRAUCH | TYPED BY <i>[Signature]</i> |
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REFERENCE:

Report of SA FREDERICK H. STEVENS at NY dated 4/2/62. ✓

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

A copy of this report is being disseminated to the USA, SDNY in accordance with a previous request of that office.

The subject has also appeared as a performer at numerous other concerts since the last report on this case but since none of these concerts were sponsored by subversive groups, they are not being mentioned.

Inasmuch as the status of subject's case has not been fully resolved as to whether the U.S. Gov't. intends to-reindict subject this case is being carried in a pending

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LEADS:

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will maintain contact with USA's office for any information concerning change in status of subject's case.

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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.
 14. 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 informants NY T-3, NY T-5 through NY T-8, NY T-11, NY T-12, NY T-14, and NY T-15, included in the report could reasonably result in identification of an informant of continuing value and thereby compromise his future effectiveness and thereby be injurious to the national defense.
 8. Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
 Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) _____
his conviction of contempt of Congress charge was reversed by the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, NY, NY and case is presently under consideration by the Gov't. reindictment.
 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 5/54, 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 was that 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 _____ who has furnished reliable information in the past, (cont'd)
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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. GREEN, JR., 12/21/56, NY)

The subject appeared before the 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 HCUA. (Report of WILLIAM L. MC MURRAY, JR., 2/19/58 at NY)/

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On 2/12/60, [redacted] advised SEEGER had contributed \$10.00 in February, 1960, to the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms. On 6/7/60, [redacted] furnished information that SEEGER was a member of the Metropolitan Recreation Association, and that he had participated in a May Day Celebration of that group at Camp Midvale on 5/1/60. The "New York Times" on 10/11/60, reflected SEEGER was in attendance as a delegate at the first national session of the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee at the Taft Hotel, NYC, on 10/10/60. (Report of LOWELL W. BARTON, 3/7/61, at NY).

On 4/30/62, [redacted] advised SEEGER attended a council at 253 W. 73rd St., NY, NY, sponsored by the Committee to Aid the Monroe Defendants which council was held on 4/29/62. On 5/16/62, [redacted] advised SEEGER entertained at a mass meeting sponsored by the National Council for Soviet - American Friendship, held at 60th St. and Broadway, NY, NY. On 10/6/62, Tass News Agency, NY, NY, advised Moscow, USSR, that the subject would be travelling through southern part of the U.S. giving a series of concerts.

On 1/11/63, ETHEL KLEIN NEWTON, a member of the CP from 1946 to 1949 and from 9/55 until 9/62, made available a letter dated 12/7/62 in which SEEGER sought donations for the NY Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee.

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Copy to: 1 - USA, SDNY (RM)

Report of: C. RICHARD STRAUCH
Date: 4/10/63

Office: New York, New York

Field Office File No.: NY 100-83801

Bureau File No.: 100-200845

Title: PETER SEEGER

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: Subject resides Beacon, NY, and is self employed as an entertainer. On 5/18/62, Second Circuit Court of Appeals, NY, NY, reversed subject's conviction on contempt of Congress charge and Gov't. has approximately one year from date of reversal to reindict subject. No further information received to date as to any change in status of subject's case. Informant advised subject attended function sponsored by U.S. Festival Committee, 4/25/62, Committee to Aid Monroe Defendants, 4/29/62, National Council for Soviet - American Friendship, 5/10/62, Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties, 6/7/62. On 10/6/62, Tass News Agency, NY, NY, advised Moscow, USSR, that subject would be travelling in the southern part of the U.S. giving a series of concerts. In 12/62 form letters mailed out under subject's signature asking for donation on behalf of NY Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence and Employment

On March 14, 1963, NY T-1 advised that PETER SEEGER continues to maintain Post Office Box 328, Beacon, New York, and resides in Dutchess Junction, New York, just outside the city of Beacon. SEEGER is self employed as an entertainer, singer of folk songs.

II. CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS AGAINST SUBJECT

On May 18, 1962, Assistant United States Attorney DAVID KLINGSBERG, Southern District of New York, New York, advised SA FREDERICK H. STEVENS that on that date, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals had reversed the subject's conviction and dismissed the indictment on the grounds that it was defective and that it did not sufficiently allege authority for the Congressional Committee's inquiry.

The "Worker" issue of May 22, 1962, page 5, column 1 - 4, carried an article entitled "Pete Seeger Wins Reversal" concerning the United States Circuit Court of Appeals reversal of SEEGER's conviction on contempt of Congress charges.

"The Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper.

Assistant United States Attorney IRVING YOUNGER advised SA FREDERICK H. STEVENS on May 31, 1962, that, during the week prior to the reversal of SEEGER's conviction and the dismissal of indictment, he, Mr. YOUNGER, was in Washington, D.C., when the Supreme Court reversed the indictments in other contempt cases such as SEEGER's.

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Mr. YOUNGER stated that this made all such indictments invalid and that, even if the Government had won in the Court of Appeals, the Government would have had to confess error in SEEGER's indictment and dismiss it. Mr. YOUNGER advised that the Government has a little over a year in which to reindict and that the Department is deciding whether or not to pursue all the reindictments. Mr. YOUNGER stated that he did not know when the decision will be made.

Assistant United States Attorney ARTHUR ROSETT advised on October 16, 1962, that Mr. IRVING YOUNGER, who formerly handled the SEEGER case is no longer with them and that he, ROSETT, is now handling the case.

Mr. ROSETT stated that there has been no change in the status of the SEEGER case and that he does not know when a decision will be made. He stated that he will advise the New York Office promptly when a decision concerning the matter is reached.

On March 27, 1963, Assistant United States Attorney ARTHUR ROSETT advised that there has been no change in the status of the subject's case. He stated that as soon as a decision is reached concerning this matter, he will immediately advise the New York Office.

III. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Miscellaneous Activities of the Subject

On March 23, 1962, NY T-2 advised that on February 16, 1962, CARL HAESSLER paid PETE SEEGER \$100 which was for "B.D." and "Contempt Appeal".

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The above information is not to be made public except following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

The source no longer has possession of the original material from which the above information was obtained.

The person to be subpoenaed for the above information is Mr. MC LELLAN MORFORD, Auditor, National Bank of Detroit, Detroit, Michigan.

CARL HAESSLER is characterized as follows:

JOSEPH Z. KORNFEDER, who has advised that he was a member of the CP, USA, 1919 - 1934, having been Anglo-American representative to the Comintern while attending the Lenin School, Moscow, Russia, 1927-1930, stated on February 19, 1945, that CARL HAESSLER was an old-time Communist originally from Chicago then New York. According to KORNFEDER, HAESSLER was one of the more respected members of the CP although not an open member.

The Pittsburgh Press, a Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, daily newspaper, issue of April 17, 1962, contained an article concerning a concert of PETE SEEGER on April 16, 1962 at the First Unitarian Church, Shadyside. It was reported in the article that among the causes that SEEGER "cried into his guitar" were:

1. Friends who fought Franco in Spain in 1937 but who did not yield a foot to the Franco fascists.

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2. A yearning to live in Andorra where the government spends only \$4.90 afor armaments in its defense.

3. Some satiric jabs at the money spent for the Polaris missile.

4. A knock at Christian countries where instead of cannibalism they have hangings.

5. A dirge about "some day we shall overcome, we walk hand in hand, -but I know some day we shall overcome".

NY T-3 advised on April 30, 1962 that on April 29, 1962, the subject attended a concert sponsored by the Committee to Aid the Monroe Defendants which was held at 253 West 73rd Street, New York, New York, at the Riverside Plaza Hotel.

A characterization of the Committee to Aid the Monroe Defendants is contained in the appendix attached hereto.

"The Worker" issue of April 24, 1962, page 6, columns 3 and 4, contained an article entitled "Pete Seeger to Lead All-Star Concert This Wednesday". The concert was scheduled on April 25, 1962 to raise funds for the United States Festival Committee and was to be held at Palm Gardens, 310 West 52nd Street, New York, New York.

A characterization of the United States Festival Committee is contained in the appendix attached hereto.

NY T-4 on May 3, 1962 and NY T-5 on May 9, 1962, both advised that on April 25, 1962 at Palm Gardens, 310 West 52nd Street, New York, New York, the subject entertained at a jazz concert sponsored by United States Festival Committee.

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NY T-6 on May 15, 1962 and NY T-7 on May 16, 1962, made available information reflecting that the subject entertained at an affair sponsored by the National Council of American - Soviet Friendship which was held on May 10, 1962 at Saint Nicholas Arena, 60th Street and Broadway, New York, New York.

National Council of American - Soviet Friendship has been cited pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

NY T-8 on June 11, 1962 advised that on June 7, 1962, the subject entertained at a "rally to abolish the Mc Carran Act" sponsored by the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties which was held at Manhattan Center, 311 West 34th Street, New York, New York.

A characterization of the Citizens Committee is characterized in the appendix attached hereto.

NY T-9 on June 18, 1962 advised that on June 14, 1962, at a victory celebration sponsored by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, Broadway and 53rd Street, New York, New York, the subject entertained.

A characterization of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committees is contained in the appendix attached hereto.

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On August 31, 1962, NY T-10 advised that on July 23, 1962 Camp Woodland Inc., paid PETER SEEGER \$50, the reason for which is not known.

The above information is not to be made public except following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

The person to be subpoenaed in the above information is Mr. JAMES J. MORANO, Manager, First National Bank, 72 5th Avenue, New York, New York.

Camp Woodland is characterized in the appendix attached hereto.

NY T-11, on September 5, 1962 made available a list of names which was obtained during various dates in August, 1962 and which names were on the partial membership mailing list of the Metropolitan Recreation Association. Among these names was that of "PETE SEEGER, Box 328, Beacon, New York."

A characterization of the Metropolitan Recreation Association is contained in the appendix attached hereto.

NY T-12 advised on October 6, 1962 that Tass News Agency, New York, New York, advised Moscow, Union of Soviet Socialist Republic, that PETE SEEGER will be travelling through the southern part of the United States giving a series of concerts starting some time in October, 1962.

Tass News Agency is an official Soviet Government news gathering organization with headquarters in Moscow, Union of Soviet Socialist Republic, and branches throughout the world.

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NY T-13 on October 26, 1962 advised that on October 23, 1962 at Manhattan Center, New York, New York, the subject attended a rally to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee, which rally was sponsored by the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee.

The New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee is contained in the appendix attached hereto.

NY T-13 advised on December 3, 1962 that on December 1, 1962 at New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee offices, New York, New York, volunteers worked in sending out letters signed by PETE SEEGER soliciting money for abolition.

The "National Guardian" issue of December 6, 1962, page 10, carried an article headed "Announcing Camp Webatuck ... Wingdale, New York", in which PETE SEEGER is listed as Advisor to Music Program.

The "National Guardian" is characterized in the appendix attached hereto.

"Camp Webatuck" is contained in the appendix attached hereto.

"The Worker" issue of December 18, 1962, page 8, carried an article entitled "1,000 in Conn. Peace Rally" in which it was noted that PETE SEEGER was one of the entertainers at the Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford, Connecticut, on December 17, 1962.

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NY T-13 on December 21, 1962, advised that as of December 17, 1962, the PETE SEEGER mailing for the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee had brought in \$781.

On January 2, 1963, NYTT-14 made available the following items which had been received by mail from PETE SEEGER, room 442, 150 West 34th Street, New York 1, New York.

1. a letter from PETE SEEGER dated December 7, 1962, urging financial support of the work of the New York Council to abolish HUAC.
2. pledge card and return envelope for contribution to the New York Council.

It is noted that the criss cross directory for the New York Telephone Company for the borough of Manhattan reveals that 150 West 34th Street is the address for the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee.

On January 11, 1963 ETHEL KLEIN NEWTON, a member of the Communist Party from 1946 to 1949, and from September, 1955 until September, 1962, made available to SA COULTON a letter dated December 7, 1962 bearing the signature of captioned subject and seeking support to help build the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee.

This letter was in an envelope postmarked December 11, 1962 and addressed to: "Miss ETHEL NEWTON, 53 Barrow Street, New York 14, New York.

NY T-15 on January 9, 1963 advised that during the first week of December, 1962, he received a form letter on behalf of the New York Council to Abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities, which was signed by PETE SEEGER.

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"The Worker" issue of February 12, 1963, page 8, column 1 - 2, contained an article entitled "Queens College Head Irked by PETE SEEGER". This article noted that Dr. HAROLD STOKE, President of Queens College was backing down on an invitation to PETE SEEGER to perform at the First Queens College Fall Festival.

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APPENDIX

CAMP WEBATUCK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS
CAMP CALUMET; WINGDALE CAMP, INC.;
WINGDALE LODGE, INC.; CAMP UNITY;
WINGDALE ON THE LAKE, ALSO KNOWN AS

On May 27, 1953, a source advised that Camp Unity has been controlled by the Communist Party (CP) since its inception in 1929 or 1930.

On April 24, 1956, a second source furnished an undated flyer entitled "The Wingdaler" published by Wingdale On The Lake. This flyer reflected that Wingdale On The Lake occupied the same site as was formerly occupied by Camp Unity.

On June 7, 1956, Mr. JAMES J. DWYER, Office of the Secretary of State, New York State, reviewed his records and advised SA JOHN EUGENE PARSONS that Wingdale Camp, Inc. filed a certificate of Incorporation number 6036 with his department on February 9, 1956.

On April 27, 1956, a third source 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.

On November 13, 1962, the third source above advised that the CP has taken complete control of the camp and the camp will be essentially a youth camp in the future.

The "National Guardian" December 6, 1962, contained an advertisement on page 10 entitled "Announcing Camp Webatuck."

The advertisement reflected that the camp located at Lake Ellis, Wingdale, New York, is a camp for boys and girls from 7 to 16 plus.

The advertisement indicated that registrations for the camp could be made at its office, 505 Fifth Avenue, Suite 705, New York 17, New York, telephone number MU 7-0586.

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On December 7, 1962, a suitable pretext call was placed to telephone number MU 7-0586.

It was determined through conversation with an unknown male individual that Camp Webatuck is the new name for Camp Calumet formerly known as Wingdale Camp, Inc.; Wingdale Lodge, Inc.; Camp Unity; Wingdale On The Lake, aka.

The "National Guardian," January 31, 1963, contained an advertisement on page 8 concerning Camp Webatuck. This advertisement reflected that the current office address for Camp Webatuck is 166 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York, telephone number OR 5-4383.

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APPENDIX

CAMP WOODLAND

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning Camp Woodland:

"CAMP WOODLAND (Phoenicia, N.Y.)

- "1. 'The Communist management of six camps in New York State and another in California was exposed by committee investigations and hearings.' Listed among these is Camp Woodland, a children's camp directed by NORMAN STUDER.
(Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, pp. 2 and 10.)"

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APPENDIX

CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL
LIBERTIES

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties:

"CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL
LIBERTIES (NEW YORK CITY)

- "1. 'On the basis of its investigations and hearings to date, the committee concludes that the National Assembly for Democratic Rights and a coordinating and organizing group in support thereof, titled the "Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties," are Communist fronts. Created, dominated, and controlled by members and officials of the Communist Party, the National Assembly for Democratic Rights and the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties were organized as propaganda devices for the conduct of "mass activity" in support of the avowed objective of "reversal or nonapplication" of the Supreme Court decisions of June 5, 1961, which upheld the constitutionality of the registration and disclosure provisions of the Internal Security Act of 1950 as applied to the Communist Party, and the Smith Act membership clause making punishable active and purposive membership in the Communist Party.'

'* * * The long-range objective of the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties is to serve as the vehicle for concealed Communist participation in, and direction of, propaganda and agitational activities aimed to nullify the Internal Security and Smith Acts.'

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APPENDIX

CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL
LIBERTIES (CONT'D)

'* * * Committee investigation disclosed that the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties was formed on or about June 12, 1961 * * *.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report and Hearings on Manipulation of Public Opinion by Organizations Under Concealed Control of the Communist Party (National Assembly for Democratic Rights and Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties), House Report 1282, Part 1, October 2 and 3, 1961, pp. 137, 143 and 144.)"

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APPENDIX

COMMITTEE TO AID THE MONROE DEFENDANTS

A source advised on October 10, 1961, that the Committee to Aid the Monroe Defendants (CAMD) was formed during September, 1961, by the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) in New York City.

Source advised that the aims of the CAMD are to afford financial support and counsel for ROBERT F. WILLIAMS and four other defendants who were involved in a racial incident on August 27, 1961, at Monroe, North Carolina. The SWP hopes to dramatize this incident nationally and internationally through the CAMD and thus attract individuals to the SWP aims and principles by playing a leading role in the integration struggle.

According to the source, the organization and impetus of CAMD activities throughout the various parts of the United States such as obtaining sponsors and the raising of funds, are the results of the efforts of various SWP branches.

The above source advised on September 6, 1962, that the headquarters of the CAMD is located at 168 West 23rd Street, New York City.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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APPENDIX

EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee:

"Emergency Civil Liberties Committee

"1. 'The Emergency Civil Liberties Committee is an organization with headquarters in New York, whose avowed purpose is to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities and discredit the FBI. * * * The committee finds that the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, established in 1951, although representing itself as a non-Communist group, actually operates as a front for the Communist Party. It has repeatedly assisted, by means of funds and legal aid, Communists involved in Smith Act violations and similar legal proceedings. One of its chief activities has been and still is the dissemination of voluminous Communist propaganda material.'

'FRANK WILKINSON was called as a witness when he appeared in Atlanta as a representative of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee to propagandize against the Committee on Un-American Activities and to protest its hearings. In 1956 WILKINSON was identified as a Communist Party member by a former FBI undercover agent within the party. Summoned at that time to answer the allegation, his reply to all questions was, "I am answering no questions of this committee." This also became his stock reply to questions when he appeared during the Atlanta hearings. * * * WILKINSON has since been convicted of contempt of Congress and sentenced to one year in jail.'

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APPENDIX

EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE (CONT'D)

'Disputing the non-Communist claim of the organization, the committee finds that a number of other individuals connected with the ECLC also have been identified under oath as Communists.

* * *'

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report for 1958, House Report 187, March 9, 1959, pp. 34 and 35.)

'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.'

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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APPENDIX

METROPOLITAN RECREATION ASSOCIATION,
FORMERLY KNOWN AS NATURE FRIENDS OF
AMERICA, INC.

Nature Friends of America, Inc. (NFA) has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The records of the New York County Clerk's Office, Supreme Court Building, New York City, reflect that a certificate of dissolution for NFA was filed with the Secretary of State, State of New York, on February 23, 1954.

A source advised on March 12, 1954, that at a meeting of the former New York Local of NFA, held on February 25, 1954, in New York City, a successor organization known as the Metropolitan Recreation Association (MRA) was set up and all assets and real property formerly belonging to the New York Local of NFA were transferred to the MRA.

On November 4, 1957, a second source made available a copy of the constitution of the MRA, which was adopted in 1957, and which, under Article II, set forth the aims of the organization as follows:

"The purpose of the association is to bring together people without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, or beliefs, having a common interest in outdoor sports, recreational and cultural activities, and the fullest use of leisure time for the furtherance of the welfare and well-being of the members; to encourage the study of nature and of the natural sciences, and of the modes of living and customs and cultures of the people of the United States, past and present. . . ."

On March 26, 1954, a third source made available a copy of the March, 1954, issue of the "Camp Midvale News," official organ of Camp Midvale, Midvale, New Jersey, which, on page 1, states that the recently formed MRA is the organization which owns and operates Camp Midvale.

The MRA, as of May 2, 1962, continues to utilize General Post Office Box 634, New York City, as its mailing address.

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APPENDIX

"NATIONAL GUARDIAN"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, 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

NEW YORK COUNCIL TO ABOLISH THE HOUSE
UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

On March 9, 1961, a source advised that the New York Council To Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAUAC), 150 West 34th Street, New York City, New York, was formed at a meeting held in New York City on November 17, 1960. This organization was founded principally through the efforts of FRANK WILKINSON, Field Representative of the National Committee To Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NCAUAC).

A second source advised on September 17, 1952, that FRANK WILKINSON was a Communist Party member as of September, 1952.

A third source furnished on September 14, 1961, a copy of resolutions of the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAHUAC) which were adopted by the NYCAHUAC. One such resolution affirmed the intention to continue to work for the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) and to continue its efforts to broaden the participation in this fight. Another resolution accepted as a modus vivendi the suggestion of the Field Representative of the "National Committee to Abolish the HCUA" (NCAHUAC) namely that local abolition committees may identify and co-ordinate their efforts as closely as they desire with NCAHUAC, still maintaining their autonomy for as flexible and independent a program as possible.

Various sources have advised during March, 1962, that Communist Party (CP) members in the New York City area have been solicited to support activities of the NYCAHUAC during attendance at CP club meetings.

On June 5, 1962, the first source advised that the NYCAHUAC continues to function from its office at 150 West 34th Street, New York City, New York.

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THE UNITED STATES FESTIVAL
COMMITTEE, INC. (EIGHTH
WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL)

The third 1961 issue of "World Youth," a publication of World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY), reported that the first meeting of the International Preparatory Committee (IPC) took place at Helsinki, Finland, on February 20-22, 1961, to prepare for the Eighth World Youth Festival to be held in Helsinki, in 1962. At the meeting, the IPC elected a permanent commission composed of representatives of a number of countries including Canada, the United States as well as representatives of WFDY and the International Union of Students (IUS).

The IUS with headquarters in Prague, Czechoslovakia, and the WFDY with headquarters in Budapest, Hungary, are cited as Communist organizations in the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated December 1, 1961, published by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., pages 91 and 177.

A source advised that in April, 1961, DANNY RUBIN, National Youth Director, Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), advised that CP districts should concentrate on getting broad groups to sponsor the United States Festival Committee (USFC).

A pamphlet issued by the USFC describing the program for the Festival and advised that the USFC was organized by students and youth leaders at a founding conference at Chicago, Illinois, October 15, 1961, to publicize and encourage participation in the Helsinki Festival. The USFC had been recognized by the IPC, the sponsoring body of the Festival, as the United States Committee to administer United States Participation in the Festival.

On February 4, 1963, a second source reported the USFC had changed its address from Room 807, 460 Park Avenue South, New York, New York, on February 2, 1963, to Post Office Box 172, Highbridge Station, Bronx 52, New York.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
April 10, 1963

*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

Bu (100-200845)
New York (100-83801)

Title Peter Seeger

Character Security Matter - C

Reference is made to report of Special Agent
C. Richard Strauch, dated and captioned as above at
New York.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

Routing Slip
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Date 4/26/63

To

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Re-0-17 dated 4/23/63 and report of SA C. RICHARD STRAUCH dated 4/10/63, at NY.

Attached are 4 copies of amended FD-204 of referenced report.

ENCLOSURE

SAC JOHN F. MALONE

NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, SDNY (RM)

Report of: C. RICHARD STRAUCH Office: New York, New York
Date: 4/10/63

Field Office File No.: NY 100-83801 Bureau File No.: 100-200845

Title: PETER SEEGER

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject resides Beacon, NY, and is self employed as an entertainer. On 5/18/62, Second Circuit Court of Appeals, NY, NY, reversed subject's conviction on contempt of Congress charge and Gov't. has approximately one year from date of reversal to reindict subject. No further information received to date as to any change in status of subject's case. Informant advised subject performed at function sponsored by U.S. Festival Committee, 4/25/62, Committee to Aid Monroe Doctrine Defendants, 4/29/62, National Council for Soviet - American Friendship, 5/16/62, Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties, 6/7/62. On 10/6/62, Tass News Agency, NY, NY, advised Moscow, USSR, that subject would be travelling in the southern part of the U.S. giving a series of concerts. In 12/62 form letters mailed out under subject's signature asking for donation on behalf of NY Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 10/16/62

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801) (P*)

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4/23/63
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SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
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Remylet 5/31/62, placing this case in pending inactive status.

AUSA ARTHUR ROSETT advised 10/16/62, that Mr. IRVING YOUNGER, who formerly handled the SEEGER case is no longer with them and that he, ROSETT, is now handling the case.

Mr. ROSETT stated that there has been no change in the status of the SEEGER case and that he does not know when a decision will be made. He stated that he will advise NYO promptly when a decision concerning the matter is reached.

This case is being continued in a Pending Inactive status.

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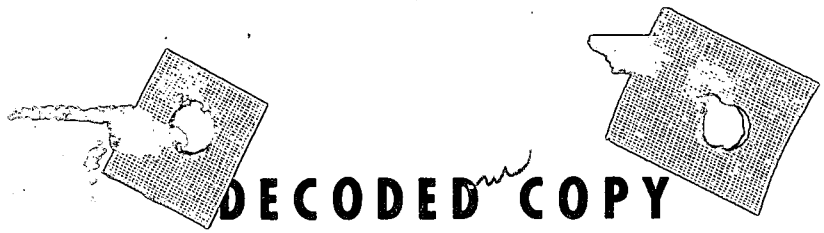
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PETER SEEGER BORN, MAY 3, 1919, NYC, HEIGHT 6 FEET 1 INCH.
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CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS

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 was continued pending a decision of the Supreme Court in Barenblatt.

On March 29, 1961 after a three-day jury trial, Seeger was found guilty on all ten counts of the indictment. On April 4, 1961, he was sentenced to one year in prison on each of the ten counts, the sentences to run concurrently, and also fined the costs of the action.

The case was argued in the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit on April 9, 1962, and, on May 18, 1962, the conviction was reversed and the indictment dismissed. The Solicitor General has decided against petitioning for writ of certiorari.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845) DATE: 5/31/62

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801) (P*)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
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Remytel 5/18/62.

AUSA IRVING YOUNGER advised SA FREDERICK H. STEVENS telephonically on 5/31/62, that, during the week prior to the reversal of SEEGER's conviction and the dismissal of indictment, he, Mr. YOUNGER, was in Washington, D.C., when the Supreme Court reversed the indictments in other contempt cases such as SEEGER's. Mr. YOUNGER stated that this made all such indictments invalid and that, even if the Government had won in the Court of Appeals, the Government would have had to confess error in SEEGER's indictment and dismiss it. Mr. YOUNGER advised that the Government has a little over a year in which to reindict and that the Department is deciding whether or not to pursue all the reindictments. Mr. YOUNGER stated that he did not know when the decision will be made.

This case is being placed in a pending inactive status.

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On 3/27/62, CARL APONE, reporter, "Post Gazette-Sun Telegraph," a daily Pittsburgh, Pa. newspaper, advised SAC BERNARD C. BROWN that subject was scheduled to sing at Pittsburgh, on 4/16/62, at the Young Men's and Women's Hebrew Association, 315 South Balefield Avenue. Subject was sponsored by two Pittsburgh couples, ALLAN and MITZI TRACHTENBERG, Hampton Street and BOB and SARAH CORREGAN, Sheridan Avenue.

As noted in attached clippings, the concert was held at the First Unitarian Church, Ellsworth and Morewood Avenue due to a controversy regarding subject's background.

On 4/17/62, Mrs. MABEL MOFFAT, Nicholson Road, R.D. #1, Sewickley, Pa., advised SA HOWARD S. MEYERJACK that she attended the Pete Seeger Concert held on 4/16/62, at the First Unitarian Church. There were 300-400 individuals present, mostly of high school and college age, including a number of Negroes. Mrs. MOFFAT said that the subject's songs presented the Communist Party line.

Enclosed for the information of the Bureau and New York are the following newspaper clippings re subject's concert:

- "The Pittsburgh Press," 4/16, 17, 18/62
- "Post Gazette-Sun Telegraph," 4/6, 14, 16, 17/62
- "Carnegie Tartan" student publication, Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, Pa., 4/4/62.

Files of the Pittsburgh Office contain no information identifiable with ALLAN and MITZI TRACHTENBERG and BOB and SARAH CORREGAN.

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Concerts by Seeger Please Collegians

Singer Requests WQED to Explain Cancellation of Scheduled Programs

By VINCE JOHNSON
Post-Gazette Staff Writer

Pete Seeger, a controversial folksinger to whom the studios of WQED and the auditorium of the YM&WHA were closed, gave two concerts last night at the First Unitarian Church in Shadyside.

In contrast to the uproar that preceded them, the performances were so uneventful that policemen on watch at

Donald Steinfirt's review of Seeger concert appears on Page 16.

the church had nothing to do but endure a few hours of boredom.

Accompanied by his banjo and guitar, Seeger's songs drew several standing ovations from an audience in which listeners of college age predominated.

Join In Singing

Numbering about 450, they frequently joined the artist in songs which, he explained, "deal with where we came from and where we're going."

In an interview with the Post-Gazette during his permission, Seeger was terse in his reaction to the controversy over him. Referring to the WQED and YM&WHA bans on him, he said:

"I am appalled that an educational institution would not want to take on anything controversial.

Wants Explanation

"I feel sorry that some people had to go to a lot of extra trouble. However, I feel that in the long run it might be an educational experience. You can learn from everything—even a crisis."

Wishing to drop the matter there, he said, "Everything I have to say I say on my program."

However, Seeger said that he has requested WQED to explain its cancellation of his concert and that the station

has promised to send him a letter.

Prior to the concerts about 60 pickets paraded before WQED and the YM&WHA in Oakland carrying signs that bore these legends:

"Let Freedom Ring. Let Seeger Sing."

And—"Don't Judge Art by Politics."

The word "Judge" on one sign was misspelled and read "Judgde."

Al Bennett Jr., who identified himself as a student at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, said the pickets were high school students and students from the seminary, Pitt, Tech, Chatham and Duquesne.

Defied Congress Group

Seeger, 42, was convicted of contempt of Congress in 1961 after he refused to answer questions asked by the House Un-American Activities Committee about his alleged Communist ties.

Sentenced to one year's imprisonment, he appealed and is now free under \$2,000 bond.

Seeger originally was scheduled to appear on WQED's "Dimple Depot," a children's program, at 4:30 p. m. yesterday. A spokesman for WQED said his appearance was canceled because of protesting phone calls and letters.

Asked to Find Another Hall

His concert was scheduled originally at the YM&WHA for last night. Promoters, Robert Corregan and Allan Trachtenberg, rented the auditorium. Dr. A. J. Auerbach, operating director, emphasized that the concert was not sponsored by the YM&WHA.

However, after the controversy over Seeger's concert became more acute, Dr. Auerbach said that the YM&WHA had asked the sponsors to find a new location and they had agreed.

This was denied by Corregan and Trachtenberg, who issued a statement that said:

"As sponsors of the Pete Seeger concert, we wish to make it clear that we did not agree to the cancellation by the YM&WHA of the use of its hall.

"We were given no alternative but to make other arrangements. We welcomed the generous invitation of the Unitarian Church to use its facilities."

The board of trustees of the First Unitarian Church issued a statement that it voted to offer its facilities for the Seeger concert for the following reason:

"Popular Pressure" Rapped

"We wish to emphasize that we take this action not in defense of Seeger or his views, but in defense of due process and free speech, in defense of the principles that a citizen should be judged by courts, not by popular pressure. That a singer should be judged by his performance and not by his alleged political activities."

The board further said it had arranged with the sponsors that the proceeds from the concert, after expenses, would be contributed by mutual agreement to a non-profit, non-partisan organization.

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Picketing at YM&WHA yesterday preceded Seeger's concert at Unitarian Church.

Many Did Want To Hear Seeger

In an article ~~April~~ 14, the Post-Gazette quoted "a spokesman" for educational television station WQED as stating, in regard to their cancellation of a non-paying performance by the noted folksinger Pete Seeger:

"From the number of protesting telephone calls and letters we have received, the public apparently does not want to hear him."

Considering that by 9:45 p. m. of the evening before the Post-Gazette article appeared, 79 persons had called the station to protest their decision (in response to the announcement carried in an evening Pittsburgh paper that same day), it appears in fact that a very large number of persons certainly would like to hear this artist perform.

Only one person had called WQED by 9:45 to express support of the station's decision. The Post-Gazette news peg to the article, "Accused of Commie Ties," strongly suggests (as does the story itself) that the decision was made on the basis of Seeger's refusal to answer the ques-

tioning of the extremely controversial House Committee on Un-American Activities, a body that may well be unconstitutional.

Are we in Pittsburgh going to sanction discrimination by our educational television station against an artist because of his political beliefs? Who are these many people who wish to judge an artist by his politics rather than his abilities, in the fashion of the Communists whom they claim (and no doubt honestly believe) to be opposing?

Mr. Seeger continues the American folk tradition, such an important part of our American heritage.

ALFRED B. BENNETT, JR.
Student, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, East Liberty.

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Seeger Sings In Pgh. Concert

It's been a long time since Pete Seeger sang here in Pittsburgh. Last time, he performed with Sonny Terry, the great harmonica player and singer. Pete Seeger will be back again on Monday, April 16, at the YM-WHA in Oakland at 8:30 p.m. This concert will be a solo performance.

Today, folk music is very popular. It wasn't always so. For many years, the finest musicians in this field, such as Woody Guthrie, Huddie Ledbetter (Leadbelly), Big Bill Broonzy, and Pete Seeger sang only to small audiences. Leadbelly, Big Bill, and Woody aren't singing anymore - but Seeger remains as one of the pioneers of folk music still singing today.

Since the early days when he started with Allan Lomax in the Library of Congress, he has been devoted to the collection of folk songs. He has, perhaps, recorded more than any other folk artist. Some people remember him as a member of the Almanac Singers, but more know him as the organizer of the Weavers, a quartet including himself, Lee Hays, Ronnie Gilbert, and Fred Hellerman. The Weavers really brought folk music to the attention of large audiences. They remain one of the major influences in this field today.

Several years ago, Pete Seeger left the Weavers to go out on his own as a soloist - a lone voice singing out the music of people in America and other lands, accompanied by ~~banjo~~ guitar, recorder, etc.

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Accused of Commie Ties

WQED Cancels Folksinger

One of two Pittsburgh performances by Pete Seeger, a folksinger who was convicted for contempt of Congress after he refused to answer questions about alleged Communist ties, was cancelled yesterday.

A spokesman for WQED, educational television station, said that Seeger's appearance on "Dimple Depot," a children's program scheduled for 4:30 p. m. Monday, had been cancelled by public demand.

Cites Phone Protests

"From the number of protesting telephone calls and letters we have received, the public apparently does not want to hear him," the spokesman said.

However, Seeger is scheduled to give a concert Monday night at the Y.M. and W.H.A. in Oakland. The event is sponsored privately by two East End couples, Allen and Mitzi Trachtenberg and Robert and Sarah Corregan.

Dr. A. J. Auerbach, operating director of the Y.M. and W.H.A., said that the auditorium merely was rented to the promoters and is not—repeat, not—



PETE SEEGER
Of "Dimple Depot" program.

sponsored by the Y.M. and W.H.A.

"We have been assured that the event is non-political and there will be no speeches," Dr. Auerbach declared.

Mr. Corregan, one of the promoters, said that hundreds of tickets to the concert already have been sold. He asserted:

"We know that Seeger was convicted for contempt of Congress and has appealed his case. However, we are not concerned with his politics but with his talents as a folksinger."

Sentenced to Year

Seeger, 42, was sentenced to one year's imprisonment April 5, 1961, for refusing to answer questions by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

When he appeared before the committee in 1955, Seeger said the questions were "improper and immoral to be asked of any American."

Federal Judge Thomas F. Murphy, before sentencing Seeger, asked him if he were then or ever had been a member of the Communist party.

"I decline to answer," Seeger replied.

Judge Murphy then imposed the one-year sentence. Seeger, who has appealed to the U. S. Court of Appeal, is free under \$2,000 bond.

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Seeger's Performance Transferred to Church

Y.M.&W.H.A.'s Action in Shifting Folksinger Follows That of WQED

The Y.M.&W.H.A. announced last night it had asked that a performance in its Oakland auditorium by Pete Seeger, 42-year-old controversial folksinger be transferred to a new location.

Dr. A. J. Auerbach, operating director of the Jewish organization, said the sponsors for the concert had agreed to the transfer.

Seeger will give two performances tonight, one at 7:30 and the other at 9:45, in the First Unitarian Church, Ellsworth and Morewood Aves., Oakland.

The YM&WHA's action came two days after educational television station WQED announced that it had canceled a scheduled appear-

ance by Seeger at 4:30 p. m. today on "Dimple Depot," a children's program.

A spokesman for WQED said Seeger's appearance was canceled by public demand. The station reaffirmed its stand yesterday, saying the situation had been given considerable thought and deliberation but that the decision of last Friday remained the same.

Seeger became a controversial figure after he was convicted for contempt of Congress in 1961 for refusing to answer questions about alleged Communist ties.

He appealed a one-year prison term and was released

in \$2,000 bail pending the outcome.

Seeger's previously scheduled appearance at the Y.M. & W.H.A. had been sponsored privately by two East End couples, Allen and Mitzi Trachtenberg and Robert and Sarah Corregan.

Corregan said last night that the Y.M. & W.H.A. had asked that the concert be moved to a new location and that the First Unitarian Church had offered its auditorium.

He said the church's facilities were smaller than those of the Y.M. & W.H.A. and therefore requested that holders of \$2.50 and \$3 seats attend the 9:45 performance and all others the one at 7:30.

Proceeds of the performances, Corregan said, would be given to a non-partisan, non-profit organization mutually agreed upon by the sponsors and the church.

The cancellations produced numerous protests, including ones from the American Civil Liberties Union, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and the Americans for Democratic Action.

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**WQED Position
On Seeger Rapped**

It was something of a shock to find Station WQED, which I have always held in high regard for the quality of its programs and for its seeming intellectual integrity and independence, cancelling the scheduled appearance of Pete Seeger due to "public demand."

Is it a policy of WQED, then, to withdraw or schedule any program according to the whims of "public demand" whatever percentage that may constitute, or does it not, as I have always supposed, have certain professional standards on which it bases its selection, including, undoubtedly, public appeal and interest, and the freedom to exercise this choice regardless of outside pressures? And in this case, on what is public disapproval based?

Pete Seeger was engaged to sing on a children's program. Whatever his political convictions were and are, he is widely held to be a folksinger of repute. I would imagine that the particular quality of exuberance and enthusiasm that marks his singing would have a special delight and appeal for children. Surely this talent is what WQED had in mind when they hired him in the first place and it has not changed.

Mr. Seeger was engaged to sing, not to deliver political tracts of any nature. Do the protesters fear that, with the first strumming of Mr. Seeger's banjo, their children will hypnotically band together and follow him to their destruction?

This incident is so dismaying as another example of the distrust we seem to have for ourselves and our culture. We seem so afraid to be contaminated, so unsure of our own convictions, that we cannot even bear the proximity of one whose opinions may deviate from ours. It would have been gratifying and comforting if, when in so many places in our country, as well as abroad, freedom of communication is being challenged and curtailed, our local station had had the courage to stand firm.

MRS. EDWARD HELFELD
Squirrel Hill.

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Site Shifts For Leftist Singer's Act

Church Takes Show After YM&WHA Asks Sponsors To Move

Leftist folk singer Pete Seeger, still free on bail from a 1961 contempt of Congress conviction, is scheduled for two performances here tonight, but his music will not be heard in Oakland's YM&WHA as originally planned.

Harry R. Savage, president of the YM&WHA, said a Y committee asked the sponsors to change the location of the concert. It has been re-scheduled for the First Unitarian Church, Ellsworth and Morewood Avenues, in Shadyside.

The performances sponsored by two East Liberty couples are scheduled for 7:30 and 9:45 p. m.

Sparks Furore

A controversy was touched off last Friday when Station WQED cancelled Seeger's afternoon appearance on a children's program which was slated for 4:30 today.

Protests against the action have come from the American Civil Liberties Union, the Americans for Democratic Action and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Seeger's citation for contempt of Congress came after he refused to answer questions about alleged Communist ties during a 1955 hearing. He was indicted on 10 counts and convicted on March 29, 1961.

In announcing the last-minute location change, Mr. Savage said the board of trustees voted to ask sponsors of the

Seeger concert to change the locale, and the sponsors agreed to move to the Unitarian Church."

Two Couples Sponsor

The sponsoring couples are Allen and Mitzi Trachtenberg of Hampton Street, and Robert and Sarah Corregan of Sheridan Avenue.

A spokesman for the board of trustees at the First Unitarian Church said its acceptance is based on "constitutional principles which merit our attention."

Their statement said in part: "We wish to emphasize that we take this action not in defense of Seeger or his views, but in defense of due process and free speech, in defense of the principles that a citizen should be judged by courts, not by popular pressure; that a singer should be judged by his performance and not by his alleged political activities.

"And finally, that an audience should not be denied the right to hear a performer because he is a controversial figure," the statement concluded.

Seeger's WQED performance was canceled, officials said, because of public demand.

Mr. Trachtenberg said two performances were substituted for one at the YM&WHA because the church has smaller facilities.

Both the church and Mr. Trachtenberg state that proceeds from the performance over and above expenses will be contributed to "a mutually-agreed, non-partisan and non-profit organization" which had not yet been selected.

Seeger's questioning by Congress came after he took part in Communist May Day rallies and similar affairs over a period of some 12 years.

He has appealed his conviction, and arguments were heard by the Circuit Court last week. A decision is expected within a month.

In 1949 Seeger was named the Communist Daily Worker as "The People's Artist."

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Pete Seeger 'Totes That Bail' To Concert Here

Seeger Folk-Sings 'Protests' But Fans Don't Know Words

By CARL APONE

When Pete Seeger came to Pittsburgh in 1959, The Pittsburgh Press review said Seeger set folk singing back 15 years.

Apparently, Mr. Seeger has improved since then. For last night in a concert at the First Unitarian Church, Shadyside, he didn't set folk singing back a single year. But this reviewer believes he did nothing to advance its cause.

Both of the concerts, one at 7:30 and one at 9:45, played to capacity crowds of 400. But from a musical standpoint it is difficult to know why so many showed up.

On the merit side, he proved to be a surprisingly good instrumentalist, playing the banjo and 12-string guitar with skill. And at the beginning, he showed good form and taste as he relaxed his audience with several listenable songs.

After that, however, the program could have been "Ode to a Lead Balloon." It simply failed to go over.

The young people—and it was predominantly a high school-college crowd—had fun as they sang along with him on some of the more popular tunes. However, as the program progressed, few had the slightest idea of the words or music Seegar wanted them to sing.

Thus, in many songs, it was a case of listening to 5 per cent of the audience mumble while Seeger accompanied them. In other ballads, Seeger did manage to get participation up as high as 50 per cent.

Certainly, a folk singing show does have its moments of audience participation. But when the program became almost entirely a recital and became a bore.

There is another thing to consider about Mr. Seeger's program: Did he come for a recital or to use the stage to put over his philosophies? He made the points about his philosophies subtly and it was for each listener to decide if Mr. Seeger came here as a musical artist or a propagandist.

Among the causes Mr. Seeger cried into his guitar over were:

- 1—Friends who fought Franco in Spain in 1937 but who did not yield a foot to the Franco fascists.
- 2—A yearning to live in Andorra where the government spends only \$4.90 for armaments in its defense.
- 3—Some satiric jabs at the money spent for the Polaris missile.
- 4—A knock at Christian countries where instead of cannibalism they have hangings.
- 5—A dirge about "some day we shall overcome, we walk hand in hand, but I know some day we shall overcome."

Perhaps Mr. Seeger was not promoting his philosophies, whatever they may be, in these songs.

But if he wasn't, he was guilty of poor programming. A half-dozen songs of social

protest on a 75-minute musical program seem like an awful lot of social protests.

Seeger received a standing ovation before and after the concert, but it is doubtful that it was for his musical skill.

In an interview Seeger expressed disappointment that his performances at WQED and the YM&WHA were cancelled.

He said he was appalled that these two institutions would not "take on anything controversial."

Two policemen were assigned to the concert but there was not a single picket.

Earlier, some 60 pro-Seeger pickets marched in front of WQED and the YM&WHA with signs protesting the cancellation of Seeger's concert.

Seeger, 42, was convicted of contempt of Congress in 1961 after refusing to answer questions asked by the House Un-American Activities Committee about his alleged Communist ties.

He was sentenced to a year in prison but appealed and is now free on \$2000 bond.

His conviction came after a career of some dozen years in which he had a history of starring in Communist May Day rallies and similar affairs. On June 9, 1949, in New York City, the Communist Daily Worker named him "The People's Artist."

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The Seeger Case

AS might have been predicted, the bleeding hearts who emote every time a left-wing propagandist is unmasked have seized upon the case of Pete Seeger, who is billed as a folk singer but who is in reality a persistent and somewhat effective exponent of the Communist Party line.

Educational TV Station WQED and the Young Men's & Women's Hebrew Assn., with proper regard for the public they serve, declined to permit use of their facilities by this propagandist. So the objectors—with an immaturity which seems to be typical of such protests—complain that he has been "discriminated against" because of his "political opinions," and that he was engaged to sing, not to deliver political tracts.

This is pure bunk. Seeger's main activity for many years has been in delivering the party line in song, to the accompaniment of guitar or banjo. To speak of his activity as "political" would be to accept the Communist Party as a political party, rather than the criminal conspiracy in behalf of a foreign power which it really is.

Seeger thumbed his nose at Congress and the courts and is now out on bond on appeal of a one-year sentence for refusal to testify to his connection with the Communist conspiracy.

Folksinger? He has been connected for many years with "People's Songs," cited as a Communist front. A California legislative committee reported that "All of the productions of People's Songs, Inc., follow the Communist Party line as assiduously as do the people behind the organization."

Entertainer? He's always a star performer at Communist events, including the May Day parade. As to that parade, the House Un-American Activities Committee calls it "an annual mobilization of Communist strength."

Red propaganda is Red propaganda, whether it's sung to the accompaniment of a guitar or shouted from a soap box in Union Square. The misguided people who cheered Seeger the other night might have considered that point. They should be able to find more worthy causes on which to exercise their sense of justice.

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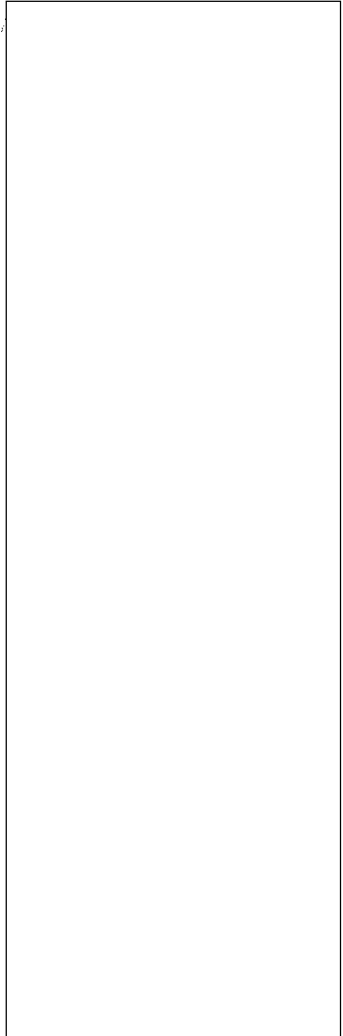
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NY T-17

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[Redacted]

Informants used to characterize NYCAUAC are:

[Redacted]

Informants used to characterize Youth to Abolish the Un-American Committee are:

[Redacted]

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INFORMANTS (CONT'D)

are: Sources used to characterize Burning Issues



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Sources used to characterize CCCL are:



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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will follow court action concerning subject's appeal and advised the Bureau.

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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 informants included in the report could reasonably result in identification of an informant of continuing value and thereby compromise his future effectiveness and thereby be injurious to the national defense.
8. Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____
 Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) _____
he presently is appealing his conviction of contempt of Congress.
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 was that 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 _____ who has furnished reliable information in the past, (cont'd)
11. Subject's SI card is is not tabbed Detcom.
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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. GREEN, JR., 12/21/56, NY)

The subject appeared before the 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 HCUA. (Report of WILLIAM L. MC MURRAY, JR., 2/19/58, at NY)

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On 2/12/60, [redacted] advised SEEGER had contributed \$10.00 in February, 1960, to the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms. On 6/7/60, [redacted] furnished information that SEEGER was a member of the Metropolitan Recreation Association, and that he had participated in a May Day Celebration of that group at Camp Midvale on 5/1/60. The "New York Times" on 10/11/60, reflected SEEGER was in attendance as a delegate at the first national session of the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee at the Taft Hotel, NYC, on 10/10/60. (Report of LOWELL W. BARTON, 3/7/61, at NY)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Copy to: 1-USA, SDNY (RM)

Report of: FREDERICK H. STEVENS
Date: 4/2/62

Office: New York, New York

Field Office File No.: 100-83801

Bureau File No.: 100-200845

Title: PETER SEEGER

Character: SECURITY MATTER-C

Synopsis: Subject resides at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, NY; and is self-employed as an entertainer. Subject free on bond pending an appeal of conviction on contempt of Congress charge. Subject renewed Passport Number 1780911 on 9/26/61, stating he intended to travel to the United Kingdom and The Netherlands on business. Subject performed at functions sponsored by NY Council to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee and the Youth to Abolish the Un-American Committee, on 4/21/61, 12/6/61, and 2/1/62; was principal entertainer on "National Guardian" boat ride, 6/22/61; attended picnic sponsored by "National Guardian", 9/16/61.

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DETAILS

I. BACKGROUND

Residence and Employment

On March 26, 1962, it was determined through a pretext by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that the subject resides at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York, and is self-employed as an entertainer, who does folk singing, guitar and banjo playing.

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II. FOREIGN TRAVEL

The records of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, as examined at Washington, D.C, on September 26, 1961, by SA HOLLIS H. KEITER, JR., reflect that on September 26, 1961, the Passport Office renewed Passport Number 1780911, which had been originally issued to the subject on September 8, 1959, at Washington, D.C. In the application for renewal, which was made September 21, 1961, the subject stated that he intended to travel to the United Kingdom and The Netherlands for 5 weeks on business. He stated that he planned to depart from Montreal, Quebec, Canada, on about October 13, 1961, aboard the "Corinthia" of the Cunard Line and would return by air transportation. The subject submitted a certified copy of an affidavit dated August 15, 1961, and a Notice of Motion dated August 16, 1961. The Motion requested an order granting SEEGER permission to leave the Southern District of New York and travel outside the United States to Canada, the United Kingdom and Holland. On August 22, 1961, the above Motion was granted by Judge FRIENDLY, United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, on the condition that SEEGER appear before the United States Attorney not later than November 27, 1961.

III. CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS
AGAINST THE SUBJECT

On April 4, 1961, Assistant United States Attorney IRVING YOUNGER, advised that on that date United States Federal Judge THOMAS F. MURPHY sentenced PETER SEEGER to one year imprisonment on each of ten counts of contempt of congress, to run concurrently and fined him court charges.

This sentence was appealed by SEEGER and bail of \$2,000.00 was granted. On April 26, 1962, Assistant United States Attorney YOUNGER advised that PETER SEEGER's appeal will be argued on April 9, 1962.

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IV. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST
MOVEMENT

Miscellaneous Activities of the Subject

The "Morning Freiheit" of April 6, 1961, page 4, columns one and two, carried an article entitled, "Jail For Peter Seeger--Why?", wherein it is stated that SEEGER was tried and convicted for refusing to answer inquisitorial questions.

For a characterization of the "Morning Freiheit" see the appendix attached hereto.

NY T-1 advised on May 2, 1961, that on April 21, 1961, PETER SEEGER performed at a rally sponsored by the New York Council to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAUAC) and the Youth to Abolish the Un-American Committee, at St. Nicholas Arena, 67 West 66th Street, New York, New York.

For a characterization of the NYCAUAC and the Youth to Abolish the Un-American Committee see the appendix attached hereto.

NY T-2, NY T-3 and NY T-4, on April 26, 1961, and NY T-5 on April 28, 1961, advised that the subject performed at the April 21, 1961 rally.

NY T-6 advised on June 26, 1961, that on June 22, 1961, the subject was the principal entertainer on a boat ride sponsored by the "National Guardian" along the Hudson River in New York.

For a characterization of the "National Guardian" see the appendix attached hereto.

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"The Worker" issue of July 9th 1961, page 9, column 4, carried an article entitled "Pete Seeger's Magic", concerning SEEGER's folk singing and a collection of his songs.

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

NY T-7 advised on August 22, 1961, that on August 17, 1961, at a meeting of the Civil Liberties Committee of Burning Issues, 904 Glenmoor Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, it was announced that this committee's activities would center around PETER SEEGER.

For a characterization of Burning Issues see the Appendix attached hereto.

NY T-7 advised on September 14, 1961, that on September 5, 1961, at the meeting of the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties (CCCL) at 22 West 17th Street, New York City, the text of a leaflet in support of PETER SEEGER was prepared.

For a characterization of the CCCL see the Appendix attached hereto.

NY T-8 advised on September 26, 1961, that on September 16, 1961, the subject attended a picnic sponsored by the "National Guardian" at Ossining, New York.

NY T-9 on September 28, 1961, made available information which announces the appearance of PETER SEEGER at a meeting of Burning Issues, 67 Second Avenue, New York City, on September 29, 1961.

"The Worker" of December 3, 1961, page 12, column one, contained an article wherein it is stated that PETE SEEGER was scheduled to address a rally to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities on December 6, 1961, at Manhattan Centre, 34th Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City.

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NY T-10 advised on December 15, 1961, that on December 6, 1961, PETER SEEGER entertained at a rally sponsored by the NYCAUAC and the Youth to Abolish the Un-American Committee at Manhattan Centre, 34th Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City.

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NY T-1, NY T-11 through NY T-16 advised on various dates in December, 1961, that the subject attended the December 6, 1961, rally.

NY T-10 advised on February 6, 1962, that on February 1, 1962, the subject entertained at a reception sponsored by the NYCAUAC and the Youth to Abolish the Un-American Committee, at 306 West 52nd Street, New York City.

NY T-14 on February 2, 1962, and NY T-17 on February 6, 1962, also advised that the subject entertained at the February 1, 1962, function.

NY T-5 advised on February 5, 1962, that on February 2, 1962, at a meeting of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade (VALB) at Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City, plans were announced for a mass meeting to be sponsored by the VALB and to be held on February 25, 1962, at 306 West 52nd Street, New York City; it was also announced that PETER SEEGER had accepted to be the principal entertainer at this function.

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

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BURNING ISSUES

A source advised on May 11, 1961, that a meeting was held on May 8, 1961, at 106 Avenue B, Apartment 4A, New York 9, New York, under the auspices of the Discussion Group for Those in Their 20s and 30s, as the third or fourth meeting of the group.

A second source advised on June 14, 1961, that a business meeting of the discussion group was held on May 12, 1961, in the name of Burning Issues.

The source advised on December 28, 1961, that MARVIN MARKMAN, New York State Communist Party (CP) Youth Coordinator, stated on December 20, 1961, that Burning Issues was formed without CP permission and had the effect of competing with Advance, a CP initiated Marxist-Leninist youth organization. Therefore, Burning Issues must declare itself as a left-wing organization, cease to compete with Advance, and become affiliated with the Progressive Youth Organizing Committee (PYOC).

A third source advised on February 9, 1961, that the PYOC was established at a national socialist-oriented youth conference held in Chicago, Illinois, December 30, 1960, through January 1, 1961. This conference was the result of a mandate issued by the National Executive Committee, CPUSA, calling a youth conference to establish an organizing committee whose objective would be to set up a national socialist-oriented youth organization. The conference scheduled a convention to be held within a year to found a new national socialist-oriented youth organization.

Burning Issues regularly meets at 67 Second Avenue, New York, New York.

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CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES

A source advised on June 11, 1961, that a meeting of the National Executive Committee (NEC), Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), was held on June 10, 1961, at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York, New York. According to the source, the main topic of discussion at this meeting was the CP's plans in regard to combating the June 5, 1961 decision of the United States Supreme Court, requiring the CP to register with the Attorney General of the United States, as a Communist action organization, pursuant to the provisions of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, and the court's decision of the same date, upholding the April 21, 1955 conviction of JUNIUS SCALES under the Smith Act provision, covering membership in the CP.

This source further advised that during this discussion, a special CP defense committee was formed and it was decided that this committee would have an office, which would be managed by MIRIAM FRIEDLANDER, who, according to the source, is a member of the CPUSA National Committee.

Another source advised on June 14, 1961, that at a meeting of the CPUSA National Board and invited guests held on that date at CP Headquarters, NYC, it was announced that the CP defense committee would have an office at 22 East 17th Street, New York, New York, under the name of the Citizens Committee For Constitutional Liberties (CCFCL).

A third source advised on July 20, 1961, that at a meeting of the CP defense committee held on that date at CP Headquarters, New York City, the purpose and scope of the CCFCL was discussed.

It was stated that this committee has been set up to serve as a national coordinator and service center for every effort being made by whatever source to repeal the McCarran and Smith Acts. In addition, it has been set up to reverse the Supreme Court's decision of June 5, 1961, to secure an

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CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES (Cont'd)

indefinite stay of any enforcement of the law by the Department of Justice. It is to engage in generating a popular defense movement to mobilize legal assistance of any organization or individual whose "democratic rights are infringed upon by these laws." This committee wants to encourage the creation of local organizations or groups to work in support of any one of the above-stated objectives.

The committee will also serve as an exchange center of material and provide speakers for any local organization.

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"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.)"

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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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THE NEW YORK COUNCIL TO
ABOLISH THE UN-AMERICAN
ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

On March 9, 1961, a source advised that the New York Council To Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAUAC), 150 West 34th Street, New York City, New York, was formed at a meeting held in New York City on November 17, 1960. This organization was founded principally through the efforts of FRANK WILKINSON, Field Representative of the National Committee To Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NCAUAC).

A second source advised on September 17, 1952, that FRANK WILKINSON was a Communist Party member as of September, 1952.

The "National Guardian" in January 16, 1961, issue, page 7, column 1, contained an article which states that the NYCAUAC has only one objective: "to help the National Committee as vigorously as possible in its endeavors to mobilize the American people in a campaign to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities."

A third source furnished on March 9, 1961, a prospectus of the NCAUAC prepared principally by FRANK WILKINSON, which in reference to "local abolition committees" stated that these committees may identify and coordinate their efforts as closely as they desire with NCAUAC, still maintaining their autonomy for as flexible and independent program as possible. The prospectus also stated that the NYCAUAC was responsible for coordinating abolition activities on the Atlantic coast.

Various sources have advised in April, 1961, that Communist Party members in the New York City area have been solicited to support activities of the NYCAUAC during attendance at Communist Party club meetings.

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YOUTH TO ABOLISH THE UN-AMERICAN COMMITTEE
also known as Youth Against Un-American
Activities Committee

On February 9, 1960, a source made available a mimeographed letter dated January 26, 1960, signed by "Youth Against House Un-American Activities Committee." This letter explains that several youths who had been active in promoting international exchanges had been subpoenaed to appear before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) on February 3, 4, and 5, 1960. It states that at a meeting held on January 23, 1960, in New York City, a Committee of Youth Against the Un-American Activities Committee was formed to oppose the hearings in a joint effort with "the large segments of the people who already challenge the constitutionality of the committee's existence."

On June 10, 1960, and August 11, 1960, the same source advised that at a meeting of the Manhattan Youth Club, Communist Party, held on June 5, 1960, in New York City, it was stated that the composition of the "Youth Against the HCUA" was half-Communist Party and half non-Party; however, ninety-five per cent of the members were members of Advance.

On June 6, 1960, a second source advised that at a meeting on June 3, 1960, at New York City, it was announced that the name of this organization had been changed to Youth to Abolish the Un-American Committee.

On February 21, 1961, a third source advised that on that date a meeting of the Youth Committee was held in New York City. In attendance at this meeting were representatives from nine colleges in the New York City area. At this meeting a "Co-ordinating Committee" was selected consisting of a representative and/or representatives of each of the colleges. The purpose of this group would be to meet regularly and co-ordinate future activities and the Youth Committee would co-ordinate all east coast college abolition activity.

On July 6, 1961, a fourth source advised that the Youth Committee maintains headquarters at 150 West 34th Street, Room 442, New York City.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
April 2, 1962

*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

Bureau 100-200845
New York 100-83801

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| Title | Peter Seeger |
| Character | Security Matter-C |
| Reference | is made to report of Special Agent Frederick H. Stevens, dated and captioned as above. |

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

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 1/23/62

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801) (P)

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

Remylet 10/9/61.

On 1/17/62, AUSA IRVING YOUNGER telephonically advised SA FREDERICK H. STEVENS that the subject's attorney filed the appendix to his brief on 1/15/62, and that the court granted a one month extension to file the full brief for 2/15/62.

NY will follow court action and advise the Bureau.

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1-New York (100-83801)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memo

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: January 3, 1962

FROM : LEGAT, LONDON (100-2101) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SM - C
OO: New York (100-83801)

RE: New York letterhead memorandum, dated November 29, 1961.

There are enclosed the original and four copies of a memorandum containing information concerning the subject

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

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According to [redacted] subject departed England on November 21, 1961, for an unknown destination but as referenced memorandum indicates that he had returned to New York as of November 24, 1961, this matter is being placed in an RUC status.

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CC TO: [redacted]
REQ. REC'D... 3/20/64
MAR 24 1964
ANS. BY: [redacted]

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AGENCY [redacted]
REQ. REC'D
DATE FORW. 1-12-62
HOW FORW. [redacted]
BY: [redacted]

CC TO: [redacted]
REQ. REC'D [redacted]
JUL 25 1969
ANS. BY: [redacted]

SUBJECT CONTROL

PHOTO
CC TO: [redacted]
REQ. REC'D [redacted]
AUG 27 1963
ANS. BY: [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
January 3, 1962

MRS PETER SEEGER

U.S.
ENCL

T-1, a confidential source abroad, advised on December 11, 1961, that subject accompanied by his wife, TOSHI ALINE SEEGER, born July 1, 1922, at Munich, Germany, and his daughter, VIRGINIA STEWART, age six years, arrived in England at the Port of Liverpool on October 20, 1961.

B APPROX 1955 SEEGER

U.S.

According to T-1, subject was in England for a concert tour under the auspices of Colletts Record Shop, London, whose address he furnished as his business address in England. T-1 states Colletts is not directly run by the Communist Party but all of its Directors are Communists.

T-1 further advised that according to a secret and reliable source subject's appearances in Scotland were strongly supported by local Scottish Communist Party members and the British "Daily Worker" also took an interest in his activities.

T-1 stated other than the above subject himself did not come to security attention while in England and he departed with his family for an unstated destination, presumably the United States, on November 21, 1961.

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recommendations nor conclusions of
the FBI. It is the property of
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 11/29/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801) - P* -

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

ReNYlet and memorandum dated 11/13/61.

Enclosed herewith are six copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting subject's return from foreign travel.

Subject is currently on the Security Index of the NYO.

This case is being placed in a pending inactive status awaiting the results of the subject's appeal of his sentence on 4/4/61, on ten counts of contempt for refusing to answer ten questions before the House Committee on Un-American Activities about his political beliefs and associates. SEEGER's attorney has to file his briefs on 1/15/62.

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REQ. REC'D... *3/24/64*
MAR 24 1964
ANS.
BY: *Bug-Be*

Paul Egan
CC TO: *WST-4*
REQ. REC'D *2-18-69*
JUL 25 1969
ANS.
BY: *KJJ AEE*

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REQ. REC'D *8-15-63*
AUG 27 1963
ANS.
BY: *Flattner*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New York, New York
November 29, 1961

Bureau 100-200845
New York 100-83801

Re: Peter Seeger
Security Matter - C

Reference is made to memorandum dated
November 13, 1961, at New York.

On November 24, 1961, Assistant United States
Attorney Irving Younger, United States District Court,
Southern District of New York, advised Special Agent Donald L.
Harmon that the subject had returned to the United States.
Assistant United States Attorney Younger advised that Seeger
could be reached at his residence at Dutchess Junction,
Beacon, New York.

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AGENCY State, CIA, Conn, London
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BY CGK

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100-200845-44

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 11/13/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
SM - C
(OO: NEW YORK)

Enclosed herewith are seven (7) copies of a letter-head memorandum containing background and subversive information concerning the subject.

Subject is currently on the Security Index of the New York Office.

The Bureau will be advised by form suitable for dissemination upon subject's return to the United States.

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CC TO: ...
REQ. REC'D... *3/20/64*
MAR 24 1964
ANS.
BY: ... *B. A. J. C.*

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CC TO: *OSI-4*
REQ. REC'D *7-18-69*
JUL 25 1969
ANS.
BY: *R. J. J. J. E.*

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AUG 27 1963
ANS. *Hollman etc*
BY: ...

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New York, New York
November 13, 1961

Bureau 100-200845
New York 100-83801

Re: Peter Seeger
Security Matter - C

Reference is made to memorandum dated
October 5, 1961, at Washington, D. C.

Subject resides Post Office Box 238, Dutchess
Junction, Beacon, New York, and is self-employed as a banjo
player and singer of folk songs.

On October 31, 1961, Assistant United States
Attorney Irving Younger, United States District Court,
Southern District of New York, advised Special Agent Donald L.
Harmon that the subject had been granted permission to travel
outside the United States and would be returning on November 21,
1961, at which time he would appear before the United States
Attorney.

Louis F. Budenz, self-admitted Communist Party
functionary and managing editor of the "Daily Worker,"
advised on June 30, 1950, that he had learned that Peter Seeger
was a member of the Communist Party in 1949.

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

8-17 to NY
P-1 corrected

AGENCY CIA, State, Com, London
REQ. REC'D
DATE FORW. 11-20-61
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BY [Signature]
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your agency.

Re: Peter Seeger

On December 13, 1954, John Lautner, a Communist Party member for over twenty years who at the time of his expulsion from the Communist Party in January, 1950, was Chairman of the New York State Review Commission, advised that he knew Peter Seeger as a Communist Party member from 1947 to 1949. During April, 1951, Lautner advised that Peter Seeger, a singer, was always available for Communist Party affairs as an entertainer.

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 on August 18, 1955, which committee held hearings at the Federal Court House, Foley Square, New York City, on Communist activities in the theater, radio, television, and unions of entertainers. According to the article, Seeger refused to discuss the groups he had played before.

The "New York Herald Tribune" of April 5, 1961, page 3, reported that Peter Seeger, who had been indicted in March, 1957, on ten counts of contempt for refusing to answer ten questions before the House Committee on Un-American Activities about his political beliefs and associates, was sentenced on April 4, 1961, by Federal Judge Thomas F. Murphy, United States District Court, Southern District of New York, to a year on each of ten counts, sentenced to run concurrently. Seeger was also ordered to pay court costs estimated at \$500.00. Seeger remained free on \$2,000.00 bail pending appeal.

On October 9, 1961, Assistant United States Attorney Irving Younger, United States District Court, Southern District of New York, advised that due to the serious illness of Seeger's attorney, Paul Ross, he was unable to file his brief for the Fall term scheduled for October, 1961. An extension was asked for and granted for January 15, 1962.

1 - Mr. Gurley

October 19, 1961

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EX 10A

Jack Benz

Mr. Jack A. Benz
Components Sales Corporation
Post Office Box 178
North Miami Beach 62, Florida

Dear Mr. Benz:

I have received your letter dated October 14, 1961, with its enclosure, and the interest which prompted your communicating with me is appreciated.

In the event you receive any further information which you feel is of interest to the FBI, you may desire to furnish this information directly to our Miami Office located at 3915 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami 52, Florida.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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ATTENTION: SAC, MIAMI:

There are enclosed two copies of correspondent's letter. Also enclosed a copy of a special bulletin dated October 9, 1961, issued by "Friends of Pete Seeger,"

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Mr. Jack A. Benz

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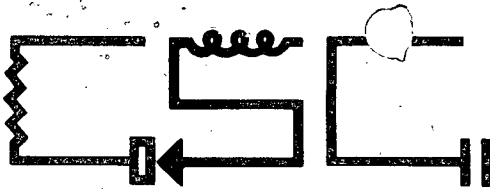
200 West 57th Street, New York, New York." By letter dated 9-23-61 Benz forwarded to the Bureau a brochure prepared by Friends of Pete Seeger setting forth background information on Seeger and the appeal of his conviction for Contempt of Congress. Correspondent also enclosed a copy of a letter dated August 10, 1961, to Congressman Francis Walter, House Committee on Un-American Activities. In the letter to Congressman Walter, correspondent stated he had received a pamphlet from a communist front organization. Benz stated he has been for several years a devoted fan of folk music and on many occasions purchased records on the Vanguard label recorded by Pete Seeger and the group with which he is connected.

Bufiles contain no further identifiable references with Benz.

Pete Seeger is on the Security Index and is a folk music entertainer. He has been reported in the past as a Communist Party member and active participant over the years in communist front activities. On July 25, 1956, he refused to answer questions concerning communist activities and association before the House Committee on Un-American Activities and was indicted for contempt of Congress on March 26, 1957, Southern District of New York. He was found guilty at his trial on March 27, 1961.

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The New York Office has been instructed to furnish a summary of information concerning the Friends of Pete Seeger. Any information of interest concerning this organization received from Benz should be forwarded to the New York Office. (100-435934)



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October 14, 1961

U.S. Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

Attn: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Pete Seeger

Dear Mr. Hoover:

October, 1961

As a follow-up on my recent letter of September 23rd regarding ^{*h-y*} ~~"Friends of Pete Seeger"~~, I am enclosing a thermofax copy of a bulletin that I received today from this organization. You might add it to the file on this particular group and I will continue to forward in the future any other material I receive.

Thanking you for your personal interest and hoping that this material will be of assistance.

With best regards, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Jack Benz
Jack A. Benz

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FOR PETE'S SAKE !

Special Bulletin issued by Friends of Pete Seeger

October 1961

Because of the many inquiries regarding the present status of the PETE SEEGER CASE, we are issuing this special bulletin at this time. However, in preparation is a six page printed BULLETIN, which will report the case more fully and other news of great interest from all over the world in response to the case. This BULLETIN will shortly be off the press and sent to you.

PETE SEEGER APPEAL TO BE HEARD IN MARCH OF 1962

Mr. Paul L. Ross, attorney for Pete Seeger, has advised us that the appeal for Pete will be heard before the United States Court of Appeals in New York City during the month of March 1962. Originally this hearing was scheduled for December of 1961. At present Pete remains out on bail (\$2000) and is free to continue his concert schedule all over the country.

If the ruling of the Appeals Court upholds the conviction, the case will then immediately be submitted for a hearing before the United States Supreme Court. If such is the case, it may take the Supreme Court up to six months from the time the appeal is made to them to review the case.

PETE LEAVES FOR ENGLAND FOR CONCERT TOUR

On October 12th, Pete, his wife Toshi and their youngest daughter left for England for a one-month concert tour of the British Isles. He will return to New York towards the end of November.

TREMENDOUS SUPPORT FOR PETE COMES IN FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD

Hundreds and hundreds of letters and messages have been sent to Pete and to the Friends of Pete Seeger, from all over the world, and from people of all walks of life, in support of Pete's case. With these letters have come thousands of dollars to help pay for the legal costs. This great response has come without the efforts of any organization and has been a magnificent spontaneous response on the part of so many people who feel a great disservice has been done to American democracy by the jail sentence imposed upon Pete. The next BULLETIN will contain excerpts from some letters and a report of activities on behalf of Pete.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845) DATE: 10/9/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
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(OO: NY)

ReNYlet 4/14/61.

On 10/9/61, SAUSA IRVING YOUNGER, USDC, SDNY, advised SA DONALD L. HARMON that due to the serious illness of SEEGER's attorney, PAUL ROSS, he was unable to file his brief for the Fall term scheduled for October, 1961. An extension was asked for and granted for 1/15/62.

This case is being maintained in a pending inactive status in the NYO. The results of the subject's appeal will be followed and reported to the Bureau.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 10/3/61

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-23658)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, aka
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There are forwarded herewith eight copies to the Bureau and two copies to New York of a letterhead memorandum setting forth the results of a review of subject's passport file by SA HOLLIS H. KEITER, JR.

The subject's passport file was made available to SA KEITER by Mr. CARROLL SEELEY, JR., Passport Legal Division, Passport Office, U. S. Department of State, pursuant to arrangements in effect for the review of certain passports (Bufile 62-20602).

Subject's file at Passport Office reflects travel to England in 1959, arriving in London 9/26/59 and returning to New York City on 10/9/59.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

October 5, 1961

PETER SEEGER
SECURITY MATTER - C

The file for Peter Seeger, maintained by the Passport Office, United States Department of State, was reviewed on September 26, 1961, and was found to contain the following information:

On September 26, 1961, the Passport Office renewed Passport Number 1780911 which had been originally issued to Seeger on September 8, 1959, at Washington, D. C. On September 21, 1961, Seeger made an application for this renewal. In this application, Seeger stated he intends to travel to the United Kingdom and The Netherlands for five weeks on business. He stated he plans to depart from Montreal, Quebec, Canada, on about October 13, 1961, aboard the "Corinthia" of the Cunard Line, and will return by air transportation. He also stated he intends to make another trip abroad within two years.

Seeger submitted a certified copy of an affidavit dated August 15, 1961, and a Notice of Motion dated August 16, 1961. The Motion requested an order granting Seeger permission to leave the Southern District of New York and travel outside the United States to and in Canada, the United Kingdom, and Holland. On August 22, 1961, the above Motion was granted by Judge Friendly, United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, on the condition that Seeger appear before the United States Attorney, at a room to be designated by him to Seeger's attorney, not later than November 27, 1961.

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RE: PETER SEEGER

Seeger furnished his mailing address as Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York. He stated he was born May 3, 1919, at New York City.

Seeger set forth the following itinerary for himself:

On August 25, 1961, he would leave for Montreal, Quebec, Canada, for an engagement on August 26, 1961, to perform at the Le Theatre Club, 1858 St. Luke Street, Montreal. During the period of August 28, 1961, to September 3, 1961, he is scheduled to attend the International Folk Music Conference at Laval University, Quebec City, Quebec. He will then return to the Southern District of New York no later than September 5, 1961.

On October 13, 1961, he is scheduled to leave for London, England, via Montreal, Canada, aboard the Cunard Line "Corinthia", for a series of performances and recordings for the British Broadcasting Corporation Radio Department and Radio Luxemburg in London during the period from October 20, 1961, through October 31, 1961. He is scheduled to leave London after these performances and arrive in Edinburgh, Scotland, on November 3, 1961, and in Glasgow, Scotland, on November 4, 1961, to perform. The engagement in Glasgow will be at the St. Andrews Hall, but the location of the Edinburgh performance is not known.

Seeger is scheduled to arrive in Liverpool, England, on November 10, 1961, to perform at the Court Street Auditorium. On November 12, 1961, he is scheduled to perform at Cambridge University under the auspices of Christopher Rowley, President of St. Lawrence Society, Clare College, Cambridge University. In addition, arrangements have been made for Seeger to perform in Holland during the period from November 12, 1961, to November 18, 1961. On November 18, 1961, he is scheduled to perform in London at the Royal Festival Hall.

RE: PETER SEEGER

Seeger stated that he has scheduled a return flight leaving London on November 21, 1961, via Pan American World Airways flight number 101, arriving the same day at Idlewild Airport, New York City.

Seeger's passport, renewed on September 26, 1961, is to be valid to and including November 25, 1961.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

1 - Mr. Gurley

September 27, 1961

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EX-10A

~~Mr. Jack A. Benz~~
~~Components Sales Corporation~~
~~Post Office Box 178~~
~~North Miami Beach 62, Florida~~

Dear Mr. ~~Benz~~:

Jack

I have received your letter dated September 23, 1961, with its enclosures.

Your interest and courtesies in furnishing this information to me are appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
John Edgar Hoover
Director
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NOTE ON YELLOW:

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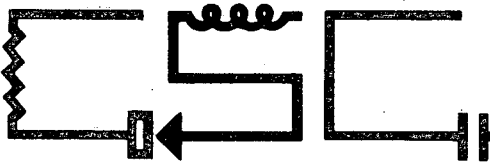
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Bureau has received identical brochure prepared by "Friends of Pete Seeger" and on August 29, 1961, New York Office was instructed to furnish summary of information concerning this organization and recommendation whether investigation was warranted. (100-435934)



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September 23, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Attn: Subversive Activities Dept.

Gentlemen:

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Enclosed you will find both a pamphlet which I received additional copies of the other day and a letter which I sent to the House Committee on Unamerican Activities regarding this pamphlet. I believe the letter will be self-explanatory and I am sure that the pamphlet will be also.

I do hope that you will look into this matter and try to squelch this thing before it gets started. Although I think that Pete Seeger is one of the greatest talents today in the folk music field, his conviction must be upheld at all costs.

Hopeing that this information will be of assistance to you, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Jack Benz
Jack A. Benz

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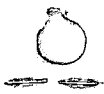
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August 10, 1961

Congressman Francis Walters, Chairman
House Committee of Un-American Activities
Washington, D.C.

Dear Chairman Walters:

In this mornings mail I received the enclosed pamphlet from what I presume is a Communist front organization. I am sure that the material contained in it will be self explanatory.

I was rather surprised to find myself on a Communist front mailing list, but after some consideration of the facts, I began to realize how my name was obtained and why I had received this pamphlet.

The fact of the matter is I have been for several years a devoted fan of folk music and on many occasions have purchased records on the Vanguard label recorded both by Pete Seeger and the group with which he was formally connected, "The Weavers". I remember on one occasion when I purchased a record by the Weavers on the Vanguard label, I filled out one of their customer reply cards. This card I in turn mailed back to Vanguard Records and from time to time I received various mailings from them covering their new releases of folk music.

I presume that someone in the Vanguard organization has access to this mailing list and has made it available to the Communist front organization that sent out this pamphlet.

I am enclosing along with this pamphlet, the envelope in which it came, along with the mailing sticker used on the front of that envelope. It might be worth your while to check Vanguard Records mailing department and find out whether or not the same mailing sticker used at Vanguard is the one on which I received the enclosed pamphlet.

Although I have always been a devoted fan of folk music and feel that Pete Seeger is one of the most talented artists in the field, I sincerely hope that his conviction will be upheld and that the Court of Appeals will not hear his case. Prominent Communists such as Pete

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Chairman Walters

Seeger should be removed from the public scene and locked up permanently. I hope that you will do everything within your power to see that this conviction is upheld and the sentence carried out.

Yours sincerely,

Components Sales Corp.

Jack A. Hens

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P.S. I have sent a short note to the address listed on the pamphlet and asked them for an additional ten copies. If anyone on your committee can use an additional quantity of this pamphlet, please drop me a note and I will forward any reasonable quantity. Again, I hope that you will follow up this matter immediately and try to put a stop to it as soon as possible.

By the way, for what it is worth Paul Robeson also records on the Vanguard label and this may have some bearing on the matter.

**STATEMENT IN COURT BY PETE SEEGER
BEFORE JUDGE THOMAS F. MURPHY,
FEDERAL COURT, NEW YORK**

April 4, 1961

Pete Seeger:

THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR. After hearing myself talked about, pro and con, for three days, I am grateful for the chance to say a few unrestricted words.

First, I should like to thank my lawyer for his masterly presentation of my defense. He has worked over many long weeks and months, knowing that it is beyond my power to pay him adequately for his work. I believe that he, and great legal minds like Justice Hugo Black and Dr. Alexander Meiklejohn, have explained far better than I can why they believe the First Amendment gives an American citizen the right to refuse to speak upon occasion.

Secondly, I should like to state before this court, much as I did before Congressman Walter's committee, my conviction that I have never in my life said, or supported, or sung anything in any way subversive of my country. Congressman Walter stated that he was investigating a conspiracy. I stated under oath that I had never done anything conspiratorial. If he doubted my word, why didn't he even question it? Why didn't he have me indicted for perjury? Because, I believe, even he knew that I was speaking the truth.

Some of my ancestors were religious dissenters who came to America over 300 years ago. Others were abolitionists in New England of the 1840's and 50's. I believe that in choosing my present course I do no dishonor to them, or to those who may come after me.

I am 42 years old, and count myself a very lucky man. I have a wife and three healthy children, and we live in a house we built with our own hands, on the banks of the beautiful Hudson River. For twenty years I have been singing folksongs of America and other lands to people everywhere. I am proud that I never refused to sing to any group of people because I might disagree with some of the ideas of some of the people listening to me. I have sung for rich and poor, for Americans of every possible political and religious opinion and persuasion, of every race, color, and creed.

The House committee wished to pillory me because it didn't like some few of the many thousands of places I have sung for. Now it so happens that the specific song whose title was mentioned in this trial, "Wasn't That A Time" is one of my favorites. The song is apropos to this case. I wonder if I might have your permission to sing it here before I close?

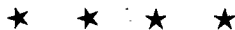
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I believe that a good song can only do good, and I am proud of the songs I have sung. I hope to be able to continue singing these songs for all who want to listen, Republicans, Democrats, and Independents. Do I have the right to sing these songs? Do I have the right to sing them anywhere?

What You Can Do

1. Write to President John F. Kennedy, your congressman, your local newspapers, to register your views.
2. Plan affairs in your city, college or high school, camps, or organizations, to give support to Pete Seeger.
3. Send contributions to help in the legal costs of the case and printed material. Such contributions should be made payable to Harold Leventhal and sent to Rm. 602, 200 West 57th Street, New York 19, N. Y.
4. Additional copies of this brochure and other material on the case will be mailed to you in any quantities desired. Just drop us a letter for such material to be passed around to your friends, and all interested people.

**FOR PETE'S SAKE and for the sake
of America — let's Keep Pete Seeger
out of jail!**



This brochure is prepared by Friends of Pete Seeger in New York. We urge you to initiate activities in support of Pete in your community and to keep us advised of such activities. All correspondence and inquiries should be sent to Harold Leventhal, Rm. 602, 200 West 57th St., New York 19, N. Y.

**Should
Pete Seeger
go
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“I would put Pete Seeger in the first rank of American folk singers. I think he ought to be a free man, roving the American landscape, singing for the audiences who love him — Republican, Democrat, and Independent.”

Carl Sandburg

“... THE NOTION THAT THE REPUBLIC IS A SAFER PLACE BECAUSE THE JUSTICE DEPT. HAS CAUGHT UP WITH HIM IS THE KIND OF FANTASY TO WHICH WE HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TOO LONG. NO ONE HAS REMOTELY SUGGESTED THAT SEEGER IS A SPY OR A SABOTEUR, OR THAT HE POSSESSES ANY KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH DREARY AREAS. THE COMBINED POWER OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE AND THE JUSTICE DEPT. THAT SHOULD BE RALLIED TO IMPRISON HIM IS A BITTER BURLESQUE. SOME JAIL WILL BECOME A MORE JOYOUS PLACE IF HE LANDS THERE, AND THINGS WILL BE BLEAKER OUTSIDE.”

*From an editorial NEW YORK POST
March 31, 1961*

On top of old Smokey
All covered with snow,
I lost my true lover
From a-courting too slow.

REMEMBER THAT SONG? It was at the top of the hit parade ten years ago. In 1951 the country "sang along" with the tall, skinny guy with the long, skinny banjo who sang this song, as millions of Americans heard it on the nation's airwaves and from the juke boxes in all corners of the country.

The singer's name is Pete Seeger—and since then millions of Americans have continued to hear him sing the wonderful songs of our folk music heritage on records, on the radio and television, and in countless concert appearances in almost every state of the Union. The resurgence and great interest in folk music today is due to a large extent to the dynamic personality and talent of Pete Seeger.

Today, Pete Seeger is a man who stands convicted of a "crime" against the United States of America. This brochure has been written to tell you about Pete Seeger and his "crime."

Background of the Case

In the summer of 1955, during the height of the McCarthy hysteria, the House Un-American Activities Committee held hearings in New York City to conduct "investigations of subversive activities in the entertainment industry." For these hearings, the Committee subpoenaed a number of actors, singers, radio and television personalities, and others in the field of entertainment. Among those subpoenaed was Pete Seeger, who appeared before the Committee on August 15th, 1955.

In the course of the inquiry, the Committee asked Seeger questions about the songs he sang and where he sang them, plus questions about his personal political beliefs and associations. Believing, as do many other Americans, that no person or group, private or public, has the right to ask any citizen such questions, Seeger refused to answer these particular questions. "I feel that I have never done anything of a conspiratorial nature," said Seeger to the Committee, "and I resent being called before the Committee just because my opinions differed."

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In all other words, questions of this nature which Pete Seeger refused to answer. He did not invoke the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution, but rather felt his refusal to answer these

questions was protected under his basic right of free speech and free association. He was warned that his refusal to respond would be construed as being in "contempt of Congress", but Seeger persisted in his stand as a matter of principle. He was dismissed from the hearing.

In April of 1956, upon recommendation of the House Un-American Activities Committee, the House of Representatives by vote, cited Pete Seeger for "contempt of Congress". Shortly thereafter the Justice Department prepared a ten-count indictment, one count for each question which Seeger refused to answer. In New York, just before he was to set out on a national concert tour, Pete Seeger was arraigned and brought before a Federal Judge in New York City where the indictment was read to him and to which he pleaded not guilty. Pending trial, Seeger was released in \$1,000 bail. Mr. Paul L. Ross was engaged as Seeger's counsel.

The Trial

The trial itself was not held until almost five years later. After countless delays and postponements the trial opened at the Federal Court House in New York City on March 27th, 1961 with Judge Thomas F. Murphy on the bench. A jury was selected. The Federal Assistant District Attorney presented the government's case against Seeger with a "criminal charge" based upon the ten counts of the indictment. The trial took three days during which time arguments were set forth by both sides. Mr. Paul Ross told the jury that Seeger's contention was that it was improper and immoral for any government body to ask the questions put to him. "It is our contention," said Ross, "that in no instance in this committee's investigation was the matter of national security, espionage, sabotage, or the advocating of the violent overthrow of the Government involved." At the conclusion of the trial the jury found Seeger guilty on all ten counts of the indictment.

Seeger Sentenced

On April 4th, Seeger appeared in court to hear Judge Murphy sentence him to one year in jail on each of the ten counts and fined him court fees. The

Judge ruled that the jail terms would be served concurrently. In an unusual action, the Judge refused to continue Seeger on bail and remanded him to begin serving his sentence. Paul Ross immediately applied to the United States Court of Appeals, which ruled that Pete Seeger could be released on \$2000 bail pending further appeal. Upon posting of the bond, Seeger was freed.

Seeger's appeal is scheduled to be heard sometime in the fall of 1961. In the event the Court of Appeals does not reverse the conviction, Pete Seeger and his legal counsel are prepared to take their case up to the Supreme Court.

At the moment Pete Seeger is a free man. In the next few months, as he has done for twenty years, he will bring his banjo before audiences throughout America, singing the traditional songs of our past and the hopeful songs of our future.

But sometime in the next year or so, a Federal Marshal may put a pair of handcuffs on those gifted hands whose racing fingers have brought delight to so many millions.

Pete Seeger may be placed in a cell in some Federal Prison, his songs locked up with him.

If this happens, we Americans will lose a great deal. We will lose Pete Seeger's music for a year—music which is inspiring and beautiful. But we will lose more than that. For if Pete Seeger can go to jail then we in America will have permitted this shame and our democratic heritage will be violated.

To help keep Pete Seeger out of jail, many friends of Pete Seeger in all parts of the country want to do whatever they can that this travesty on justice and freedom should not happen. By publicizing the facts in this case, we hope to convince others of the injustice which has taken place. We encourage you to do whatever we can.

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California Labor School 1956 Fall program reflected PETER SEEGER was to give a concert on 10/6/56 in San Francisco. This concert was reportedly held 10/6/56 in San Francisco. A PETER SEEGER concert under auspices of the NCCPFB was reported as held 11/14/57 at Berkeley, California. The 4/8/61 issue of the PW reflected PETE SEEGER received a maximum one year prison sentence for contempt of the HCUA. A folk music concert for benefit of PETE SEEGER was reported held 5/5/61 at Sacramento, California. PETE SEEGER First Amendment, sponsored by SFCCPAF was reported as held 5/12/61 in San Francisco, California.

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On October 31, 1955, SF T-1 furnished an announcement of a program entitled "Folk Music Today" to be presented by California Labor School (CLS) on October 28, 1955, at 37 Elgin Street, San Francisco. One of the principal attractions in this program was listed as PETE SEEGER.

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The CLS, Inc., 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, California, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The September 26, 1956 issue of "People's World" (PW), a west coast Communist newspaper, reflected the following article:

"PETE SEEGER, GREAT FOLK SINGER, concert, Scottish Rite Aud., S.F., 8:30 p.m., Sat., Oct. 6. Tickets \$1.25, \$1.75. UN 3-3023 or Sherman-Clay."

The September 24, 1956 issue of the "National Guardian" (NG), a characterization of which is contained in the appendix, reflects the following article:

"PETE SEEGER"

"Folksinger and king of the 5-string banjo, 8:30 p.m., Sat., Oct. 6, Scottish Rite Auditorium: only local concert on this tour. Tickets UN 3-3023."

On September 20, 1956 SF T-2 furnished a CLS leaflet which reflected among other things that..."PETE SEEGER is coming to Scottish Rite Auditorium Saturday, October 6 at 8:30 p.m. Let us know soon how many tickets you wish for your family and friends. Order early as we expect a major turn out for this cultural event of the year..."

On September 18, 1956 SF T-3 furnished a CLS 1956 fall program which reflected, among other things, that PETE SEEGER was to give a concert on October 6, 1956 at the Scottish Rite Auditorium.

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On October 15, 1956 SF T-4 advised that PETE SEEGER concert was held October 6, 1956 at Scottish Rite Auditorium in San Francisco. Admission was \$1.25 for general seats, \$1.75 for reserve seats and approximately 600 individuals attended.

On May 31, 1957 SF T-5 furnished a leaflet entitled "Once They Did It to Speak-Easies. Now They Do It to Schools." This leaflet included a "Time Table of Critical Events in the Life of the California Labor School," which gave a thumbnail history of the CLS and a list of individuals who have appeared at the school. The name PETER SEEGER is included in this list.

The November 10, 1957 issue of the San Francisco Chronicle, a San Francisco daily newspaper, reflected the following article:

"FOLK SONG RECITAL--PETE SEEGER in 'Folk Songs of Many Lands,' 2450 Sutter Street, 8:30 p.m."

On September 5, 1957 SF T-6 advised that at a meeting of the Northern California Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (NCCPFB) on September 4, 1957 at 33 Sanchez Street, San Francisco, a letter from the office of PETE SEEGER was read. This letter enclosed a contract according to which SEEGER agreed to sing for the NCCPFB on November 14, 1957 for \$200. It was voted at the meeting to accept this offer. (X)

Characterizations of the NCCPFB is contained in the appendix.

On October 3, 1957 SF T-7 furnished the September-October 1957 issue of "The Light," official publication of the NCCPFB. This publication reflected that the Fifth anniversary of the Festival of Nationalities would be celebrated on November 14, 1957 at Finnish Hall, 1819 10th Street, Berkeley, California and that PETE SEEGER would participate.

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On October 3, 1957 SF T-8 also furnished a copy of the above mentioned issue of "The Light."

On November 21, 1957 SF T-6 advised that a PETE SEEGER concert under the auspices of the NCCPFB was held November 14, 1957 at Finnish Hall, 1819 10th Street, Berkeley, California and that approximately 400 individuals attended. PETE SEEGER sang American, Finnish, Jewish, Mexican and German folk songs. SEEGER also wondered why only poor people were deported and not bankers or big businessmen. [Over \$1,000 was raised for the NCCPFB.] (X)

The November 4, 1957 issue of "San Francisco Examiner" a San Francisco daily newspaper, reflected the following article:

"Folk Singer To Give Program"

"A special children's program of folk singing will be given by PETE SEEGER Nov. 16 at 2:30 p.m. in the Marina Junior High School Auditorium.

"SEEGER, one of the country's foremost folk singers, uses a five string banjo in accompanying himself. The children's program will be made up of nonsense songs, participation games and animal songs."

The October 30, 1957 issue of the "Berkeley Daily Gazette," a Berkeley, California daily newspaper, reflected that PETE SEEGER would perform in a folk music concert on November 17, 1957 at the Little Theatre, Grove Street and Allston Way, Berkeley, California.

The April 26, 1959 issue of the San Francisco Chronicle contained an article reflecting that PETE SEEGER, who was described as "America's greatest folk singer," would appear on May 9, 1959 at the Berkeley Community Theatre, Grove Street and Allston Way, Berkeley.

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The May 10, 1959 issue of the San Francisco Chronicle reflected the following article:

"TODAY"

"PETE SEEGER, folk singer, in a special free concert for children. Parents not admitted. Live Oak Park Recreation Center, Berkeley, at 2 p.m. He will also appear at 8:30 p.m. at Palo Alto Senior High School, Palo Alto."

The June 7, 1959 issue of the San Francisco Chronicle reflected that PETER SEEGER was one of six singers who would give four concerts on June 25, 26, 27 and 28 at Hertz Hall, University of California.

The April 8, 1961 issue of the PW reflects the following article:

"SEEGER GETS MAXIMUM
ONE-YEAR PRISON TERM"

"NEW YORK - PETE SEEGER, a folk singer who is particular about the audiences before which he sings, received a maximum one year prison sentence for contempt of the House Un-American Committee.

"SEEGER had been convicted on March 29 for refusing to answer questions about his political beliefs before the committee in 1955. He stood on the First Amendment.

"U.S. Judge THOMAS F. MURPHY tried to get the singer to sing one last time before pronouncing sentence last Tuesday.

"'Would you tell me now if you are now or have been a member of the Communist party?' the judge asked.

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"I decline to answer," SEEGER replied.

"To the maximum sentence Judge MURPHY added a vindictive refusal to grant bail pending appeal, ordering SEEGER to prison. However, SEEGER's attorney, PAUL ROSS, quickly went before the U.S. Court of Appeals, which set bail at \$2,000.

"The 42 year old SEEGER is married and has three children. He came to court with his banjo in a canvas-covered case.

"Before sentencing, Asst. U. S. Atty. IRVING YOUNGER told Judge MURPHY that SEEGER had performed before 24 organizations deemed 'subversive' by the Attorney General."

On May 8, 1961 SF T-9 advised that a folk music concert was held in the auditorium of the Tuesday Club, 2722 L Street, Sacramento, California, on May 5, 1961, for the benefit of PETE SEEGER. SF T-9 stated that approximately 250 individuals attended and that of this number 200 appeared to be college students. During intermission a request was made for funds to aid PETE SEEGER.

The May 1, 1961 issue of the San Francisco Chronicle reflected the following item in the column of columnist HERB CAEN:

"...Folk Singer PETE SEEGER will sing the blues at Longshore Aud. May 12th--and blues is what he's got plenty of; he's free on appeal after being clobbered for a year's jail sentence for refusing to sing before the HUAC."

SF T-5 on May 1, 1961 and SF T-10 on May 9, 1961, furnished a leaflet quoted in part as follows:

"THE FIRST AMENDMENT FOR ALL AND
ALL FOR PETE.

"It is with great pride that we invite you to hear PETE SEEGER sing for defense of the

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First Amendment. Hear speakers Carlton Goodlet, Norman Leonard, and Harry Bridges call for abolition of the HCUA..."

The leaflet also contained a list of honored guests which list included the names BARBARA DANE, BERNARD DREYFUS, BERTRAM EDISES, CHARLES GARRY, MALVINA REYNOLDS, PEGGY and ALLEN OHTA. The leaflet also reflected the concert would be held on May 12, 1961, at the Longshoremen's Auditorium, 301 Beach Street, San Francisco and that it would be sponsored by the San Francisco Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms (SFCCPAF), 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco.

A characterization of the SFCCPAF is contained in the appendix.

~~SF T-11~~ advised on October 20, 1948 that CARLTON GOODLETT was dropped as a member of the Dewey Davis Club, San Francisco County Communist Party (CP) for having failed to attend meetings for a period of six months. (X) *CALIF.*

SF T-12, a self admitted member of the CP from 1935 to 1950, advised on March 4, 1955 that NORMAN LEONARD was a member of the Lawyers Group, SFCCP during the period 1935 to 1950.

Records of United States District Court, San Francisco, reflect that on May 25, 1949, HARRY BRIDGES was indicted for criminal acts of perjury and conspiracy to conceal CP membership, thereby fraudulently obtaining United States citizenship. On April 4, 1950, BRIDGES was convicted of these charges. On appeal the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld this conviction. However, based on the statute of limitations having run, the United States Supreme Court reversed the decision on June 15, 1953.

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~~SF T-13~~ advised on July 20, 1950, that BARBARA DANE had been expelled from the Bayside Branch, CP SFCCP. (A) *CALIF.*

~~BEVERLY PATTEN~~, self admitted member of the CP from 1936 to 1949 advised on March 7, 1953 that BERNARD DREYFUS had been a member of the New Era Club, SFCCP during the mid 1940's. *24 Feb 73* ✓ *CALIF.*

SF T-12 advised on March 4, 1955 that CHARLES GARRY and BERTRAM EDISES, both of the Lawyers Group of the SFCCP in the 1940's and remained members until 1950.

SF T-14 advised on February 13, 1950 that MALVINA REYNOLDS was a member of the CP at Long Beach, California.

~~SF T-15~~ advised on March 5, 1947, that PEGGY OHTA was a member of the CP as of that date. *CALIF.*

~~SF T-16~~ advised on August 7, 1951, that ALLEN OHTA was dropping out of Labor Youth League (LYL) activity in order that he might take over as chairman of his unit in the CP. (A) *CALIF.*

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

On May 15, 1961, SF T-17 advised that a meeting of the SFCCPAF was held May 12, 1961, at 301 Beach Street, San Francisco. SF T-17 advised that approximately 1500 people were present. CARLTON GOODLETT, Chairman of the meeting, introduced a number of people on the staff and in the audience who were present as honored guests. NORMAN LEONARD spoke on behalf of the CCPAF and stated that the Supreme Court was wrong in upholding the convictions for contempt of those persons who had refused to answer questions before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA), basing their refusal on the First Amendment.

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~~ROBERT WEISENBACH~~ ^{CALIF.} stated that he hoped those people who had supported him in connection with his trial for the alleged striking on his part of a police officer during the riot which ensued on May 13, 1960, at the HCUA hearings being held in San Francisco on that date, would now support PETE SEEGER and other people like him. PETE SEEGER sang a few songs and was followed on the program by HARRY BRIDGES who castigated the HCUA as being a "terrible bunch of people for persecuting innocent people."

BRIDGES stated that everyone should write and urge their Congressmen to work towards the abolishment of the HCUA. BRIDGES stated that PETE SEEGER may have to go to jail but that he would be back playing his banjo upon his release. BRIDGES stated that more could be done through singing to get the word out to the people than by any other means.

CARLTON GOODLETT gave a collection speech stating that the WEISENBACH trial had cost a great deal of money and the CCPAF needed funds to pay legal costs for people who were currently defending themselves on contempt citations.

PETE SEEGER and MALVINA REYNOLDS completed this program by singing paradises of songs dealing with the washing of the students down the San Francisco City Hall stairs.

SF T-2 advised on May 15, 1961 that the PETE SEEGER First Amendment concert sponsored by the SFCCPAF was held May 12, 1961 at the Longshoremen's Auditorium, 301 Beach Street, San Francisco. CARLTON GOODLETT was chairman and he and HARRY BRIDGES spoke on the HCUA. NORMAN LEONARD spoke on the First Amendment. PETE SEEGER and others took part in the entertainment.

SF T-18 advised on May 17, 1961 that the PETE SEEGER First Amendment concert, sponsored by the SFCCPAF^{wa} was held on May 12, 1961, at 301 Beach Street, San Francisco. NORMAN LEONARD and HARRY BRIDGES were among the speakers. Copies of the PW were sold outside the door.

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The May 20, 1961 issue of the PW reflects an article quoted as follows:

"2,500 HEAR, CHEER SEEGER"

"SAN FRANCISCO-- Exactly one year to the day after San Francisco police hosed demonstrators against the House Un-American Committee down the City Hall stairs opponents of the Committee demonstrated their aversion to its methods in another way here.

"A cheering, singing crowd of more than 2,500 persons jammed Longshoremen's Hall last Friday night (May 12) to hear a victim of the Committee sing, to sing with him, to pay him tribute and to give him encouragement and assistance in his fight against those who would silence his voice and his banjo.

"MANY YOUNG

"Pete Seeger, one of the nation's most popular folk singers, came to town to sing in his own defense. Seeger has been convicted of contempt of Congress for standing on the First Amendment in his refusal to testify before the Un-American Committee. His case is now on appeal.

"The rally, sponsored by the San Francisco Committee to Preserve American Freedoms, drew the support of many notables and a whooping, cheering crowd that included many young people.

"The highlight of the concert was the singing of songs about which Seeger had been questioned on the occasion of his appearance before the Committee. Then came the song, the rendition of which the audience had not heard. It was

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the song he had offered to sing to the judge at the time of his conviction, but the judge didn't want to hear it. 'Wasn't That A Time,' is a song that tells a story of great battles for freedom in the history of the United States. And along with the narrative Seeger recited parts played in those battles by his ancestors and himself, including his duty in the service of his country during World War II.

"TIGAR SPEAKS

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"Michael ~~Tigar~~, University of California student, told the rally there were many other ways to defend civil liberties than to understand, and cite, the legal arguments. 'It is speaking out when others attempt to silence you that is standing up for civil liberties.'

"Then Tigar presented to the audience Robert Meisenbach, student recently acquitted on charges of assaulting a policeman during the events of a year ago. After prolonged applause, Meisenbach spoke briefly.

"Main speaker was Harry Bridges, president of the Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, who said, 'We are in for some serious trouble if we let our guard down before this committee.'

"From the Federal penitentiary in Atlanta, Ga., came a message from another man who has stood up to the Committee and refused to answer its questions -- Frank Wilkinson. The chairman, Dr. Carlton Goodlett, read Wilkinson's words. 'I believe that for each of us who speaks out and are jailed others, students and non-students, will raise their voices in defense of the Bill of Rights.'"

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"Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a 'progressive' weekly...Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party (CP), 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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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMITTEE
FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN

The "Daily People's World", now known as the "People's World," a West Coast Communist newspaper, of November 2, 1950, page 10, columns 1 and 2, contained an article entitled, "Northern California Committee for Foreign Born Planned." This article stated that plans for the organization of a Northern California Committee for Protection of Foreign Born would be made at a meeting on November 6, 1950, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California.

A source advised on May 11, 1961, that the Northern California Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, although an independent organization, carries out a program of activity in Northern California which coincides with the aims of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACPFB).

The source further advised that the Northern California Committee for Protection of Foreign Born continues to be active in defending the foreign born in deportation proceedings and in securing support for the repeal of the Walter-Mc Carran Law.

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SAN FRANCISCO CITIZENS COMMITTEE
TO PRESERVE AMERICAN FREEDOMS

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A source advised on April 7, 1960, that a San Francisco affiliate of the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms (CCPAF) had been established at a meeting held in San Francisco on April 4, 1960. The source advised that the San Francisco affiliate, to be known as the San Francisco CCPAF, would carry out in Northern California, the program of the CCPAF.

Source advised on May 15, 1961, that the San Francisco CCPAF is active.

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CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE AMERICAN FREEDOMS

A source advised on May 4, 1960, that the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms was organized in Los Angeles, California, in January, 1952, for the announced purpose of supporting a number of individuals from the medical and legal professions who had been subpoenaed to appear before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Since its establishment, the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms, in extending its scope, has worked for the abolition of all Congressional, State, and local committees investigating subversive activities and in the latter part of 1954 became very active in opposition to State and Federal legislation directed at the Communist movement.

FRANK WILKINSON, Executive Secretary of the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms, is described by the source as the "brains and energy" behind the organization.

Another source advised on September 17, 1952, that FRANK WILKINSON was a Communist Party member as of September, 1952.

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FRIENDS OF PETE SEEGER
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The Bureau is in receipt of a brochure prepared by captioned organization and setting forth background information concerning Seeger and his appeal of his conviction for contempt of Congress. The brochure states that all correspondence and inquiries should be sent to Harold Leventhal, Room 602, 200 West 57th Street, New York 19, New York.

Bureau indices contain no prior references to captioned organization. It is noted that Seeger is subject of your file 100-83801, Bufile 100-200845. Leventhal is apparently identical with the subject of your file 100-103040, Bufile 100-388654.

You are instructed to furnish the Bureau with a summary of the information in the files of your office concerning this organization; a summary of the contacts of confidential informants and sources of your office concerning it; and your recommendation whether investigation of this organization is warranted pursuant to Section 87E of the Manual of Instructions.

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Enclosed herewith are 5 copies of a letterhead memorandum for the Bureau containing information furnished by [redacted] a highly confidential and sensitive source who has furnished reliable information in the past. The source furnished this information on 4/27/61.

This letterhead memorandum is classified Confidential in view of the sensitive nature of the source, whose identity if known, would tend to compromise the future effectiveness and use of the source.

Information furnished by source pertains to a news article entitled "Springtime and Under Arrest", submitted by BORIS GEORGIEVICH STRELNIKOV, Soviet Pravda correspondent, NYC, to the Pravda offices, Moscow, USSR. The article deals with PETER SEEGER, folk singer, who was sentenced to a year's imprisonment for contempt of Congress.

Information from this source, if used in a report, must be most carefully paraphrased in order to protect the source. Under no circumstances should any unauthorized persons become aware we have knowledge of the above information.

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Re: Boris Georgievich Strelnikov

A highly confidential and sensitive source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on April 27, 1961, that Boris Georgievich Strelnikov, Soviet Pravda correspondent, New York City, had submitted a news article entitled, "Springtime and Under Arrest", to the Pravda offices, Moscow, USSR.

Pravda is a daily newspaper published in Moscow and is the organ of the Central Moscow Committee of the Communist Party in the Soviet Union.

Source advised the article read as follows:

"In the early part of April, a New York court sent a well-known American folk singer, Peter Seeger, to prison simply because he refused to answer the questions of a 'McCarthy-style' committee of 'Witch Hunters'. Seeger came to court with his banjo and told the court that, 'I'm not guilty of anything, either in the eyes of my country or my people'. Seeger told the court that he merely sings songs of love, peace and strife. Seeger offered to sing for the court but they refused to hear him. Seeger was put in jail. Nevertheless other voices are able to sing of peace - the people who participated in the peace march. These people were mostly youngsters who were eager to know about Yuri Gagarin, Soviet spaceman, Socialism and life in the USSR."

The April 5, 1961 edition of the "New York Mirror", page 8, contained an article which stated "Folk Singer Pete Seeger, 42, was sentenced yesterday to a year's imprisonment for contempt of Congress. A jury convicted him on March 29th in Federal Court on 10 counts for refusing to answer questions before the House Un-American Activities Committee about his possible Communist affiliations."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 4/14/61

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
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ReNYteletype dated 4/4/61.

Assistant United States Attorney, IRVING YOUNGER, USDC, SDNY, advised on 4/4/61, that US Federal Judge THOMAS MURPHY sentenced SEEGER to one year on each of ten counts to run concurrently and fined him court charges. This sentence was appealed by SEEGER and the Court of Appeals granted bail of \$2,000. SEEGER was ordered to file brief on or before August 1, 1961. The case was set for argument during the first week of the Fall Term scheduled for October, 1961.

This case is being placed in a pending inactive status in the NYO and the results of subject's appeal will be followed and reported to the Bureau.

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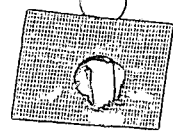
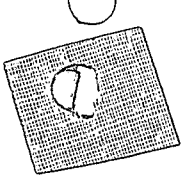
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TO DIRECTOR 12 100-200845

FROM SAC, NEW YORK 100-83801

PETER SEEGER., SECURITY MATTER ~~DASH~~ C. AUSA IRVING YOUNGER, ^{ASST U.S. ATTORNEY} USDC,
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-341652)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-78633)

SUBJECT: ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN
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According to [redacted] a source that has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity must be concealed, FRANK WILKINSON and NEEDLEMAN discussed the serving of subpoenas on IRVING KAPLAN, HARRY MAGDOFF and ANNETTE RUBINSTEIN, all officials of the Fund for Social Analysis, calling for their appearance in Washington on April 26th (apparently before the House Committee on Un-American Activities). WILKINSON remarked

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 - (1 - 100-117432, ANNETTE RUBINSTEIN)
 - (1 - 100-427468, FUND FOR SOCIAL ANALYSIS)
 - (1 - 100-388425, CARL BRADEN)
 - (1 - 100-112434, FRANK WILKINSON)
 - (1 - 100-433447, N.C.A.U.A.C.)
 - (1 - 100-200845, PETE SEEGER)
 - (1 - 100-19720, SYLVIA CRANE)
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that there was a new committee set up in Washington to hold meetings in protest against such hearings, and he and NEEDLEMAN agreed that it might be a good idea to have this group schedule a protest meeting in connection with this particular hearing. WILKINSON stated that this committee had held a meeting on April 8th in behalf of himself and CARL BRADEN. WILKINSON advised that he and BRADEN would be speaking in New Jersey on April 13th and on April 14th they would be in Princeton, New Jersey. WILKINSON added that he, BRADEN and PETE SEEGER would be speaking on April 25th, although the location was not mentioned. WILKINSON mentioned that during his stay in New York he could be reached either through the New York Council to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee or through SYLVIA CRANE. ~~(S)~~

Foregoing for information.

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87TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 234

RESOLUTION

Relating to a subpoena duces tecum addressed to
Ralph R. Roberts, Clerk of the House of
Representatives, in the case of the United
States of America against Peter Seeger.

By Mr. McCORMACK

MARCH 27, 1961
Considered and agreed to

87TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 234

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 27, 1961

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

RESOLUTION

Whereas in the case of the United States of America against Peter Seeger (criminal case number 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 on the twenty-first 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 ARRIVED 12 1961 by the
- 4 mandate of process of the ordinary courts of justice, be taken

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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 court
4 or of the judge thereof, or of any legal officer charged with
5 the administration of the orders of such court or judge, that
6 documentary evidence in the possession and under the con-
7 trol 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 or control of
17 the House 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

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, docu-
5 ments, or files of the House of Representatives, or any evi-
6 dence of witnesses 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 as a respectful answer to the subpoena a
13 copy of these resolutions be submitted to the said court.

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PETER SEEGER, SM DASH C. REURTEL MARCH THREE ONE,
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NOTE ON YELLOW: Seeger, Security Index subject, is entertainer. Has been reported as Communist Party (CP) member in the past and active participant over the years in communist front activities. On 7-25-56, he refused to answer questions concerning communist activities and association before the House Committee on Un-American Activities and was indicted for contempt of Congress on 3-26-57 in the Southern District of New York (SDNY). At a trial the week of 3-27-61, he was found guilty of contempt. Assistant United States Attorney, New York, has requested permission to advise U. S. District Judge Murphy, SDNY, on 4-4-61, at a presentence hearing, of the fact that Louis Budenz, John Lautner, and Herman Thomas, former CP informants, have stated Seeger was a CP member in approximately 1949. New York Office states FBI will not be revealed as the source of the information and inasmuch as the trial is over, no question as to admissibility of evidence will arise.

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TO DIRECTOR 16 100-200845
FROM SAC, NEW YORK 100-83801

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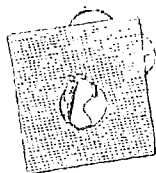
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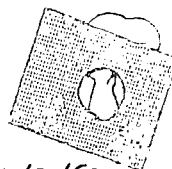
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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-83801)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
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On 4/3/61, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available information received from BETTY GANNETT that the young people were meeting tonight at 799 Broadway, NYC, and they would be advised to be at the sentencing of PETER SEEGER tomorrow at 10:30 am.

BSS, NYCPD and AUSA IRVING YOUNGER advised.

For information of Bureau, 799 Broadway is address of Advance. Bureau will be further advised if demonstration occurs.

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87TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 178

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 21, 1961

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

RESOLUTION

Whereas Representative Francis E. Walter, a Member of this House; has been served with a subpoena to appear as a witness before the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, to testify at the District Court House, Foley Square, in the city of New York, New York, on the twenty-fifth day of January 1960, in the case of the United States of America against Peter Seeger, criminal case number C152-240; and

Whereas by the privileges of the House no Member is authorized to appear and testify, but by order of the House: Therefore be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That Representative Francis E. Walter is
- 2 authorized to appear in response to the subpoena of the United
- 3 States District Court for the Southern District of New York

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1 in the case of the United States of America against Peter
2 Seeger; and be further
3 *Resolved*, That as a respectful answer to the subpoena
4 a copy of these resolutions be submitted to the said court.

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H. RES. 178

RESOLUTION

Relating to a subpoena served on Representative
Francis E. Walter.

By Mr. McCORMACK

FEBRUARY 21, 1961
Considered and agreed to

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REFERENCES

NY report of SA WILLIAM D. NEUMANN, dated *2/18/60*.
 Legat, London letter to Bureau, dated *4/7/60*.
 Bureau letter to Legat, London, dated *4/20/60*.
 Legat, London letter to Bureau, dated *6/24/60*.
 Legat, London letter to Bureau, dated *10/12/60*.

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Referenced Legat, London letter *4/7/60*, reflected that on *4/1/60*, [redacted] had received conflicting reports from secret and reliable sources about a further visit by the subject to England. According to one report, SEEGER proposed to come to England in November, 1960, but according to another any visit on his part was out of the question until after February, 1961.

Posted per [unclear] 3/14/61

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This letter further stated that [redacted] that SEEGER's manager, PAUL ENDICOTT, planned to visit the United Kingdom at some unspecified date.

Legat, London letter 6/24/60, advised [redacted] arrived in England. [redacted] PAUL PIERRE ENDICOTT had received indicating SEEGER had visited the United Kingdom and that there was some indication he may have given up the idea of traveling to England in 1960.

Legat, London letter 10/12/60, indicated that [redacted] SEEGER planned to visit the United Kingdom between October 25 and November 23, 1960, and asked PAUL ENDICOTT, a British theatrical agent, to make arrangements for concerts and radio and television appearances for him. [redacted] source also indicated the subject planned to make a brief visit to Holland to see his brother.

It is noted SEEGER apparently did not go to England as the restriction on his passport was not lifted and the passport is on file with the Passport Division, Department of State.

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.

The USA's office, by separate letter dated as above, has been advised that this report is for information only, that it contains both admissible and inadmissible evidence and that witnesses to the information therein are not necessarily available for testimony.

The USA's office also was advised that the report should not be introduced in any proceedings in connection with the contempt case of SEEGER.

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REFERENCES

NY report of SA WILLIAM D. NEUMANN, dated 2/18/60.
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Referenced Legat, London letter 4/7/60, reflected that on 4/1/60, [redacted] had received conflicting reports from secret and reliable sources about a further visit by the subject to England. According to one report, SEEGER proposed to come to England in November, 1960, but according to another any visit on his part was out of the question until after February, 1961.

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This letter further stated that [redacted] that SEEGER's manager, PAUL ENDICOTT, planned to visit the United Kingdom at some unspecified date.

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Legat, London letter 10/12/60, indicated that [redacted] SEEGER planned to visit the United Kingdom between October 25 and November 23, 1960, and asked PAUL ENDICOTT, a British theatrical agent, to make arrangements for concerts and radio and television appearances for him. [redacted] source also indicated the subject planned to make a brief visit to Holland to see his brother.

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It is noted SEEGER apparently did not go to England as the restriction on his passport was not lifted and the passport is on file with the Passport Division, Department of State.

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.

The USA's office, by separate letter dated as above, has been advised that this report is for information only, that it contains both admissible and inadmissible evidence and that witnesses to the information therein are not necessarily available for testimony.

The USA's office also was advised that the report should not be introduced in any proceedings in connection with the contempt case of SEEGER.

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Report of: LOWELL W. BARTON

Office: New York, New York

Date: 3/8/61

Field Office File No.: 100-83801

Bureau File No.: 100-200845

Title: PETER SEEGER

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: Subject resides at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, NY, and is self-employed as an entertainer. Subject free on bond pending contempt of Congress trial in the case of the US versus Peter Seeger. Informants advised: SEEGER contributed \$10.00 to CCPAF; enrolled in Metropolitan Recreation Association; entertained at rally of NCASF, 11/60; member of the NCAUAC.

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Details: I. BACKGROUND

Residence and Employment

On January 5, 1961, Lieutenant JOSEPH STELLA, Beacon, New York Police Department, advised that PETER SEEGER, resides at Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York, and receives his mail at Post Office Box 328, Beacon, New York. Lieutenant STELLA advised SEEGER is self-employed as a folk-song singer and guitar player.

II. CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS
 PROCEEDINGS PENDING
 AGAINST THE SUBJECT

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.

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On March 31, 1960, Assistant United States Attorney LAWRENCE P. MC GAULEY, Southern District of New York, advised SA WILLIAM E. FOLKNER that the case of United States versus PETER SEEGER was called to trial on March 21, 1960. At that time, new motions were filed by the counsel for the defense and the District Judge had not as yet ruled on the motions.

Mr. MC GAULEY further advised the defendant had requested the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum to the House of Representatives to obtain the records and at the time the prosecution was preparing to ask that the subpoenas be quashed.

Mr. MC GAULEY also advised the case had been reset for trial in May, 1960, and the exact date had not been determined.

On June 6, 1960, Mr. MC GAULEY advised SA FOLKNER that the case had been called for trial on June 6, 1960, and by consent of the defendants and the prosecution, the case was adjourned to June 30, 1960.

Mr. MC GAULEY advised the court had ruled that Mr. FRANK S. TAVENNER, JR., Counsellor for the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) would have to answer a subpoena to testify for the defendants and at the present time Mr. TAVENNER had not recovered from a heart attack and was physically unable to attend the hearing. The court ruled the defendants would not be called to trial until Mr. TAVENNER was able to appear.

On August 25, 1960, Assistant United States Attorney MARVIN SEGAL, Southern District of New York, advised SA FOLKNER that the case had been called for a hearing before United States District Judge ALEXANDER BICKS, Southern District of New York, in June, 1960, continued to July, 1960.

Mr. SEGAL advised at the July hearing a tentative date for trial was set for November 28, 1960, due to the unavailability of Congressman WALTERS for testimony until after the National elections.

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Mr. SEGAL further advised the court was considering allowing the taking of testimony of Mr. TAVENNER by deposition; however, this could not be decided until Mr. TAVENNER was afforded a physical examination to determine if he had sufficiently recovered from his heart attack to allow the depositions.

Mr. SEGAL also advised motions had been made by the defendant for the production of documents from the HCUA to which he had filed motions to set aside the subpoena duces tecum.

According to Mr. SEGAL, the trial date would probably be set at a hearing on November 28, 1960.

On November 3, 1960, Assistant United States Attorney IRVING YOUNGER, Southern District of New York, advised SA FOLKNER that Mr. SEGAL no longer was with the Department of Justice and that the case now was assigned to him. He advised that at the last hearings in the case, the court resolved that the defendant was entitled to have Congressman WALTER and HCUA Counsel TAVENNER subpoenaed for testimony.

Mr. YOUNGER advised postponements have been obtained for subsequent hearings because of the unavailability of Congressman WALTER due to activity concerning the then current election and Mr. TAVENNER's heart attack. Mr. YOUNGER stated he understood that Congressman WALTER would be in Europe at the hearing scheduled for November 28, 1960, and would probably return to the United States about March 1, 1961.

Mr. YOUNGER advised SEEGER was free on bail bond and was restricted insofar as travel is concerned, to the area within the jurisdiction of the United States District Court, Southern District of New York.

III. PASSPORT DATA

On April 21, 1960, Mrs. VERDE BUCKLER, Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D. C., advised SA KENNETH J. HASER that information in the subject's passport file reflected that on April 18, 1960, Mr. LEONARD B. BOUDIN, a New York attorney had contacted ROBERT D. JOHNSON, General Counsel of the Passport Office. Mr. BOUDIN inquired about extension of the passport issued to PETER SEEGER which had been issued to SEEGER, but limited to one year or until October 10, 1959, because SEEGER was out on bail. SEEGER had obtained court permission

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to leave its jurisdiction and Mr. BOUDIN wanted to know if the restriction would be removed entirely.

By letter dated April 20, 1960, Mr. JOHNSON advised Mr. BOUDIN that to delete the time limitation on the passport in accordance with Judge HERLAND's order, BOUDIN should submit a certified copy of an order vacating or modifying the restriction against SEEGER's leaving the jurisdiction of the Court.

On May 10, 1960, Mrs. BUCKLER advised SA HASER that on May 5, 1960, the following letter had been sent to Mr. BOUDIN, 25 Broad Street, New York City:

"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"

On July 27, 1960, and August 29, 1960, it was ascertained by SA HASER that the subject's 1959 passport still was contained in his file.

IV. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) MOVEMENT

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

V. MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES AND ASSOCIATIONS OF THE SUBJECT

American Committee For Protection of the Foreign Born (ACPFB)

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

On January 15, 1960, NY T-1 advised that a meeting of the Midwest Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born (MCPFB) was held on January 7, 1960, at the Hamilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, to hear the report of their delegate to the National Convention of the ACPFB held in New York City, December 19 and 20, 1959. At this meeting, it was stated that a reason for concern to the ACPFB was the jailing, among others, of PETE SEEGER. Further, that in discussion of a program for a Birthday Celebration of PEARL HART's 70th Birthday to be held April 2, 1960, at the Hamilton Hotel, it was discussed that "PETE SEEGER should be asked to participate as persecuted defendant in First Amendment and not as entertainer for the evening".

On October 26, 1960, NY T-2 advised that at the meeting of the MCPFB held on October 20, 1960, mention was made that PETE SEEGER was recently in Chicago for a performance. No additional details regarding SEEGER's visit to Chicago were made available.

Citizens Committee To Preserve American Freedoms (CCPAF)

The CCPAF will be referred to in the Appendix of this report.

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On February 12, 1960, NY T-3 furnished a list of names of those individuals who had contributed to the CCPAF during January and February, 1960. Included in those names was "PETE SEEGER, Box 3200, Beacon, New York", for \$10.00.

Young Socialist Alliance (YSA)

The YSA will be referred to in the Appendix of this report.

On March 10, 1960, NY T-4 made available copies of the minutes of the Young Socialist Editorial Board Meeting on February 8, 1960. It was reflected that in a report of the Youth Against the House Un-American Activities Committee group it was pointed out that on March 21, 1960, the trial of PETE SEEGER was to begin in Manhattan at Foley Square and a demonstration of youth in support of SEEGER's first amendment fight was proposed.

On January 25, 1961, NY T-5 advised that in a form letter directed to all members of the New York local of YSA it was announced that a sale of the publication "Young Socialist" would be made at an event featuring American folk songs to be held at 2 West 64th Street, New York City, on January 21, 1961. According to the announcement, PETE SEEGER would be part of a team performing at this event.

Camp Midvale
Metropolitan Recreation
Association (MRA)

Camp Midvale and the MRA will be referred to in the Appendix of this report.

On May 3, 1960, NY T-6 and NY T-7 advised PETER SEEGER entertained with songs at the above camp on May 1, 1960, in connection with the May Day observance on May 1, 1960.

On June 7, 1960, NY T-8 furnished a May, 1960 "throwaway" entitled "Published by Metropolitan Recreation Association". In relating of the May 1, 1960 celebration, the throwaway said in part: "Topping off the historic occasion was the enjoyment of a concert by PETE SEEGER, famed singer of folk songs, and some of his friends. So enthralled were the celebrants by PETE's music

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that they would not let him quit singing for a full hour and a half". In addition it stated: "To top off his contribution to our anniversary celebration PETE SEEGER signed up for membership in MRA. So he is now one of us."

On September 9, 1960, NY T-8 advised that the "MRA Newsletter" for September, 1960, announced that PETE SEEGER would head up an all-star cast in the first of a series of "hootenannies" and shows at Camp Midvale on Sunday, October 16, 1960. On October 17, 1960, NY T-9 advised PETE SEEGER did appear and entertain at Camp Midvale on October 16, 1960, and approximately 400 people were in attendance.

On November 4, 1960, NY T-10 and NY T-11 advised that at a membership meeting of the MRA on October 28, 1960, at the Central Plaza Annex, New York City, it was proposed that the MRA make a donation to PETE SEEGER for the Committee to Abolish the Un-American Committee. It was moved the donation be \$100.00 and that the committee was the Committee to Preserve the 1st Amendment. It was further commented that it would look better on the books if it were given to PETE as an expense of the Hootenanny that was held at Camp Midvale and let PETE do with it as he saw fit; that he would understand where to put it as it had been talked over; that it would be simpler bookkeeping and better for tax purposes. It was said PETE, himself, was in danger of going to prison for contempt as he had been questioned by the House Committee and had pled the 1st Amendment. On November 14, 1960, NY T-8 advised concerning the same meeting and that \$100.00 had been voted to be given to SEEGER and that the donation was to appear on the books as a hootenanny expense.

NY T-10 advised on November 28, 1960, that a Thanksgiving Dinner was held by the MRA at Camp Midvale on November 21, 1960; that PETE SEEGER had written that due to commitments he was unable to be present, but that he was thinking about them and that he was sending a check for \$5.00 to pay for dinner for himself and his wife.

National Council of
American-Soviet Friendship (NCASF)

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

"The Worker" of November 6, 1960, included an article reflecting the "Annual Rally for Peace and Friendship" would be held November 8, 1960, in Carnegie Hall, New York City, under the auspices of the NCASF.

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

The above article reported that among others who would appear was PETE SEEGER, folk music artist, who would provide entertainment with songs of peace.

On November 9, 1960, NY T-12 advised PETE SEEGER did appear on this program and presented American and Russian songs about the brotherhood of man and one song about the "H" bomb ban.

National Committee to Abolish
the Un-American Activities
Committee (NCAUAC)

The NCAUAC will be referred to in the Appendix of this report.

③ The "New York Times", October 11, 1960 issues, page 52, column 2, contained an article captioned "Foes of House Unit Call For Support". The article stated the NCAUAC outlined plans "yesterday" to enlist National support. It said that of the thirty-four delegates attending the first national session at the Taft Hotel, six had been accused by the House committee of having been members of the Communist Party. Among others present was PETE SEEGER, the folk singer.

NY T-2 advised on October 26, 1960, that RICHARD CRILEY, one of the persons listed in the above "New York Times" article as being one of six accused by the House Committee on Un-American Activities Committee of being a member of the Communist Party, had addressed a meeting on October 26, 1960, of the Mid West Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born. In this address, he stated he had been fortunate in being invited to a full committee meeting in New York of the NCAUAC. He noted that many prominent persons were members of the NCAUAC and among others named as members was PETE SEEGER.

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On December 7, 1960, NY T-13 advised that at a regular meeting of the New York Council to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee on November 29, 1960, at 11 West 51st Street, New York City, SANDRA ROSENBLOOM, Secretary, proposed a mass rally during Christmas week with PETE SEEGER as a high-light for the meeting. PETE, she said, had promised the Council to appear anytime at its functions. At this time, she said the

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council would be able to raise funds to pay for the buses to Washington, D. C.

Communist Party (CP)

NY T-14 advised on December 6, 1960, that one MORT SCHEER remarked about 1951 or 1952, that PETE SEEGER was the only actual CP member in the Weavers; that the other three members were close to the Party but not members.

Regarding MORT SCHEER, "The Worker" issue of December 11, 1960, page 12, identified SCHEER as the full-time member of the New York State CP Staff from Buffalo.

"Morning Freiheit"

The "Morning Freiheit" will be referred to in the Appendix of this report.

The following editorial appeared in the "Morning Freiheit" of November 29, 1960, on page 4, columns 1 and 2:

"A Slap In The Face of Reaction"

"Yesterday we reported the story of a concert in a town near New York. It is a story which deserves attention everywhere, because it shows how reaction can be fought.

"It happened in Nyack, New York. Pete Seeger, the famous folk-singer was supposed to perform there. So the American Legion started a fight not to permit the performance. There were picket demonstrations; there was pressure on the Board of Trustees, which controls the concert hall, not to permit the performance.

"The inciters ranted that Seeger dare not appear because, at a hearing of the Un-American Committee, he refused to answer questions put to him. To the Legion, it is a crime not to bow before an inquisition hearing. Other "sins" of the singer were mentioned - he performs at affairs of progressive organizations!

"So the reactionaries ranted, but they did not get their way, because the inhabitants would not be frightened. Seeger sang and the reactionaries received a slap in the face."

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VI. MISCELLANEOUS

Several informants who are familiar with some aspects of CP activity in the New York City area advised in January and February, 1961, that they had no information concerning the subject.

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APPENDIX

CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE AMERICAN FREEDOMS (CCPAF)

A source advised on May 4, 1960, that the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms was organized in Los Angeles, California, in January, 1952, for the announced purpose of supporting a number of individuals from the medical and legal professions who had been subpoenaed to appear before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Since its establishment, the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms, in extending its scope, has worked for the abolition of all Congressional, State, and local committees investigating subversive activities and in the latter part of 1954 became very active in opposition to State and Federal legislation directed at the Communist movement.

FRANK WILKINSON, Executive Secretary of the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms, is described by the source as the "brains and energy" behind the organization.

Another source advised on September 17, 1957, that FRANK WILKINSON was a Communist Party member as of September, 1952.

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YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE

The May, 1960 issue of the "Young Socialist" (YS), page 1, column 3, disclosed that during April 15-17 1960, a national organization entitled, "The Young Socialist Alliance" (YSA), was established at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This issue stated that this organization was formed by the nationwide supporter clubs of the publication YS.

The above issue, page 6, set forth the Founding Declaration of the YSA. This declaration stated that the YSA recognizes the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) as the only existing political leadership on class struggle principles, and that the supporters of the YS have come into basic political solidarity with the SWP on the principles of revolutionary Socialism.

A confidential source advised on May 11, 1960, that the original YSA was an organization formed during October, 1957, in NYC, by youth of various left Socialist tendencies, particularly members and followers of the SWP. The leaders of this group were the guiding forces in the establishment of the national organization.

The source further advised that the YSA is dominated and controlled in its leadership and ranks by members of the SWP. The source added that the SWP considers the YSA as the leading force in the radical youth field and its current and future hope in regard to recruits and the promulgation of the SWP movement throughout the US.

The headquarters of the YSA are located at 10 East 23rd Street, New York City.

The YS is a monthly publication, self-described in the December, 1960 issue as the official organ of the YSA.

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

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CAMP MIDVALE

On March 26, 1954, a confidential source made available a copy of the March, 1954, issue of the "Camp Midvale News," official organ of Camp Midvale, Midvale, New Jersey, which, on page 1, states that the recently formed Metropolitan Recreation Association (MRA) is the organization which owns and operates Camp Midvale.

The records of the New York County Clerk's Office, Supreme Court Building, New York City, reflect that a certificate of dissolution for Nature Friends of America, Inc. (NFA) was filed with the Secretary of State, State of New York, on February 23, 1954.

A confidential source advised on March 12, 1954, that at a meeting of the former New York local of NFA, held on February 25, 1954, in New York City, a successor organization known as the MRA was set up and all assets and real property formerly belonging to the New York local of NFA were transferred to the MRA.

On November 4, 1957, a confidential source made available a copy of the constitution of the MRA, which was adopted in 1957, and which, under Article II, sets forth the aims of the organization as follows:

"The purpose of the association is to bring together people without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, or beliefs, having a common interest in outdoor sports, recreational and cultural activities, and the fullest use of leisure time for the furtherance of the welfare and well-being of the members; to encourage the study of nature and of the natural sciences, and of the modes of living and customs and cultures of the people of the United States, past and present....."

The MRA, as of May 12, 1960, continues to utilize General Post Office Box 634, New York City, as its mailing address.

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

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METROPOLITAN RECREATION ASSOCIATION,
Formerly known as Nature Friends of
America, Inc.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO ABOLISH THE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES
COMMITTEE (NCAUAC)

On August 22, 1960, a source advised that the NCAUAC was organized in August, 1960, at Los Angeles, California, to stimulate new and utilize all efforts of interested individuals and organizations in a national campaign to promote public education leading to political action to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA). The NCAUAC will not duplicate the work of other Civil Liberties organizations, which include the abolition of the HCUA as a part of their program, but will encourage the coordination and consolidation of all their efforts for abolition and will promote new efforts in those Congressional Districts where education and political action for abolition have not been initiated.

FRANK WILKINSON is the Field Representative of the NCAUAC, according to the source.

Another source advised on September 17, 1952, that FRANK WILKINSON was a Communist Party member as of September, 1952.

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"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.)"

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

March 7, 1961

Title Peter Seeger

Character Security Matter - C

Reference Report of Special Agent
Lowell W. Barton, dated and captioned as above at New York.

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

NY T-14 has furnished insufficient information to
determine his reliability.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions
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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 1-17-61

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: MISS SARAH GERTRUDE KNOTT
 2310 ASHMEAD PLACE, NORTHWEST
 WASHINGTON, D. C.
 DIRECTOR
 AMERICAN FOLK FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

Captioned individual visited the Bureau on 1-16-61 and spoke to SA Krant, Crime Research Section. Miss Knott advised that she was the founder of the National Folk Festival 25 years ago and that she continues to be a Director of that organization. She described the function of the Folk Festival as being an organization which encourages the presentation of traditional folk songs and dances of the United States. Last June (1960) the 24th Annual National Folk Festival was held in Washington, D. C., at the Carter Barron Amphitheater. Some 1100 participants appeared, all of whom, according to Miss Knott, paid their own travel expenses and other expenses to appear at the Folk Festival. Representatives of the American Indians, Spanish Americans of our Southwest, dancers from Louisiana, folk singers from the Southern Appalachians and representatives of many other areas of our culture appeared. The Folk Festival at the Carter Barron Amphitheater was sponsored in part by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Meyer of the "Washington Post and Times Herald."

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Miss Knott's visit to the Bureau was prompted by her desire to have increased aid by various agencies of the Government to her group in order to foster folk traditions in this country. She believes that the Folk Festival could be used, and should be used, in furtherance of our American ideals and traditions. She claimed that there was no one in the Government who was officially interested in folk traditions of the United States, and this country is behind other nations in this important work. Miss Knott wondered if Mr. Hoover might desire to serve as an honorary chairman of the Folk Festival to be held in Washington in the Summer of 1961. She felt that the Director's name would add prestige to the group's presentation and that other officials might be encouraged to support it if they knew Mr. Hoover was behind the group. Miss Knott also desired to know whether or not the group should encourage the use of folk singers such as Jenny Vincent and Peter Seeger who had appeared before Congressional Committees and had refused to answer many questions, shielding themselves behind the Fifth Amendment. Miss Knott stated that these people were tremendously talented professionals in the folk singing field and that in view of their professional capabilities she wondered if she had the duty or the right to exclude them from the program for 1961. She desired our advice in this matter.

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Enclosure
1 - Mr. Belmont

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Memorandum for Mr. DeLoach
RE: Miss Sarah Gertrude Knott

Miss Knott was advised that the Director had a long-standing policy of not accepting honorary office in those organizations in which he could not be active, and in view of his many commitments he would not be able to serve with the Folk Festival Association. In answer to her query concerning Vincent and Seeger, Miss Knott was informed that this was a decision the group would have to make and that she, knowing of the background of Vincent and Seeger, must judge for herself whether they represent the best traditions of our Nation. Miss Knott furnished the interviewing Agent with the attached material concerning the American Folk Festival Association. They describe in very general terms the purpose of the Folk Festival and the reasons for choosing Washington, D. C., as the site of the festival.

INFORMATION IN BUFILES CONCERNING MISS KNOTT:

A confidential informant advised in 1942 that Miss Knott had requested a Russian representative for the Folk Festival to be held in Washington in May of 1942. In 1952, Miss Knott was described by a confidential informant as not having associated with known Communist Party members. She was described by American communists as a "reactionary;" however, she was not disliked or criticized by persons associated with the Communist Party. She opposed a Russian dance troupe and pro-Russian songs and political propaganda at a national folk festival in St. Louis in 1952. (100-378604) Miss Knott appeared at the Washington Field Office on 11-17-60 to determine if it would be in the best interest of our country to invite Peter Seeger to accompany a group of 20 persons, representing the United States, to a folk festival in Argentina.

INFORMATION IN BUFILES CONCERNING PETER SEEGER AND JENNY VINCENT:

Peter Seeger, a security index subject, is a prominent communist guitarist and singer. He was indicted in March of 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. (100-200845)

Jenny Vincent, whose true name is Jeannette Wells Vincent, is a security index subject. She is a folk singer residing in New Mexico. Her husband, Craig Stephan Vincent, a key figure of the Albuquerque Office, was instrumental in forming a getaway route into Mexico for Communist Party functionaries connected with the Communist Party underground. She appeared before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in June, 1960. She invoked the Fifth Amendment approximately 119 times. Her husband, who appeared before the same Committee in 1953, invoked the Fifth Amendment 26 times to questions regarding his Communist Party membership. (100-342084)

RECOMMENDATION:

This memorandum be referred to the Domestic Intelligence Division for any action deemed appropriate.

John DeLoach
1122 DeLoach

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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 was continued pending a decision of the Supreme Court in Barenblatt. After several continuances a trial date has been set for November 28, at which time it will be tried jointly with Sullivan (p. 38) and Tyne (p. 39).

On January 28, 1960, District Court Judge Edward Weinfeld denied a Government motion to quash a subpoena served on Congressman Francis E. Walter. Judge Weinfeld in a written opinion held that it is for the defendant and his counsel, not the Government or the subpoenaed witness, to determine who should be offered as witnesses by the Defendants.

The Government's motion to quash subpoenas duces tecum, served on officials of the House of Representatives, was argued on October 20, 1960, and taken under advisement by the Court.

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EX-140

Date: November 22, 1960
To: Office of Security
Department of State
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Subject: PETER SEEGER
SECURITY MATTER - C

Pertinent information regarding Seeger has been furnished to your Department in the past.

On November 17, 1960, Miss Sarah Gertrude Knott appeared at the Washington Field Office of this Bureau and advised that she is the director and founder of the National Folk Festival. She described this organization as a patriotic, cultural organization, the purpose of which is to educate people of the United States and the world to Americana. Miss Knott continued that she had received an invitation from the Government of Argentina to take a group of twenty people to that country which would be representative of folk music in the United States. She stated that she desired to take the subject with her as she considered him an excellent folk musician.

Miss Knott related that her purpose in contacting the FBI was to attempt to determine if it would be in the best interests of this country to invite Seeger to Argentina. She was advised of the confidential nature of FBI files and that the FBI could not make any suggestion whatsoever in this respect. Miss Knott concluded by stating that the Argentine Government had offered to pay the expenses in connection with the above-mentioned trip and that she had an appointment with someone in the Cultural Affairs Section of the State Department regarding this trip.

The foregoing is for your information.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Seeger is Security Index subject awaiting trial for contempt of Congress. Trial set for 11/28/60. Necessary to secure permission of United States attorney before traveling. All pertinent information in possession of State Department. Above information forwarded by Washington Field airtel 11/17/60.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-23658)

PETER SEEGER, aka Pete Seeger
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On 11/17/60, a female, who identified herself as Miss SARAH GERTRUDE ~~KNOTT~~, 2310 Ashmeade Place, N. W., telephone number Hobart 2-3566, Washington, D. C., personally appeared at WFO and was interviewed by SA LAWRENCE T. GURLEY. ARG.

Miss KNOTT stated that she is the Director and Founder of the National Folk Festival. She related that this organization is a patriotic, cultural organization, the purpose of which is to "educate people of the United States and the world to Americana." She stated that she wanted no subversive stigma of any kind attached to the National Folk Festival and pointed out that her organization sponsored a Folk Festival in Washington, D. C., at Carter Baron Amphitheater from 6/1-4/60. She said at that time there was "some embarrassment" as a result of JENNY VINCENT having been invited to take part in this Folk Festival and "later publicity which she received." (It will be recalled that JEANNETTE VINCENT WELLS was to participate in this festival and was dropped when she was subpoenaed to appear before a Congressional Investigating Committee.)

Miss KNOTT continued that she has received an invitation from the Government of Argentina to take a group of 20 people to that country which would be representative of folk music in the U. S. In this connection, she stated that she desired to take "some square dancers, some fiddlers and some banjo pickers" and wanted to be sure that she was

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taking the best in each field. In this connection, she stated that she desired to take with her PETE SEEGER, inasmuch as he "has a way with audiences." Her purpose in coming to the FBI was to determine whether or not it would be to the best interests of this country to take PETE SEEGER with her. She immediately stated that "if he is guilty, he should not be kept on a string but should be put away, and if not, he should be left alone." She immediately, thereafter, stated "if I could take him with me, it would be wonderful, but I do not want the whole group to be suspected of being communists." Miss KNOTT was advised that certainly the FBI did not state that SEEGER was a communist, and that we could not advise her one way or the other concerning whom she took with her to Argentina. At this point, she was advised of the confidential nature of FBI files, which she stated she understood. She then stated that she could not get anybody "in government" to furnish her advice in the matter of taking SEEGER on this tour. Miss KNOTT was asked what she had meant with regard to her statement of SEEGER being guilty and referring to communists, and she stated "Oh, PETE is not a bad person, but he may have been indiscreet in the past and possibly did not always use good judgment," and did not further elaborate.

Miss KNOTT concluded by stating that the Argentine Government had offered to pay the expenses in connection with the above-mentioned festival, that she had an appointment with someone in the Cultural Affairs Section of the State Department concerning the tour, and that she merely wanted to go on record with the FBI that she did not uphold communism or anything which was against the best interests of this country and merely recognized PETE SEEGER as an excellent folk musician. She pointed out that the National Folk Festival at one time had received assistance from Mrs. AGNES MEYER, widow of a past publisher of the "Washington Post."

WFO indices reflect that in the report of SA JOSEPH M. ADAMS, at Philadelphia dated 5/6/47 entitled "American Russian Institute for Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union, Inc.; IS - R, Registration Act," that on 9/6/45 an informant made available a letter dated 4/9/42 from SARAH GERTRUDE KNOTT, Director of the National Folk Festival which was sponsored by the "Washington Post" Folk Festival Association. This letter indicated that Miss KNOTT was referred to ALEXANDER PORTNOFF, President of the Philadelphia Chapter of American Russian Institute by V. BAZYKIN, then First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy. She requested that PORTNOFF furnish a Russian representative for the Folk Festival which was to be held in Washington in May of 1942.

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It is to be noted that WFO maintains a stop notice with the Passport Office concerning SEEGER and any pertinent information will be brought to the attention of the Bureau and New York Office.

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11-18, 1960

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN.: CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS

DATE: 11/4/60

FROM : *JG* SAC, NEW YORK (94-1393)

SUBJECT: JOHN H. HUNTER, JR.
VICE-COMMANDER
FROM-MAXWELL-DEBAUN
AMERICAN LEGION POST NUMBER 859
SUFFERN, NEW YORK
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

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ReBulet 10/31/60.

On 11/4/60, JOHN H. HUNTER, JR., 7 Navajo Trail, Sloatsburg, NY, was interviewed and his letter to the Director dated 10/22/60 was acknowledged. He was tactfully advised that the FBI, as an investigative agency of the Federal Government, could not recommend or comment on matters such as he mentioned in his letter. However, he was thanked for his interest in writing to the Bureau and was advised that five hundred copies of the pamphlet, "Expose of Soviet Espionage", are being forwarded to him from the Bureau.

HUNTER said that in the spring of 1960 the American Legion in Rockland County, NY, conducted a peaceful picket line in protest to the appearance of PETER SEEGAR at Spring Valley High School, which was sponsored by the NAACP in Spring Valley, NY. He stated that a small minority of American Legion members were opposed to this action, and comments from other people were heard that this action was un-American.

He stated he wrote to Mr. HOOVER for assurance that the peaceful picket line was the proper method of handling such a public appearance. He pointed out that Mr. HOOVER is so highly respected that advice from him on this matter would have great influence to convince the American Legion members that actions such as this were proper. He stated he understood why the Bureau was unable to recommend or comment on such local matters.

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He stated PETER SEEGAR is scheduled to appear at Nyack, NY, on 11/25 and 11/26/60 and a peaceful picket line conducted by the American Legion members is again being considered. He stated that, as Chairman of the Subversive Activities Committee of Rockland County, he is attempting to obtain subversive information from public records concerning individuals who are to appear at public gatherings so that the people in Rockland County will be alert to subversive influences and aware that people having subversive backgrounds are to appear before the public.

He realized that the FBI has jurisdiction over espionage, sabotage, and other matters affecting the internal security of the US, and he stated that information available to him regarding such matters would be furnished to the FBI. He stated that the American Legion in Rockland County has no intention of conducting any investigations on matters within the jurisdiction of the FBI.

He expressed his appreciation to Mr. HOOVER for forwarding copies of the pamphlet, "Expose of Soviet Espionage", and was highly complimentary of the work of the FBI.

SAC, New York

October 31, 1960

Director, FBI

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~~JOHN H. HUNTER, JR.~~

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VICE COMMANDER

FROMM-MAXWELL-DEBAUN

AMERICAN LEGION POST NUMBER 859

SUFFERN, NEW YORK

RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

There are enclosed two copies of an incoming letter received from captioned individual dated October 22, 1960. Peter Seeger to whom the letter refers is subject of your file 100-83801. Hunter, the correspondent, is not identifiable in Bufiles.

Hunter's letter has not been acknowledged by the Bureau. He should be interviewed by an Agent of your office and his letter to the Director acknowledged at that time. The interview should be conducted on a friendly basis, and he should be tactfully advised that the FBI as an investigative agency of the Federal Government cannot recommend action or comment on matters such as he mentioned. He should be thanked for his interest in writing and told that 500 copies of the pamphlet, "Expose of Soviet Espionage" are being forwarded to him from Bureau Headquarters. Submit results of interview, under above caption, to reach the Bureau no later than November 7, 1960.

Enclosures (2)

Follow up made for 11-7-60.

1 - D. C. Morrell - Room 4235

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500 copies of "Expose of Soviet Espionage"

NOTE: Seeger, a Security Index subject, is a prominent communist guitarist and singer who is under indictment in the U.S. District Court of New York for contempt of Congress for refusing to answer questions before the House Committee on UnAmerican Activities.

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SERGEANT-AT-ARMS
MICHAEL GALUPPO

October 22, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Knowing that you are a very busy man, I will try to make this letter short and to the point. As Vice Commander in charge of Americanism for the Fromm-Maxwell-DeBaun Post #859, and Chairman of the Subversive Activities Committee of the Rockland County Legion, I have a few questions to ask you. I sincerely believe that there is no one that we can turn to who can advise us as well as you.

We have had a few run ins with a man who has been cited by the House Unamerican Activities Committee as having Communistic leanings. This man is Peter Seeger a noted folk singer. We organized a peaceful picket line in protest to his appearance in the high school at Spring Valley, N.Y. Most people thought we were doing right but some condemned us as being unamerican. I would like to know just how you feel about things like this and just how far we should publicize and push incidents like the Peter Seeger one. If you agree with the way we handled this situation or could tell me how to better handle these incidents it would be of immense help to us.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: October 12, 1960

FROM : *curb* Legat, London (100-2101)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER
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Remylet 6-24-60.

There are enclosed the original and four copies of a memorandum containing information concerning subject made available [redacted]

[redacted] states that the information received comes from a delicate source and [redacted] asks that no dissemination be made outside the Bureau.

This case is being placed in an RUC status subject to reopening upon receipt of additional information from [redacted]

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October 12, 1960

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According to T-1 this source also states subject plans to make a brief visit to Holland to see his brother.

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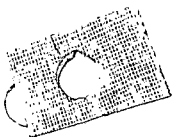
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 On August 3, 1960, argument on the motion was continued to the first part of September. Trial has been set for November 28, 1960.

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Information included in Internal Security Division Bi-Monthly Status Report ~~8/31~~ August 31, 1960.

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 9/1/60

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-23658)

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

Remylet dated 7/29/60.

Subject's file in the Passport Office, Department of State, was examined by SA KENNETH J. HASER on 8/29/60, and was found to contain no additional pertinent information. It is noted that subject's 1959 passport is still contained in his file.

Inasmuch as WFO still maintains a stop notice with the Passport Office concerning subject, it is not continuing to check subject's file periodically, but will report pertinent information at such time as it is brought to the attention of this office as a result of the stop notice.

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The Government's motion to quash subpoenas duces tecum, served on officials of the House of Representatives, has been set down for oral argument on July 11, 1960.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-200845)

DATE: 7/29/60

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-23658)

SUBJECT: PETER SEEGER, aka
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Relets 4/28/60, and 5/19/60.

The subject's file in the Passport Office, Department of State, was reviewed by SA KENNETH J. HASER on 7/27/60, and was found to contain no information more recent than that sent by WFO in relets.

Subject's passport 1780911 issued on 9/8/59, and limited to expire on 10/10/59, is still incorporated in his file at the Passport Office.

WFO will maintain contact with the Passport Office to ascertain what further efforts are made by subject or his attorney to secure further validation of his passport.

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