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ADMINISTRATIVE (CONT'D)

The sources used in the characterization of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee are [redacted] and [redacted] ✓

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

Location

[redacted]

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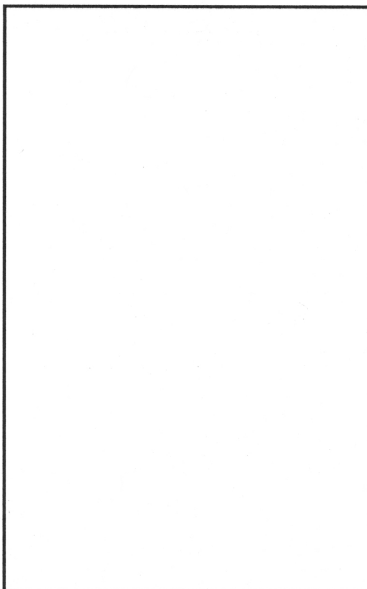
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The other informants mentioned in the details of the report as being unable to furnish any current CP activity on the part of the subject, that were contacted during June, 1962, are as follows:

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will follow and report subject's proposed
departure for Europe.

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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) _____ of the data received from _____ through _____ disclosure of which might impair the effectiveness of these informants and such impairment could have an adverse effect on the national defense interests of the country.
8. Subject previously interviewed (dates) 11/30/53.
 Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) _____ no information has been developed which would reflect that the subject would cooperate with the FBI and because of her husband's, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, high position of leadership within the CP.
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) _____
 subject is a member of the 6th A.D. Club of the Kings County CP. (Report dated 8/24/61)
11. Subject's SI card is is not tabbed Detcom.
 Subject's activities do do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

~~C O N F I D E N T I A L~~

Copy to:

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Report of:
Date:

[Redacted]
6/22/62

Office: New York, New York

Field Office File No.:

100-24624

Bureau File No.: 100-407934

Title:

LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

PATTERSON resides at 1268 President Street, Brooklyn, NY, and is a housewife. Sources advised PATTERSON in attendance at a reception honoring HENRY WINSTON in September, 1961; in attendance at a banquet honoring WILLIAM L. PATTERSON in October, 1961; in attendance at the first anniversary celebration of "Freedomways" in April, 1962. PATTERSON received permission from the CP in May, 1962, to travel to the Soviet Union to visit [Redacted]

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DETAILS

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence and Employment

LOUISE PATTERSON resides at 1268 President Street, Brooklyn, New York, and is a housewife.

[REDACTED]
Brooklyn, New York,
June 12, 1962)

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

Miscellaneous

LOUISE PATTERSON was in attendance at a reception honoring HENRY WINSTON held on September 7, 1961, at the Hotel Theresa, 125th Street and Seventh Avenue, New York, New York. Various individuals spoke at this reception praising WINSTON for his role within the Communist Party (CP).

[REDACTED]
September 8, 1961)

"The Worker", September 17, 1961, page 3, identifies HENRY WINSTON as National Vice Chairman of the CP.

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"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

LOUISE PATTERSON was in attendance at a banquet honoring WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, her husband, held on October 28, 1961, at St. Nicholas Arena, 69 West 66th Street, New York, New York. The purpose of this banquet was to honor WILLIAM L. PATTERSON upon his 70th birthday. This affair was sponsored by "The Worker".

[redacted]
October 30, 1961;
[redacted]
October 30, 1961;
[redacted]
October 30, 1961;
[redacted]
November 2, 1961)

"The Worker", September 24, 1961, page 11, refers to WILLIAM PATTERSON as Chairman of the New York State CP.

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LOUISE PATTERSON was in attendance at a theater party sponsored by "Freedomways" on March 25, 1962, at the Mayfair Theater, 235 West 46th Street, New York, New York.

[redacted]
March 26, 1962)

LOUISE PATTERSON was in attendance at the first anniversary celebration of "Freedomways" on

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April 29, 1962, held at 110 West 48th Street, New York, New York.

[redacted]
April 30, 1962)

A characterization of "Freedomways" appears in the Appendix section of this report.

On March 31, 1962, a social party featuring three documentary films of new Cuba was held at the residence of WILLIAM and LOUISE PATTERSON, 1268 President Street, Brooklyn, New York. The films portrayed were:

1. Housing - how the present day Cubans live in full equality.
2. April 17th Invasion.
3. The First Declaration of Havana - the aims of the Cuban revolution.

A contribution of \$1.00 was requested from those present and the proceeds were to be turned over to the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC).

[redacted]
April 2, 1962;
[redacted]
April 2, 1962)

A characterization of the FPCC appears in the Appendix section of this report.

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Proposed Travel

LOUISE PATTERSON has received permission from the CP, USA to travel to the Soviet Union in July, 1962, for the purpose of visiting [redacted] who resides in that country.

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May 14, 1962)

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Other confidential informants familiar with certain phases of CP activity in the New York City area were contacted in June, 1962, and could furnish no current information concerning LOUISE PATTERSON.

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APPENDIX

FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE (FPCC)

The April 6, 1960, edition of "The New York Times" newspaper contains a full page advertisement captioned, "What Is Really Happening in Cuba," placed by the FPCC. This advertisement announced the formation of the FPCC in New York City, listed various sponsors of the Committee and declared the FPCC intended to promulgate "the truth about revolutionary Cuba" to neutralize the distorted American press on Cuban affairs.

"The New York Times" edition of January 11, 1961, reported that at a hearing conducted before the United States Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on January 10, 1961, Dr. CHARLES A. SANTOS-BUCH identified himself as one of the organizers of the FPCC. Also, Dr. SANTOS-BUCH identified ROBERT TABER as a co-organizer of the FPCC and said TABER drafted the aforementioned FPCC advertisement. Dr. SANTOS-BUCH further testified that he and TABER obtained \$3,500 from the Cuban Government through the son of Cuba's Foreign Minister, which funds, along with about \$1,100 collected from supporters of the FPCC, paid for the cost of aforementioned advertisement in "The New York Times."

On October 3, 1960, a source advised that the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) in New York had become active in the FPCC, and that SWP members, in a recent FPCC election, had been able to remove several Communist Party members who were on the Executive Board of the FPCC and gain control of the organization. This source asserted that the SWP members believed that they had achieved a great influence in the course of the Cuban revolution through their control of the FPCC.

On February 10, 1961, a second source advised that PHIL BART, National Organizational Secretary and member of the National Committee, CP, USA, had reportedly stated recently that the FPCC had been captured by the Trotskyites, but that the CP had not given up in the FPCC.

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

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FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

The records of the Secretary of State, New York State Department of State, Albany, New York, reflect that the certificate of incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Inc., was filed on March 2, 1961.

The first issue of "Freedomways," spring, 1961, is self-described as a quarterly review of the Negro freedom movement published by Freedomways Associates, Inc., 799 Broadway, New York City.

On May 25, 1961, a confidential source advised that "Freedomways" was set up by JAMES JACKSON, a member of the National Committee, CPUSA, for the CP of the United States with the approval of the CP of the Soviet Union.

On May 24, 1961, another confidential source advised that a report was given on "Freedomways" at a meeting of the National Board, CPUSA, held on May 24, 1961. It was stated that the original plan called for the publication to be openly Marxist, but that it was later decided it would not be avowedly a Marxist publication. Editorials are in the hands of a mixed group of Marxists and non-Marxists. It was stated that the central purpose of "Freedomways" is to develop a theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro movement, as well as to raise the level of understanding and discussion taking place in Negro life today and to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New York, New York
June 22, 1962

NY 100-24624

Title Louise Thompson Patterson

Character Security Matter - C b7C

Reference is made to the New York report
of Special Agent [redacted] dated and cap-
tioned as above.

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

FBI

Date: 8/3/62

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-407934)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-24624)
SUBJECT: LOUISE PATTERSON
SECURITY MATTER - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT-1950
(OO:NY)

ReNYairtel to Director, 5/24/62, captioned as above.

Enclosed are six copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth information received from [redacted] (S)

[redacted] was unable to furnish any information concerning the return trip of PATTERSON.

Appropriate stop notice has been placed with INS and an FD-122 is being submitted to the Bureau.

The enclosed memorandum is classified "Confidential" because the information reported by [redacted] (S)

[redacted]

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3 - Bureau (100-407934) (Encls. 6) (RM)
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Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New York, New York
August 3, 1962

100-407934

Re: Louise Patterson
Security Matter - C
Internal Security Act-1950

Reference is made to previous memorandum, captioned as
above, and dated May 24, 1962.

A confidential source advised on August 3, 1962, that
Louise Patterson departed from New York, New York, on June 22,
1962, aboard the liner the "~~Nieuw~~ Amsterdam" for London, England.
Patterson was to leave London, England, on July 3, 1962, aboard
the liner "SS Kallinen" for Leningrad, USSR. This source has
furnished reliable information in the past.

Agency Wt's CIA
Date 8-10-62
By 0-116, 0-144
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date 8-10-62
by B.C.P. [signature]

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ON 9/29/00

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-407934) DATE: 8/8/62

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-24624)

SUBJECT: LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON, aka "UNAVAILABLE SECTION"
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OO:NY

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[Signature]

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<input type="checkbox"/> Tab for Detcom	Race	Sex	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Date of Birth	Place of Birth				
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1- NEW YORK (100-24624)
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SUPPLEMENTAL CORRELATION SUMMARY
(See Correlation Summary dated 7/19/55, filed as 100-407934-50)

Main File No: 100-407934

Date: August 17, 1962

Subject: Louise Thompson Patterson

Date Searched: 10/3/61

Searched And Identical References Found As:

~~Louise Thompson Patterson~~
~~Louise Compton~~
~~Louise Paterson~~
~~Mrs. William Paterson~~
~~Louise Alone Patters~~
~~L. Patterson~~
~~L.T. Patterson~~
~~Lois Patterson~~
~~Lois Thompson Patterson~~
~~Louise Patterson~~
~~Louise Alone Patterson~~
~~Louise Compton Patterson~~
~~Louise T. Patterson~~
~~Louise Th. Patterson~~
~~Louise Thomson Patterson~~
~~Louise Thurman Patterson~~
~~Mrs. William Patterson~~
~~Mrs. William C. Patterson~~
~~Mrs. William L. Patterson~~
~~Mrs. William Lorenzo Patterson~~
~~Laura Starke~~

~~Louise Starke~~
~~Laura Starks~~
~~Louise Starks~~
~~Miss L. Thompson~~
~~Lois Thompson~~
~~Louise Thompson~~
~~Louise Alone Thompson~~
~~Louise G. Thompson~~
~~Louise Patterson Thompson~~
~~Luise Thompson~~
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~~Louise Thuman~~
~~Lou Thurman~~
~~Louise Thurman~~
~~Louise Alone Thurman~~
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Analyst

[Redacted]

JFK, CMG/cst
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Coordinator

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Also Searched And No Identical References Found As:

Louise Alone ✓	L.G. Patterson ✓
Louise Thompson Paterson ✓	L.H. Patterson ✓
Mrs. William L. Paterson ✓	Mrs. Lorenzo Patterson ✓
Alone Patterson ✓	Mrs. W. Patterson ✓
Mrs. L. Patterson ✓	Mrs. W. L. Patterson ✓
L.C. Patterson ✓	Lou Thompson ✓

Information on Louise Thompson was found under the following variations; however, they are not being set out above since they obviously are misspellings of the name.

Mrs. Louis Patterson ✓
Mrs. Louis Thompson Patterson ✓

Also searched as Louisa Patterson ✓, Lou Patterson ✓ and Lola Patterson. See page 91 of summary.

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed above. All references under the above names containing data identical with the subject have been included except those listed at the end of this summary as not having been reviewed, or those determined to contain the same information as the main file.

This summary is designed to furnish a synopsis of the information set out in each reference. In many cases the original serial will contain the information in much more detail.

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ABBREVIATIONS

- Add. info.....Additional information appearing in this reference which pertains to Louise Thompson may be found in the main file or elsewhere in this summary.
- ALS.....Abraham Lincoln School
- ILD.....International Labor Defense
- JAFRC.....Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee
- NNC.....National Negro Congress

RELATIVES WHO HAVE BUREAU MAIN FILES

The relationship, biographical data and CP activities of Louise Thompson were set forth in the serials of the main files on her relatives as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Reference Number</u>	<u>Search Slip Page Number</u>
William L. Patterson	Husband	100-39-7 p.5,7	(158)
		29 p.1,2	(116)
		30 p.1,2	(116)
		31 p.1,2	(116)
		32 p.1,2	(116)
		34 p.2,5,7,9	(102,116)
		35	(56)
		41 p.1-4	(56)
		47 p.2,4-6	(56,102,116)
		51 p.4,5	(116)
		59 p.7	(117)
		69 p.6	(56)
		81 p.6	(103)
		112 p.2,3	(117,135)
138	(103,135)		
167 p.1	(4,117,135)		

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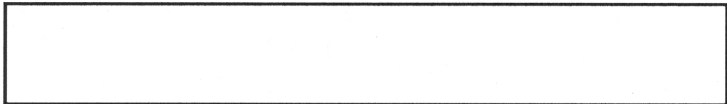
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<u>Name</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Reference Number</u>	<u>Search Slip Page Number</u>
William L. Patterson	Husband	100-39-203	p.3-5, (56,103,117)
			30,45,64,66
		214	p.2,4 (56,117,135, 153,154)
		225	p.3,39,40 (117)
		241	p.3 (56,95,117, 135)
		242	p.1 (140)
		249	p.2 (4,95,117, 135)
		254	p.3-5,19, (56,95,103, 49,175 117,136)
		257	p.2 (146)
		310	p.2,6 (103,146)
		319	p.2 (103)
		344	p.2 (4,95,117, 136)
		346	p.3 (4,96,117, 136)
		357	(96,140)
		358	p.1 encl. (4,96,117, p.1,2 140)
		367	(96)
		368	encl. p.1 (96)
		375	(4,96,118, 136)
		393	(96,118)
		8	p.1,2,3 (69,140, 158,160)
		18	p.2 (70)

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[redacted] (100-351123) reported that Louise Thompson was active in YCL work in approximately 1930 (place not given).

100-351123-12 p.3
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[redacted] (100-386074) advised in an interview on 12/14/51, that she first became interested in communism through her acquaintanceship with Louise Thompson, a Negro woman, employed by the educational branch of some church organization, possibly the Social Action Committee of the Congregational Church. Thompson was employed in an office next door to one occupied by the Committee on Cultural Relations with Latin America, NYC, during the year 1930. [redacted] advised that she did not know if Thompson was a member of the CP, but did know that she was sympathetic to the CP line and to the Soviet Union. Other information was furnished by [redacted] that was covered in Thompson's main file and other references.

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100-386074-4 p.3
(8,89)
SI 100-386074-19 p.1,4
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The "DW", dated 10/18/32, carried an article datelined Moscow, Russia, entitled "Members of Negro Film Group Hail Abolition of Race Hatred by a Proletarian Leadership." Louise Thompson and other members of the Negro film group issued a statement praising all that they had seen in Russia.

The "DW" dated 12/8/32, carried an article which dealt with the reason for postponing the production of the film of American Negro life by the Mezhrabpon Film Company, Moscow, Russia. Louise Thompson was quoted as having expressed indignation at the unfounded allegation carried by the foreign press that the postponement was caused by political conditions.

Add. info. according to [redacted] Queens, NY (protect identity) and duplicate informant.

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[redacted] "National Republic" Magazine, made available Photostats of material concerning the National Students League (61-7497). This material contained a list of people who signed a "Call to Action by the Committee on Negro Student Problems," which was printed in the 4/3/33 issue of "the High School Student," put out by the high school section of the National Student League, 45 E. 30th St., NYC. Louise Thompson, Lecturer, National Committee for Defense of Political Prisoners, was one of the signers of the above mentioned call.

Photostat material enclosed
61-7497-305 encl.
(34)

An unidentified source advised that on 7/23/35, Louise Thompson was arrested in Birmingham, Ala., in a raid on a conference of communists from the North who were trying to set up an organization in the deep South.

61-7852-153
(40)

[redacted] for the Dies Committee, Washington, D.C., advised that the names which appeared on the letterhead of the American League Against war and Fascism, dated 9/11/35, were members of the National Executive Committee of the League and were publicly on record as members of the CP. Louise Thompson was one of those names that appeared on the letterhead.

39-915-676 p.3
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SI 39-915-437 p.8
(12) (Joseph Zack, 392
Second Ave., NYC)

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[redacted] advised that during the period of 1933 through 1935 or early 1936, he saw [redacted] (118-3724) at numerous meetings which were arranged by persons whom [redacted] knew to be engaged in CP activities. These meetings, were held in homes of individuals whom the CP was trying to recruit as members and were organized by Louise Thompson, CP organizer, and other CP members and sympathizers.

118-3724-24 p.4
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The letterhead of the Non-Partisan Committee For the Re-Election of Congressman Vito Marcantonio, 1754 Lexington Ave., NYC, dated 10/3/36, listed Louise Thompson as a committee member. (Source not given)

100-28126-X
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NY letter dated 5/4/51, enclosed copies of a group photograph which appeared in the "DW" of 11/20/36. The caption of the article was "Like Jack's Beanstalk," and was about the growth of the IWO. Louise Thompson, English Section of the IWO, was one of those who appeared in the photograph.

100-367116-141
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[redacted] revealed [redacted] Branch 716, NYC, was listed on the "All -- IWO Team" for 1936. All individuals on the team had over 30 recruits to their credit in the IWO. It was noted that this Team was selected by Louise Thompson, National Secretary of English Branches of the IWO.

100-296689-10 p.7
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A report from Confidential Informant [redacted] dated 8/30/37, at NY, revealed that at the National Jewish Culture Conference in NYC on 8/27-29/37, Louise Thompson (Negro-Recording Secretary, IWO) was elected as a delegate to the World Congress which opened in Paris, France on 9/17/37.

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No other information.

Photograph enclosed
61-7565-111 p.5,7
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[redacted] advised on 3/1/42, that in about 1938 there existed in Harlem, NY, what was known as the Suitcase Theatre, communist controlled, which presented amateur plays. Among the persons most active in this venture were Louise Thompson, Ben Davis, Jr., Audley Moore, [redacted] and Richard Wright (100-157464).

100-157464-5 p.2
(79)

* Believed to refer to [redacted]

Publications Files contains a "Report on the English Section" by Louise Thompson, National Director, to the Fourth National Convention, IWO, held in Pittsburgh, Pa., on 4/23-30/38. This report set out the growth and progress of the IWO through-out the US.

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Report enclosed
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[redacted] US Veterans Administration, West Los Angeles, Cal., advised that as of [redacted] (100-14017) lived at [redacted] NYC, with a Miss Luise Thompson.

100-14017-3 p.3
(161)
SI 100-14017-25 p.2
(5)

Confidential Informant [redacted] who had furnished both reliable and unreliable information, advised that he believed [redacted] (98-200) made long distance calls from the telephone of the IWO at 1001 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. A check of the calls made from this phone (Walnut 5326) revealed that on 9/5/39 a call was made to Louise Thompson, International Workers, NY, 85th Ave., NY, telephone #Algonquin 47723.

98-200-8 p.6
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Civil Service Commission Proposed Report to the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee (140-6436), dated 9/17/54, set out the case of [redacted] who was employed by a regional office of the Civil Service Commission. An investigation of [redacted] in [redacted], revealed that she was a friend of Louise Thompson, a member of the Central Committee of the CP. No locality given.

140-6436-28 encl. p.95
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Correlator's note: Serial 27 of this file revealed that [redacted] was [redacted] [redacted] who was alleged in 1941, to have been a member of the CP who kept under cover.

The July, 1937, issue of the "New Order" carried an article devoted to the annual ball staged by IWO Lodge 691, NYC. Accompanying the article was a picture captioned "Members of Executive Committee." One of the individuals in the picture was Louise Thompson. It was noted that Thompson was listed as an associate editor of the "New Order."

[redacted] (140-18212) advised that he joined the IWO in [redacted] and was active till [redacted]. He joined the CP in [redacted] in NYC, and was a member till [redacted]. During his affiliation with these two groups, [redacted] advised that Louise Thompson Patterson was an individual he had known. [redacted] was described as a member of both the IWO and the CP. Another person [redacted] knew at this time was a [redacted] or [redacted] who claimed to be in the real estate business. [redacted] was confident that there was no relationship between him and Louise Thompson Patterson.

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Add. info. according to [redacted] and duplicate informants.

140-18212-19 p.18A,18B,18C
(132,144)

Correlator's note: Louise Thompson's main file revealed that [redacted] [redacted] was [redacted]

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An unknown outside source of unknown reliability, advised on 2/1/41, that the name of [redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, the father of [redacted] (140-6541), appeared on a list alleged by the source to have belonged to Louise Thompson, Vice President of the IWO and a CP Organizer. The investigation developed no information to indicate any close connection between [redacted] and Thompson.

140-6541-4 p.1,1A,3-7,12,13
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Information obtained from an unknown outside source, dated at NYC, 4/25/41, revealed that the "sweetheart" of Max Bedacht (100-18830) was Louise Thompson, the intellectual colored national organizer of the IWO.

100-18830-3
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On 6/4/41, [redacted] (100-293468) was questioned by the NY Office of the Work Project Administration regarding her communist affiliations. [redacted] stated that she never saw William Patterson, CP candidate for Congress, but knew his wife. When asked if she knew Louise Thompson, wife of William Patterson, she refused to answer.

100-293468-1 p.9
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Correlator's note: Serial X of this file, which contained a transcript of above mentioned interview, revealed that when asked what William Patterson's wife's name was, [redacted] refused to answer. She was informed that her name was Louise Thompson and was asked again if she knew her. [redacted] again refused to answer.

Chicago report, dated 7/2/41, advised that Room 1043, 176 West Adams Street, Chicago, Ill., was occupied by the IWO. Louise Thompson was one of the occupants of this office. It was noted that Thompson had a long record as a militant communist, was an official of the IWO, and an associate editor of the "New Order," the official organ of the IWO.

100-6380-7 p.2
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Correlator's note: Serial 6 of this file revealed that [redacted] (100-6380) received a letter from someone in Room 1043-176 West Adams Street, Chicago, on 2/11/41.

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In September, 1941, Louise Thompson, Vice President of the Midwest District of the IWO, advised Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, that she had been in contact with a [redacted] relative to the speakers at the meetings of the United Russian-American Committee to Aid the USSR, 1628 West Division Street, Chicago, Ill.

According to [redacted] of the American Russian Fraternal Society [redacted] Russian-American Citizens League.

100-333093-6 p.3
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Correlator's note: Serial did not indicate that [redacted] and the [redacted] in contact with Thompson, were identical.

Chicago report dated 11/19/41, revealed that [redacted] Chicago, Ill., [redacted] Custom Printing Company, advised that Louise Thompson, a member of the National Committee of the International Labor Defense (102-23), [redacted] behalf of the ILD.

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102-23-48 p.8,14,18,35
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Photostats of documents from the Archives of the former Japanese embassy (65-31329) which ran up to the time of Pearl Harbor (12/7/41), were made available by the State Department. These documents, some in Japanese and some in English, were in respect to Japanese investigations of communist activities in the US. Considerable documentary information was set out concerning Louise Thompson and her communist activities.

Photostats enclosed
65-31329-662 p.221,96,469,487,499,
(3) 502,507,522,540

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A group photograph of the Midwest District Committee of the IWO was obtained by a Special Agent and was believed to be the Committee of 1941 or 1942. [redacted] (100-343362) and Louise Thompson were identified in this photo.

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100-343362-4 p.3 (Photo)
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On 3/12/51 [redacted] (100-345643) reported that during his affiliation with CP front organizations, he served as an [redacted] for ILD from approximately [redacted] to [redacted]. He recalled that Louise Thompson of NYC, was one of the national officers of this organization.

100-345643-20 encl. p.5
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NY report dated 1/13/42, set out the officers and sponsors of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born (40-17121) as carried on the letterhead of the organization. Louise Thompson, Vice-President, IWO, Chicago, Ill., was listed as a member of the Board of Directors.

40-17121-3 p.15
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NY report dated 1/31/42, revealed that [redacted] [redacted], NYC (protect identity), advised that [redacted] (62-60243) knew and was friendly with the noted communist, Louise Thompson, International Vice-President of the IWO.

62-60243-28 p.4
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The files of the Cleveland Office revealed on 3/3/42, that [redacted] (100-420506) had made several trips through the Negro belt with Louise Thompson, one of the leaders of the IWO.

100-420506-4 p.3
(9,66)

Detroit letter dated 4/17/42 revealed that Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that on 3/22/42, [redacted] employee of the IWO, stated that Louise Thompson would arrive at 3 p.m. on that afternoon from Chicago to attend a conference.

100-129861-X5 p.2
(78)

[redacted] advised that Louise Thompson told him on 4/3/42, that [redacted] was living with an individual named [redacted] (100-378073) at [redacted] Gary, Ind., and [redacted] in [redacted] of the CP.

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100-378073-1 p.1
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[redacted] advised on 4/13/42 that Louise Thompson informed him that on Friday night there was to be a party at the home of [redacted] (100-109641) on [redacted] East Chicago, Ind. Thompson also told the informant to [redacted] residence as much as possible for [redacted] This belief was probably based on the fact that their home was raided by police under the pretext that liquor was being sold there without a license.

100-109641-1 p.3
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Confidential Informants [redacted] and [redacted] advised that on 4/13/42, Louise Thompson who was employed at the IWO office in Chicago, stated that she had recently talked to a girl named [redacted] Morale Division of the Office of Civilian Defense. [redacted] requested Thompson to secure a person for her who would be able to work with all kinds of language groups. Thompson told the informants that she had been unable to furnish anyone immediately, but tried to locate someone from the IWO.

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The informants advised that regarding IWO activities, Louise Thompson advised they had been having motion picture shows to raise additional funds. She said one show was held in Milwaukee on 4/19/42, but the admissions had to be refunded because the projectionist had not shown up.

100-104252-3 p.1
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[redacted] advised that on 5/12/42, the informant, in the company of Louise Thompson and [redacted] IWO functionaries from Chicago, met with [redacted] (65-46209) at the Cooperative Restaurant, Gary, Ind. [redacted] explained to them her system of disseminating information she received from [redacted], CP organizer, who followed orders from Chicago headquarters of the CP.

65-46209-11 p.2,3
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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that on 3/12/42, Morris Childs, [redacted] Louise Thompson, William L. Patterson and Elmer Johnson, all well known leaders in the Worker's School, the Youth Communist League and the Youth Congress in Chicago, met to start the final drive to support the March campaign to free Earl Browder, scheduled for March 28,29 at NYC.

The same informant advised on 5/16/42, Louise Thompson, [redacted] and [redacted] appeared at the Workers School. All the above were well known instructors.

100-57882-14 p.4,5
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[redacted] advised that on 5/16/42, he was met by [redacted] and Louise Thompson of the IWO, Chicago Headquarters and taken to the "Nature's Friends Camp" near Gary, Indiana, a meeting place for the CP. Thompson stated that there were two other camps of similiar nature, one in NY and the other in Wisconsin. (Details set out)

100-258511-1 p.7
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SI 100-334140-2 p.2
(85) [redacted]
SI 65-15377-47 p.4,5
(41) [redacted]
SI 100-120699-1 p.2
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NY letter dated 8/19/42, set out information that was discussed between an FBI Agent and [redacted] (100-5179) Metuchen, NJ, on 7/7/42. One item that was discussed was the matter of making contacts among communist leaders. [redacted] stated that if he had his selection of the most valuable contacts that were active in the party, he would select Louise Thompson as one.

100-5179-78 p.4
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SI 100-5179-77 p.3
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SI 100-17508-249 p.4
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SI 100-17508-277
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[redacted] advised on 8/1/42, that Louise Thompson, Midwest President of the IWO, stated that there would be an all day school at the Oil Workers Hall, Hammond, Ind., given by the Industrial Union Council of Lake County. Thompson stated that [redacted] (100-173363) would be the [redacted]

100-173363-1 p.3
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[redacted] advised on 7/11/42, that on the previous Tuesday evening he was to have attended an IWO meeting at [redacted] East Chicago, Ind. He had been told he was to meet Louise Thompson there, [redacted] (100-52421) had substituted for Thompson.

The same informant advised that on 8/10/42, Louise Thompson gave a report at a general executive meeting of the IWO at 316 North Michigan, Chicago, Ill.

100-52421-8 p.2
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A search made at the residence of [redacted] (100-344367) (protect identity), [redacted] La Crescenta, Cal., revealed a typewritten list of names entitled, "Chicago Lea -- and Names, [redacted] Notes, Sept. 1942," which included the following"

"Louise Thompson, b-316 North Michigan Ave., Secy of IWO.

Consult [redacted] at once before she leaves for National Congress work on reaching large organizations of IWO throughout city."

100-344367-8 p.38
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Denver report dated 9/8/42, revealed that [redacted] advised that on one occasion [redacted] (100-138672) and Louise Thompson, National English Secretary of the IWO, came to see him to enlist his aid in furthering the work of the IWO among Negroes in the Denver area.

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100-138672-1 p.4
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[redacted] advised on 7/31/42, that a meeting was to be called the following week to try to reorganize the Westside Council of the Russian War Relief (RWR) and that [redacted] and Louise Thompson of the IWO would assist [redacted] of the Russian War Relief (100-37226) in planning this meeting. The informant further advised that Thompson informed him that [redacted] of the RWR had furnished the IWO with [redacted] Civic Opera House affair held on 7/22/42.

[redacted] advised that Thompson was present at the United Nations Youth Victory Jubilee, sponsored by the RWR, held on 9/26/42, at the Chicago Arena, 400 East Erie St., Chicago.

100-37226-244 p.5,20
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The Ninth Naval District's Counter Intelligence Monthly Summary (100-153679) for the month ending 10/31/42, revealed that a number of Chicago Negroes under the direction of [redacted] Louise Thompson (Mrs. William Patterson) and other CP colored leaders, planned on sending a message of thanks to fellow traveler singer, Paul Robeson in appreciation of his gifts to the CP (\$25,000 in 1942).

100-153679-8 encl. p.8
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On 11/19/42, [redacted] reported that Louise Thompson had contacted [redacted] (100-259140) in Chicago, in the hope that he would bring individuals together who were interested in promoting a chapter of the Council on African Affairs in Chicago.

On 12/10/42, [redacted] reported that [redacted] Louise Thompson and others had been invited to attend a discussion of Earl Browder's book. (No further information)

100-259140-1 p.3
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On 1/19/43, [redacted] (100-239798) advised that he was acquainted with and had often spoken with Louise Thompson, President of the IWO in the Midwest District, while affiliated with this organization in Chicago.

100-239798-4 p.6
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[redacted] advised on 6/10/43, that Louise Thompson, Midwest Director* of the IWO, obtained the phone number and address of [redacted] (100-41761) from [redacted] of the NNC.

100-41761-6 p.2
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A summary memorandum from Chicago, dated 7/3/43, concerning the Negro situation, Chicago, Ill., revealed that Louise Thompson, Negress and Midwest Director of the IWO, was present at a meeting, on 6/18/43, of the National Policy Conference of the March on Washington Movement, held in Chicago.

It was noted that Confidential Informant [redacted] of the NY Division, advised that [redacted] March on Washington Movement, had worked with Louise Thompson and other outstanding communists.

44-824-1 p.8
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Bureau Informant [redacted] advised that on 7/7/43, he contacted Louise Thompson and [redacted] (100-331486) at the Abraham Lincoln School in Chicago. The conversation concerned the Summer Camp. To the informant's questions of financing, [redacted] and Thompson replied that the CP had already made contributions to the school but that the funds were still insufficient to meet the expenses.

100-331486-1 p.6
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Bureau Informant [redacted] reported that Louise Thompson, Geraldine Lightfoot (100-235482) and other Negro leaders attended the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association Conference in Chicago on 6/5-7/42. These individuals did not attend as delegates, but instead, mingled with and entertained the delegates, the purpose of which was to disseminate CP ideologies and principles.

Informant advised that on 7/13/43, Louise Thompson attended a Negro mass meeting at the Metropolitan Community Church in Chicago.

100-235482-1 p.4
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[redacted] advised on 8/24/43, that [redacted] (100-65111) stated that he had received a letter from [redacted] on [redacted] stating that he was planning a tour of the middle west. Louise Thompson told [redacted] that [redacted] was "an old stoop," but [redacted] stated that [redacted] would be well received by the Russians in Chicago.

100-65111-2 p.4
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In October, 1943, [redacted] advised that [redacted] (100-304136) had been active in making arrangements for a mass meeting of persons of Italian descent held in Cicero, Ill. on 8/29/43, in connection with the Allied invasion of Italy.

Informant advised that in making plans for this meeting Louise Thompson, then Midwest President and National Vice President of the IWO, was in frequent contact with Alfred Wagenknecht, then State Chairman of the CP of Ill., and with [redacted] District 8, CP.

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100-304136-3 p.7
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[redacted] advised on 9/3/43, that [redacted] (100-193321) was supposed to have worked for many years with [redacted], [redacted] Harry Haywood, Louise Thompson and other leading communists in the Harlem, NY area in the formulation of policy regarding Party activities among Negroes.

100-193321-4 p.2
(80)

Chicago report dated 9/3/43, revealed that the Chicago Office had obtained a group photograph, which included [redacted] (100-232274) and Louise Thompson, entitled Midwest District Committee of the IWO.

100-232274-1 p.7
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The 8/14/43 issue of the "VDC News," the official organ of Local 496, State, County and Municipal Workers of America - CIO, with offices at 54 W. Hubbard St., Chicago, Ill., reported that Louise Thompson, a prominent Negro labor leader, had been invited as a guest speaker at a meeting of the local, to be held on 8/19/43.

The 9/15/43, issue of the "VDC News" contained an article which summarized the remarks made by Thompson at the 8/19/43 meeting. The article was headed "Race Riots Clarified by Abraham Lincoln School Speaker." Portions of Thompsons remarks, taken from this article, were set out.

100-38784-214 p.1,5
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Confidential Informant [] advised that on 10/4/43, the IWO along with the Czech-Slovak-American organization (not identified), held a mass meeting at Liberty Hall, 3420 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago. The Negro section was well represented at this meeting, mainly through the efforts of Louise Thompson Patterson and [] (100-334371), both active organizers in the IWO.

100-334371-1 p.3
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[] advised that on 11/12/43, [] (100-52421) informed him that Louise Thompson, President of the Midwest District of the IWO, insisted that the affairs of the National Negro Congress should be attended.

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100-52421-11 p.5
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[] advised that Louise Thompson directed a letter to the Midwest Division of the American Slav Congress (100-56674) Chicago, Ill., dated 11/13/43, requesting 100 "Calls" and credentials to the Slav Congress that was to be held 12/11,12/43, in Chicago. Thompson stated her organization, the IWO, had a number of Slavic lodges. Letter set out.

100-56674-119 p.5
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[redacted] advised on 11/18/43, that [redacted] had expressed dissatisfaction with the work of [redacted] (100-23828) as [redacted] of the NNC. He attempted to have a conference with Louise Thompson of the IWO to see about a replacement for [redacted]

100-23828-16 p.6
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NY report dated 2/19/44, revealed that on 11/27/43, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that Langston Hughes (100-15139) was known to Louise Thompson.

100-15139-11 p.3
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[redacted] advised that [redacted] (not identified) had told him on [redacted] to call Louise Thompson, Chicago, Ill., and inquire about making [redacted] (100-331789), colored, the official IWO doctor in Hammond, Ind. The informant contacted Thompson on [redacted] and she advised that the appointment would be satisfactory if it met with informant's approval. On 12/4/43, [redacted] accepted the appointment.

100-331789-1 p.1
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Chicago letter, dated 12/9/43, enclosed a form letter of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties (100-1170), Illinois Chapter, which set out the legislative program to be followed by the organization and named the officers and Executive Board members. Louise Thompson was on the list of Executive Board members.

Form letter enclosed
100-1170-262
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SI 100-1170-263 p.2
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This reference in Bureau file captioned Dies Committee Report, Appendix IX, Communist Front Organizations, printed in 1944, set forth information concerning Louise Thompson. This reference also relates to exhibits presented before the HCUA. These exhibits revealed that Thompson sponsored and was a member of the CP and various CP front groups.

Reference Number

Search Slip Page Number

61-7582-1298 p.313,417,428,447,
641,745,831,834,
845,852,854,893,
898,904,907,911,
1001,1006,1008,1127,
1149,1153,1164,1177,
1179,1285,1293,1297,
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The "DW" dated 1/6/44, contained a call to the Sixth National Convention of the IWO, to be held in NYC during the week of 7/4/44, endorsing a fourth term for Roosevelt. The call was signed by the General Executive Board of the IWO, including Louise Thompson.

100-15145-41 p.11
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A confidential source of the Chicago Office advised on 1/29/44, that [redacted] (100-48011) was groomed by William L. Patterson and his wife, Louise Thompson, for more intensive work among communist steel workers and especially among the Negroes.

100-48011-10 p.1,5
(73)

In [redacted] was advised by [redacted] a [redacted] [redacted] of the IWO, South Side District, Chicago, that Louise Thompson had sponsored a drive whereby \$50. was offered for each 25 new members recruited into the IWO.

100-333746-3 p.6
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[redacted] advised in February, 1944, that [redacted] had been working with Louise Thompson, in obtaining a list of speakers for a meeting to be held 2/20/44, in Chicago, Ill., to hear Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., CP, NYC Councilman.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] the South Side Section of the CP, Chicago.

121-10074-13 p.9
(91)
SI 116-294744-3 p.5
(9)
SI 140-9450-6 p.18
(92)

[redacted] advised on 2/4/44, that Louise Patterson, Abraham Lincoln School,* wife of William L. Patterson, had suggested that invitations be sent to all members who had contributed to the school, had done voluntary work for the school or had participated in various cultural affairs of the school. Louise Patterson suggested an invitation be sent to [redacted] whom the informant could not identify.

No further information given, believed to refer to the anniversary described below.

140-11315-6 p.25
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[redacted] advised that in connection with the Abraham Lincoln School* anniversary that was held on 2/13/44, the name of [redacted] (100-328955) was on a list of persons to whom invitations were sent. This list was suggested by Louise Thompson.

According to [redacted] had been working with Thompson in recruiting for the CP among the IWO members.

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100-328955-1 p.5,6,7
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100-328955-8 p.3,4
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[redacted] advised on 2/4/44, that Louise Thompson had suggested to [redacted] that she send invitations to [redacted] (100-396528) and wife for the ALS anniversary party on 2/13/44 in Chicago.

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[redacted] advised on 2/20/44, that [redacted] (100-65111) was interested in the birthday of the Russian Army on 2/23/44, and wanted a mass rally of the Russians, Croatsians, Poles and Greeks. He wanted this rally held in the Peoples Auditorium but Louise Thompson of the IWO headquarters wanted it held downtown* where it would be more accessible. The informant advised that the rally was held at the Peoples Auditorium as planned.

100-65111-11 p.3
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* Chicago, Ill.

On 2/26/44, [redacted] of the UOPWA* advised [redacted] in Chicago, that the Women's War Activities group of this union would have a forum at which [redacted] (100-305325) and Louise Thompson of the IWO, would be present. (Date and place not given)

100-305325-4 p.12
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* believed to be United Office and Professional Workers of America

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Chicago letter dated 2/17/45, in answer to Bureau letter which requested Chicago Office to ascertain whether Louise Thompson was in Chicago on 3/28/44, revealed that Chicago files were reviewed with negative results.

100-203581-4019
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[redacted] revealed that William L. Patterson advised him that while [redacted] the [redacted] of the "New Masses," was in Chicago, Ill., during the week of [redacted] he, Patterson, was very anxious to have [redacted] do something on the south side in the Negro section. Patterson had requested [redacted] to get in touch with [redacted] and Louise Thompson to see if they could arrange a meeting on the south side for [redacted]

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It was noted that [redacted] was a member of the National Committee of the CPA, and [redacted] was on the District Committee of the CP, District #8.

It was also noted that Patterson was on the District Committee of the CPA, and was Assistant Director of the Abraham Lincoln School, Chicago.

Add. info. according to [redacted]

61-9182-56 p.7,8
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[redacted] advised that from 5/15 to 21/44, Louise Thompson of the IWO, attempted to get students to attend the summer session of the Abraham Lincoln School held in Madison, Wisc.

100-10909-31 p.2
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[redacted] advised in June of 1944, that the Russian War Relief distributed leaflets which announced a celebration to be held at the Chicago Arena on 6/22/44.

Concerning this meeting, [redacted] advised that the CP members and sympathizers contemplated that [redacted] (116-95027) would be the moderator, but it was decided that they would use him for some future meeting. Louise Thompson, was of the opinion that Judge [redacted] should be used at this meeting.

116-95027-3 p.3
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Confidential Informant [redacted] contacted [redacted] (100-235604), who advised she had seen Louise Thompson, President of the Midwest District of the IWO, on 6/1/44, (possibly at Gary, Indiana). [redacted] stated that she had received instructions on the IWO and All-Slav Congress from Thompson. (no further information)

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On 6/2/44, [redacted] advised that [redacted] IWO, wanted [redacted] (100-242780) to get a national group for a program to be given at a party Sunday night* for Louise Thompson. Informant was unable to state whether or not [redacted] complied. (No further details.)

CG 100-242780-2 p.7
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* possibly in Detroit

[redacted] reported that [redacted] (100-265384) had requested Louise Thompson of the IWO to teach a class at the Sweethearts of Servicemen's Group of the AYD at the Abraham Lincoln School in Chicago to start on 5/1/44.

[redacted] advised that Louise Thompson of the IWO would teach the last session of the Sweethearts of Servicemen's Group on 6/7/44, in Chicago, and her topic would be "Analysis of Fascism vs. Democracy."

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CG 100-265384-3 p.10,12,13
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[redacted] advised that Louise Thompson had requested [redacted] (100-332794) to write to one [redacted], a social worker, and have him attend the meeting on 7/6/44 at the South Side Community Art Center in Chicago. (not further described)

CG 100-332794-4 p.4
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SI 100-343289-1
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[redacted] advised that [redacted] (100-333) had frequently called on Louise Thompson, Midwest Director of the IWO, to discuss matters with her. One of these meetings occurred 8/23/44.

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CG 100-333-26 p.2,5
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* Chicago, Ill.

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An interview with [redacted] for Artkino Pictures, Inc. (65-1673), with office at 831 Wabash Ave., Chicago, in November, 1941 revealed that L. Thompson, IWO, had rented the film "Mannerheim Line," on 3/31/41.

[redacted] advised on 8/25/44, that Louise Thompson had made the statement that the national offices of the IWO were pushing the movie "Hitler's Gang."

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65-1673-42 p.7,13
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SI as para. 1,2
100-337956-2 p.3,6
(86,163) (Add. info.)

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[redacted] revealed on 8/8/44 and 8/25/44, that Louise Thompson was affiliated or associated with Nova Doba (100-23687), 1510 West 18th Street, Chicago, Ill.

100-23687-24 p.2
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An unknown outside source advised on 8/31/44, that a Negro, who "has been nosing around Pittsburgh on the quiet, is [redacted] (100-99661), who seems to have more power in the Party where Negroes are concerned than even [redacted] Patterson, Louise Thompson and others."

100-99661-12
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In September, 1944, [redacted] reported that he had been informed by Louise Thompson, IWO leader in Chicago, that [redacted] was [redacted] of the Midwest Committee of the Polish IWO for the re-election of Roosevelt. According to the informant, Louise Thompson said that [redacted] (100-334135) was to speak at a rally sponsored for political purposes (not further described).

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[redacted] advised on 9/8/44, that Louise Thompson Patterson contacted [redacted] of Nova Doba* (100-23687) in reference to some printing they were doing for her.

The same informant advised on 9/9/44 that Patterson had been advised by one [redacted] of the Political Action Committee of the IWO, that this committee was originated by Max Bedacht, who was its chairman. The purpose was to secure the re-election of President Roosevelt.

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SI 100-23687-28 p.2
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* Chicago, Ill.

On 9/11/44, [redacted] advised that Louise Thompson, IWO Mid-west District President, stated there would be a meeting at the offices of "Nova Doba" at 4:00 p.m. in Chicago, to discuss a racial problem. Thompson had instructed [redacted] (100-238122) to attend this meeting.

[redacted] who had supplied confidential information to the Chicago Office (protect identity), advised that [redacted] with Louise Thompson of the IWO and received an income from that organization.

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100-238122-9 p.4,9
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[redacted] was informed by [redacted] the Cook County Council of the CPA, that Louise Thompson Patterson would deliver some literature (not described) to [redacted] (100-365898), [redacted] Chicago, on 9/18/44. According to the informant, [redacted] instructed [redacted] that she was to mail this literature immediately.

100-365898-25 p.2
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[redacted] advised on 9/20/44. that Louise Thompson, IWO, told him that she had recruited [redacted] (100-23828), [redacted] [redacted] Chicago, Ill., as a member of the IWO.

100-23828-19 p.4
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[redacted] advised that on 9/29/44, [redacted] (100-34721) and wife had dinner with Louise Thompson and her husband, William L. Patterson. It was noted that Patterson was Assistant Director of the Abraham Lincoln School, Chicago.

100-34721-11 p.2
(71)

[redacted] advised that on 9/30/44, [redacted] and Louise Thompson, a reported leading communist in the Chicago area, breakfasted together at the Morris Eat Shop, 410 E. 47th St., Chicago. It was planned that after breakfast, they all would go to Gary, Indiana, where [redacted] was to speak.

It was noted that [redacted] was [redacted] of the National Maritime Union of America (100-32538).

100-32538-100 p.3
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SI as para. 1
100-120818-1757 p.3
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[redacted] advised that on 10/4/44, [redacted] (100-14648) attended a meeting of the Mayor's* Committee on Race Relations, at the request of Louise Thompson, a member of the District Committee, CPA District #8.

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100-14648-8 p.2
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* Mayor of Chicago, Ill.

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NY report, dated 10/4/44, revealed that [redacted] advised that Langston Hughes (100-15139) was used as a front for the CP. He was usually contacted through the IWO, through Louise Thompson. The informant advised that Hughes was generally near Thompson.

It was noted that Hughes was a close friend of Thompson and her husband William L. Patterson. No source was given for this information.

100-15139-13 p.9,11
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SI as para. 2
100-15139-20 p.6
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[redacted] advised that on 10/18/44, [redacted] (100-44142) tried to get William L. Patterson to lead a discussion at the forthcoming SOS* conference. On 10/19/44, Patterson's wife, Louise Thompson, was obtained for this purpose.

Again, on 10/19/44, [redacted] advised [redacted] asked Patterson to lead a discussion on inter-racial unity, dwelling on attacks on Negroes and Jews. She was again forced to settle for Thompson.

100-44142-17 p.8
(122)

* Believed to be Sweethearts of Servicemen.

[redacted] advised that on 9/29/44, [redacted] (100-42593) had spoken to Louise Thompson at IWO Headquarters* and requested her to speak in Negro territory in Wisconsin on 10/12/44. Thompson refused the request as she was to be in Washington, D.C. on 10/13,14,15/44.

[redacted] reported that Thompson was to speak at the 4th Ward CPA meeting on 10/26/44.

100-42593-14 p.7,9
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* Chicago, Ill.

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[redacted] advised on 8/14/44, that [redacted] of the Russian War Relief (100-37226) made arrangements with Louise Thompson to use the current mailing list of the IWO for the purpose of sending out a Russian War Relief (RWR) mailing.

[redacted] NY report dated 11/3/44, revealed that [redacted] advised that [redacted] of RWR had contacted Thompson about organizing a Negro section of RWR. Thompson had given [redacted] the names of various Negroes to contact to see if they desired to belong to the committee.

100-37226-406 p.4,9
(71)

On 9/26/44, [redacted] reported that Louise Thompson volunteered her services to the Negro People's Assembly (100-327833), 418 East 47th Street, Chicago, and sent out letters in an attempt to mobilize women behind this organization.

[redacted] advised that on 11/14/44, Louise Thompson Patterson attended a meeting of the Negro People's Assembly at the Carver Center, 4241 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago. The informant advised that the CPA controlled the Assembly nearly 100 percent.

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100-327833-15 p.7,27
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[redacted] furnished a letter from Louise Thompson, President, IWO, Midwest Division* dated 11/15/44, which revealed that [redacted] (100-370718) was one of the Secretaries of the National Group Societies of the IWO.

100-370718-1 p.6
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SI 105-24600-6 p.13
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* Chicago, Ill.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] (100-190254) was requested to attend a meeting of the Michigan District of the IWO on 8/17/44, at which meeting Louise Thompson of the IWO would be the principal speaker.

[redacted] advised on 11/18/44, that [redacted] became "panicky" because of a delinquency of Lodge #580 in not turning in their membership list and fees to the national IWO Office. Thompson, when she heard of this delinquency, made the statement that [redacted] and others should put a "double check on the funds" as they were too loosely handled by the lodges.

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100-190254-8 p.5,8
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On 9/28/44, [redacted] learned that Louise Thompson Patterson was in possession of the name and address of [redacted] (100-342049). Patterson advised informant that [redacted] name was on the "list of the Executives" of the IWO Lodge.

On 12/6/44, [redacted] learned from Louise Thompson Patterson that [redacted] was one of the [redacted] of Lodge No. 751 of the IWO in Chicago.

100-342049-1 p.3
(127)

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Chicago letter dated 12/18/44, revealed that files appeared to reveal that Louise Thompson handled the distribution of Russian films (97-2579) for the various IWO lodges. Informants were unable to ascertain the names of Russian films shown during the past six months or from whom the films were obtained by the IWO.

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97-2579-39 p.2
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On 1/22/45 [redacted] reported that Louise Thompson of the South Side CPA told [redacted] (100-332794) and [redacted] (ph) and others planned to organize a Negro History Week in Evanston, Ill.

It was noted that the CPA was interested in organizing a similar week in the South Side Negro section of Chicago.

100-332794-9 p.5
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[redacted] advised that on 2/11/45, [redacted] (100-334475) stated that she would like to see the Negro women represented on the JAFRC, possibly by Louise Thompson of the IWO.

[redacted] advised on 2/13/45, that [redacted] stated that she was contacting Thompson and others to secure their support for the JAFRC Fund Raising Campaign.

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100-334475-10 p.2
(85)

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[redacted] advised that on 3/13/45, he had learned from Louise Thompson that one [redacted] along with several others, were expelled members of the DuSable Lodge #751, IWO* and that the National Headquarters of the IWO had requested Thompson to contact these expelled members to get them in good standing again.

100-367958-1 p.14
(88)

Correlator's note: It was impossible to determine whether the [redacted] mentioned above was identical with [redacted] (100-367958).

* Chicago, Ill.

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[redacted] advised on 3/20/45, that Louise Thompson, a CPA organizer in Chicago, was told by [redacted] that during the week of July 30, 1945, the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union had booked houses right on the lake at Madison, Wisc., for the summer school sessions there.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] was [redacted] of the Abraham Lincoln School.

100-52123-333 p.2
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SI as para. 1
100-71076-42 p.5
(74)

[redacted] advised on 3/27/45, that when Earl Browder arrived in Chicago, he suggested that the IWO be called in on the hearing." As a result [redacted] contacted Louise Thompson at IWO Headquarters in NYC, and requested her to secure a copy of the Constitution of the IWO and other pertinent material to be forwarded to Chicago.

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[redacted] indicated on 3/28/45, that on Thompson's return to Chicago, she contacted Morris Childs and [redacted] regarding the case. They advised her to contact [redacted] on the matter. Thompson indicated that there was a possibility that [redacted] was present at the hearing representing the IWO.

[redacted] advised that Morris Childs was President of District 8, CPA, and [redacted] He also advised that [redacted] was the [redacted]

[redacted] was not identified.

100-331983-18 p.1,2
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* Serial 17 of this file revealed that the hearing mentioned above was a War Manpower Commission hearing concerning the dismissal of [redacted] (100-331983) by the War Manpower Commission. [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that in May, 1945, [redacted] who was active in the IWO, remarked to the informant that they wanted Louise Thompson Patterson to secure [redacted] (100-34721), [redacted] Chicago, Ill., as a speaker for the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order.

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100-34721-17 p.4
(121)

[redacted] advised on 5/14/45, that [redacted] and Louise Thompson Patterson, reported CPA functionaries, had discussed the status of the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship (100-146964). They agreed that various groups ought to get together and pool their ideas in order to make the Council effective.

100-146964-581 p.8
(123)

[redacted] advised in February, 1944, that [redacted] (100-393268) cooperated with Louise Thompson in arranging a meeting in Chicago, on 2/20/44 under the auspices of a new committee called the United Citizens' Victory Committee.

[redacted] advised on 9/13/44, that Thompson and [redacted] had discussed the difficulties that had arisen as a result of 25 Negro children being moved into an all-white school.

[redacted] advised on 5/18/45, that Louise Thompson was a member of the board of the National Negro Museum and Historical Foundation.

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Add. info. according to an anonymous source.

100-393268-2 p.3,4,5
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SI 100-393268-4 p.7,9,10
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Letter to Director from [redacted] dated 6/26/45, enclosed a memorandum furnished by State Department in reference to Communist Efforts to Influence Members of American Delegation during the UNCIO,* San Francisco, Cal., 4/25/45, which set out the following information.

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* United Nations Conference on International Organization

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