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THE HONOLULU DIVISION

At Honolulu, T. H., will continue to follow and report Communist activities of the subject.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT PAGE

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA WADE E. KNAPP, dated 5/12/51, at Honolulu, T. H., are as follows:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] who furnished the information to Special Agent CHARLES H. TAPPAN.
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[REDACTED] to Special Agent DONALD E. LARSEN.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA WADE E. KNAPP, 11/13/50, Honolulu.

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DATE: July 17, 1951

FROM : SAC, Honolulu

SUBJECT: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
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COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

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DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS c/o Hauula Post Office, Oahu, T. H.

Resides between Kaliuwa and Punaluu, Oahu (House is located about 100 feet beyond the turn to Sacred Falls and is the third house from the Ching Tong Sing Store on the beach side toward Hauula).

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Strategic and Vital Industry List)

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TO : Director, FBI (100-328955)

DATE: January 4, 1952

FROM : SAC, Honolulu (100-5082)

SUBJECT: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
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COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY,
EMPLOYED BY HONOLULU RECORD
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ReBulet 10/9/51 captioned "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA (Prosecution of Additional Communist Functionaries under the Smith Act- Hawaii) INTERNAL SECURITY - C."

DAVIS, a Security Index subject, continues to write a weekly column for the "Honolulu Record," which publication is edited by [redacted] one of the Smith Act subjects of this office. In this column, DAVIS closely follows the Communist Party line. He is violent in his denunciation of U. S. policy in Korea and throughout the world, while praising Russia on every opportunity. He continues his close association with CHARLES FUJIMOTO, publicly admitted Chairman of the Communist Party of Hawaii, who is also one of the Smith Act subjects under indictment in Honolulu.

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In view of these facts, no consideration will be given to interviewing him regarding the Smith Act subjects, UACB.

A prosecutive summary will be prepared on this subject as soon as possible.

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REPORT MADE AT HONOLULU, T. H.	DATE WHEN MADE 10/6/52	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/1,2,3/52	REPORT MADE BY JOHN R. HOOD mab
TITLE FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject continues to reside Windward Oahu and owns "Oahu Papers" of Honolulu. Subject continues association with Hawaii Civil Rights Congress members and identified Communist Party members. Subject continues newspaper column "Frankly Speaking" in the "Honolulu Record," weekly newspaper.

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DETAILS:

At HONOLULU, T. H.

I. ACTIVITIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Confidential Informant of known reliability, advised the subject continues to reside in the Kapapa District of Windward Oahu, and receives mail through the Hauula Post Office. also advised that the subject owns "Oahu Papers" at 406 P. Road, Honolulu. stated that the subject was observed at a joint meeting of the ILWU Executive Council, the Marine Cooks and Stewards Union, the ILWU Women's Auxiliary, and United Professional Workers with the Hawaii Civil Rights Congress Executive Committee held at the Marine Cooks and Stewards Union hall June 25, 1951. stated the main business discussed was the Hawaii Civil Rights Congress (HCRC) fight against Negro discrimination in bars in downtown Honolulu.

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COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY OAHU PAPERS
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The HCRC has been designated as a Communist organization by the Attorney General coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

[] also advised on August 1, 1951, that a regular meeting of the Executive Board of the HCRC was held at the home of [] on [] [] said at this meeting that DAVIS had stated there was no doubt that the FBI pick-up would start soon in Hawaii, and that the HCRC should be prepared for such an emergency by making previous arrangements for obtaining bail.

Confidential Informant [] said that a regular meeting of the Executive Board of the HCRC was held [] [] and that this was the first meeting of the newly elected Executive Board for the HCRC, 1952. The subject's wife, [] was one of those present according to [] then advised that about 30 or 40 persons attended an anniversary party of the HCRC held Saturday, March 8, 1952, at the home of the subject in Hauula, Oahu.

[] stated that according to [] wife of subject, that the subject had been selected to write for the newspaper "Freedom," published in New York City by a group headed by PAUL ROBESON.

PAUL ROBESON was identified as a Communist Party member by [] [] self-admitted Communist Party member to 1940, before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Washington, D. C., in 1949.

[] also advised that CHARLES FUJIMOTO and [] spent the day of October 28, 1951, as guests of FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS in Hauula, Oahu. [] said that according to subject's wife, the FUJIMOTOS came on that day for the purpose of getting additional information regarding [] whom [] said was to be disciplined by the Communist Party for "white chauvanism" or associating with persons whose reputations are such that they would bring embarrassment to the Communist Party.

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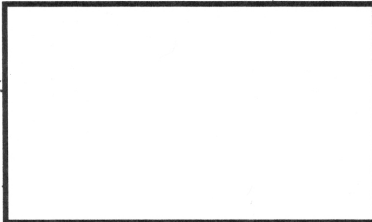
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Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised a fund-raising party was held at the home of [redacted] in Palolo Valley, Honolulu, on [redacted] and that the subject was present. [redacted] stated the subject made a speech requesting funds for the defense of the seven alleged Communist indicted August 29, 1951, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. Those indicted in Honolulu were:

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[redacted] also advised that the subject and wife, [redacted] were present at an HCRC [redacted] at the home of [redacted]

[redacted] of Windward Oahu, and [redacted] of the subject, advised that [redacted] was observed visiting the home of the subject on June 3, 1951.

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II. WRITINGS IN THE "HONOLULU RECORD"

The subject continues his weekly column in the "Honolulu Record" entitled "Frankly Speaking."

[redacted] self-admitted former Communist Party member and one-time member of the Executive Board of the Communist Party of Hawaii, advised on August 30, 1950, that the editorial policies of the "Honolulu Record" were under complete control and domination of the Communist Party of the Hawaii Executive Board.

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The following excerpts were obtained from the subject's column as it appeared in the "Honolulu Record:"

"Honolulu Record" dated July 26, 1951, in the column referring to the Negro family of HARVEY CLARK JR., which family was mobbed in Cicero, Illinois, for attempting to move into a white suburb stated

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that IRA LATIMER, Executive Director of the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee, had requested the Justice Department for protection for the CLARKS. "This is the same Department of Justice which has caused many Negroes to be fired from Federal jobs as 'Communists,' because they refused to accept discrimination and fought against the kind of conditions which fathered the riots. It is the same Department of Justice which, until this day, has not been able to identify the lynchers of those four Negroes five years ago in a small county in Georgia, one of the most atrocious crimes in American history. Is it any wonder that many Negroes consider the Department of Justice to be anti-Negro?"

"Honolulu Record" dated August 23, 1951, regarding the statement of THOMAS E. DEWEY, Governor of New York, "What DEWEY says, in effect, is that we must use force and violence, if necessary, to keep a nation from accepting Communism even though the majority of the people of that nation have expressed a desire for Communism."

"As a matter of fact, the people of America have the right to establish a Socialist or Communist Government if they so desire. The right to replace one form of Government with another is a historic right."

"Honolulu Record" dated August 30, 1951, "I think the coming generations - if the world survives the threat of atomic annihilation - will look upon the Supreme Court decision in the Smith Act in much the same way that we now glance back at the infamous DRED SCOTT decision of nearly one hundred years ago."

"Honolulu Record" dated September 27, 1951, "I would be against capital punishment on purely humanitarian grounds. But when this device is used to maintain white supremacy and is a weapon aimed primarily against non-whites, it should be gotten rid of as an enemy of the principles of democracy."

"Honolulu Record" dated December 27, 1951. In this article the writer spoke of the Negro position in regard to the conviction of eleven Communist leaders in New York, "Our position is that the conviction can be used against Negroes or any other group fighting for full equality."

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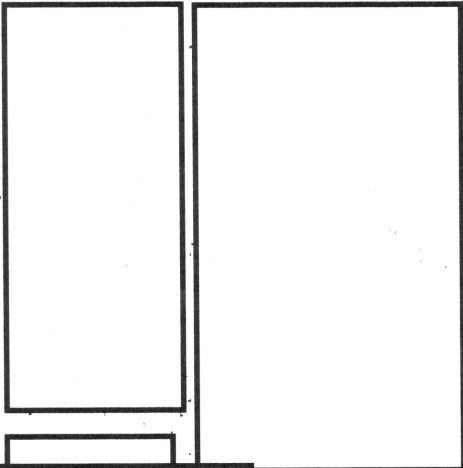
"Honolulu Record" dated January 31, 1952, "This habit of making Russia a whipping boy for all the affairs that now beset the globe is intended to blind the American people to the real causes of unrest in the near and Middle East."

"Honolulu Record" dated April 17, 1952, "It is obvious that Washington fears PAUL ROBESON. You see, he is not for sale. He has the unshaken belief that no nation has the right to exploit another, that color should not be the measure of individual worth. People everywhere have acclaimed him as one of the greatest artists in the world. He is called free by millions of the oppressed."

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		Feb. 15, 1952	WADE E. KNAPP	100-5082-274
		March 13, 1952	WADE E. KNAPP	100-5082-279
		Oct. 25, 1951	HAROLD L. CHILD JR.	100-5082-253
		Jan. 1, 1952	HAROLD L. CHILD JR.	100-5082-267
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent WADE E. KNAPP, dated May 12, 1951, at Honolulu.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **HONOLULU, T. H.**

FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT: HONOLULU, T. H.	DATE WHEN MADE: 3/31/53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1/15; 2/18, 24, 25, 26; 3/2, 3, 6, 12, 16, 24, 25/53	REPORT MADE BY: JOHN R. HOOD
TITLE: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS		CHARACTER OF CASE: INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

SUMMARY REPORT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject resides **Maunaloa, Oahu**, and is the owner of a wholesale and retail paper company known as **Oahu Papers**. Subject also writes weekly column (**Frankly Speaking**) for the **HONOLULU RECORD**, Communist-dominated newspaper. Subject has been resident of the Hawaiian Islands since **December, 1948**. Subject was identified as active in the **Boris-Miller Club, Communist Party, in Chicago, Illinois**. Was also active in the **AID, CRC, and Abraham Lincoln School in Chicago**, all of which were cited as subversive by the Attorney General. In Honolulu, Subject has been active in the **HCRC**.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Birth Data

The records at **Friends University, Wichita, Kansas**, examined by Special Agent **CHARLES G. CLEVELAND** on July 28 and 29, 1949, showed the Subject was born **December 31, 1905, at Arkansas City, Kansas**.

B. Citizenship

The records at **Friends University, Wichita, Kansas**, also showed the Subject was a **United States citizen by birth**.

C. Education

The records at **Friends University, Wichita, Kansas**, as

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examined by Special Agent CHARLES G. CLEVELAND on July 28 and 29, 1949, showed Subject enrolled in Friends University, September 17, 1923 and withdrew May 25, 1924.

In June of 1944, Special Agent NED E. NEUTZLING examined the Selective Service records in custody of [redacted] Local Board 82, 3858 South Parkway, Chicago, Illinois. These records showed Subject attended Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas, from September, 1924, to February, 1927, and from September, 1929, to June, 1930.

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D. Marital Status

The Office of the County Clerk of Cook County, Chicago, Illinois, was contacted by Special Agent RAYMOND F. SHELTON on August 12, 1949. He was advised that the Cook County Clerk's Office was unable to verify the marriage of [redacted] to FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS without having some approximate date of marriage furnished.

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The HONOLULU STAR-BULLETIN, daily newspaper, dated December 14, 1948, reflected the Subject and wife arrived in Honolulu, December 8, 1948.

E. Military Service

The Selective Service records of Local Board 82, Chicago, Illinois, were examined by Special Agent NED E. NEUTZLING and showed the Subject was classified 1A1 on January 7, 1944. He is not known to have entered on duty in the military service.

F. Criminal Record

PTO [redacted] examined the records of the Honolulu Police Department on February 23, 1953, and there was no record of arrest located on the Subject at that time.

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G. Employment

In June, 1944, Special Agent NED E. NEUTZLING reviewed the Selective Service records of Local Board 82, Chicago, Illinois, and these records contained information filed by the Subject's employer which stated the Subject was employed as reporter for the Associated Negro Press, 3507 South Parkway, Chicago, Illinois, from September 18, 1935, and that beginning January 19, 1942, he was Executive Editor of the ASSOCIATED NEGRO PRESS.

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The HONOLULU RECORD, in its edition of December 16, 1948, described FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS as Executive Editor of the CHICAGO STAR from July, 1946, to September, 1948. The HONOLULU RECORD was cited as a front for the Communist Party by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities on October 1, 1950.

Page 1 of the CHICAGO STAR of the August 28, 1948 issue, carried an announcement that the CHICAGO STAR was going out of business September 11, 1948. This article was signed, "The Chicago Star Publishing Company, FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, Secretary."

The testimony of WALTER S. STEELE regarding Communist activities in the United States, which was heard July 21, 1947, before the House of Representatives Committee on Un-American Activities, Washington, D. C., reflected the CHICAGO STAR is published weekly by the Chicago Star Publishing Company, Incorporated, 166 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois. STEELE testified the Executive Editor was FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS.

The CHICAGO STAR was cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities Report of 1948 as among the publications which the Committee found "to be Communist initiated and controlled or so strongly influenced as to be in the Stalin solar system."

A review of the HONOLULU RECORD newspapers by the writer, beginning with the December, 1948 issue, indicated that news articles written by the Subject have appeared as early as December 16, 1948, in the HONOLULU RECORD. The Subject continues to write a weekly column, "Frankly Speaking."

In February, 1950, Special Agent WADE E. KNAPP examined the records of the Territorial Tax Office which showed that the Subject as FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS took out a license to do business as Oahu Papers for the purpose of engaging in the wholesale and retail sale of papers. This license permitted Subject to start business January 1, 1950.

RTO [redacted] examined the records of the Credit Bureau of Hawaii on 2/23/53, which records showed the Subject was self-employed at Oahu Papers, 867 Ahua Street, Honolulu, T. H.

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H. Residence

The records of the Friends University, Wichita, Kansas, examined by Special Agent CHARLES G. CLEVELAND on July 28 and 29, 1949, showed the Subject attended Friends University, Wichita, Kansas, from September, 1923, to May, 1924.

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According to Selective Service records of Local Board 82, Chicago, Illinois, as examined by Special Agent NED E. NEUFZLING in June of 1944, the Subject attended Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas, from September, 1924, to February, 1927, and September, 1929, to June, 1930.

Selective Service records also showed Subject resided at 3559 Vincennes Ave., Chicago, Illinois, as of 1944.

On December 4, 1948, Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised that DAVIS was giving up his apartment, No. 301, at 3852 South Lake Park Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

On February 13, 1949, Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised the Subject resided at 1830 Waiola Street, Apartment 1, Honolulu.

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On May 31, 1949, Confidential Informant [] advised that Subject had moved to Hauula, Oahu.

I. Status of Health

There was no information other than the Subject was in good health.

II. CONNECTION WITH COMMUNIST PARTY OR OTHER REVOLUTIONARY GROUPS

Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised in November, 1943, that the Subject was scheduled to speak at a meeting of the American Youth for Democracy on December 5, 1943, to be held at 7:30 p.m. in Curtis Hall, 410 South Michigan Street, Chicago, Illinois. The American Youth for Democracy was cited as subversive and a Communist organization by the Attorney General December 4, 1947.

Confidential Informant [] advised on March 6, 1945, that [] organizer for the South Side Council of the CPA, told him that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was a member of the Dorie-Miller Club of the Communist Party of America which meets at 3865 South Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised in December, 1943, that WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, Assistant Director of the Abraham Lincoln School, had recently discussed with the Subject the possibility of the Abraham Lincoln School getting space in the Art Institute in South Side, Chicago, Illinois.

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[] stated that they also discussed deportation proceedings against Mrs. EARL BROWDER and DAVIS agreed to write a letter to President ROOSEVELT on behalf of Mrs. BROWDER. EARL BROWDER, husband of Mrs. BROWDER, was former general secretary of the Communist Party in the United States until 1945. The Abraham Lincoln School in Chicago, Illinois, was cited as an adjunct of the Communist Party by the Attorney General on December 4, 1947.

In June, 1944, Confidential Informant [] stated that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was one of numerous guests to be invited to a cocktail party for EARL BROWDER in the apartment of [] in Chicago in the near future.

In January, 1944, Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, stated the Subject had been considered as a possible instructor in a course on the outline of Negro History, and also that [] branch organizer for the Third Ward Branch of the South Side Section of the Communist Party in Chicago had obtained the Subject as a speaker for a mass meeting of the American Youth for Democracy to be held at the Central YMCA in Chicago, January 9, 1944.

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[] stated on February 4, 1944 that the Subject was one of those to be invited to the Abraham Lincoln School Anniversary Party scheduled for February 13, 1944. [] further stated that the Subject would give a short speech at the anniversary party of National Negro History Week and was scheduled to speak at a Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee party in Chicago February 12, 1944, in a celebration of American Night.

The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee was cited as subversive and Communistic by the Attorney General on December 4, 1947.

Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, stated in April, 1944, that WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, Assistant Director of the Abraham Lincoln School, had told him in April, 1944, that the Subject was very progressive, was very much interested in the Soviet Union and that at the present time he was an instructor at the Abraham Lincoln School.

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Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, stated on February 14, 1944, that the Subject was associated with the ASSOCIATED NEGRO PRESS and was a member of the Communist Party.

On November 18, 1944, [] advised that a Communist front organization known as the "Cultural Group" was sponsoring a Cultural Conference on the Chicago South Side. [] stated Subject was one of the committee members.

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In a news article found in the CHICAGO DEFENDER, weekly Negro newspaper, for April 8, 1944, it was stated that a special course was being given at the Abraham Lincoln School in Chicago on facts about racial matters. According to this article, classes were to be taught by WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, Assistant Director of the Abraham Lincoln School, Dr. METZ T. P. LOGHARD, Editor of the CHICAGO DEFENDER, and FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, Executive Editor of the "Associated Negro Press."

On May 22, 1945, Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised that FRANK M. DAVIS of 3559 Vincennes Ave., Chicago, was a member of the Carver Second Ward West, Communist Political Association.

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On June 23, 1946, Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised the Subject was present at a meeting of the Carver Communist Party Club held at 4241 Michigan Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

On May 1, 1947, [] stated the Subject was present at a May Day Rally sponsored by the Communist Party, District No. 8, Chicago, Illinois, at the Ashland Auditorium, Ashland and Van Buren Ave., Chicago, Illinois, May 1, 1947.

In a news article in the CHICAGO DEFENDER newspaper dated October 20, 1945, it was stated that the Subject was currently teaching History of Jazz at the Abraham Lincoln School in the Chicago Loop and that DAVIS was a member of the Board of Directors of the Abraham Lincoln School.

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On April 16, 1947, [] furnished a leaflet issued by the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee which listed the names of the Board of Directors and included the name of FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS. [] stated that the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee was a Communist front organization.

Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised on November 23, 1947, that the Civil Rights Congress National Conference was held in Chicago on November 21, 22, and 23, 1947. [] stated that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, Executive Editor of the ASSOCIATED NEGRO PRESS was active in the conference. The Civil Rights Congress was cited as a subversive organization by Attorney General TOM CLARK on December 4, 1947.

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On September 19, 1948, Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised that the Subject was chairman of a farewell party for WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, former Vice President of the Communist Party, District No. 8, who was recently appointed National Chairman of the Civil Rights Congress. This party was held at 410 South Michigan Avenue under the auspices of the Civil Rights Congress.

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On December 11, 1948, Confidential Informant [] advised that DAVIS had admitted that he was on the "Washington Subversive List" because of his affiliation with the Abraham Lincoln School of Chicago, the American Youth for Democracy, and the Civil Rights Congress. [] said that DAVIS stated he taught art classes at the Abraham Lincoln School, was an officer of the American Youth for Democracy and a functionary in the Civil Rights Congress.

[] on December 11, 1948, stated he had learned from DAVIS that DAVIS had been invited to attend a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee on December 13, 1948, and that DAVIS had expressed his intention of being present.

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The Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee was listed by the Attorney General as a Communist organization on April 27, 1949.

On November 27, 1950, the Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee became affiliated with the Civil Rights Congress and became the Hawaii Civil Rights Congress.

Confidential Informant [] advised on January 23, 1949, that the Subject gave a short speech at the First Anniversary Reception and Dance of the Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee on January 22, 1949, at Kulamau Pavilion, Honolulu. During this speech, [] stated, the Subject pledged to work and cooperate with the HCLC during 1949. According to [] the Subject spent most of the evening in the company of [] CHARLES FUJIMOTO and [] all of whom have been identified as Communist Party members by [] self-admitted Communist Party member from 1938 to October, 1946. On October 15, 1948, CHARLES FUJIMOTO publicly announced his chairmanship of the Communist Party in Hawaii.

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Confidential Informant [] stated that DAVIS on May 2, 1949, at an HCLC meeting, urged the HCLC to take Attorney General TOM CLARK into court for listing the HCLC as a subversive organization. He referred to TOM CLARK as a typical prejudiced Texan.

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Confidential Informant [] on May 19, 1949, stated that DAVIS had been a guest speaker at an HCLC meeting May 16, 1949. He stated that DAVIS gave a short talk

in which he stated he was a member of the National Board of the Civil Rights Congress and that following this talk, DAVIS was presented with a 12x14" picture of PAUL ROBESON. [] stated that DAVIS in accepting this gift said, "This is the great one." PAUL ROBESON, Negro entertainer, was identified as a Communist Party member by [] self-admitted Communist Party member on 2/19/40 before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Washington, D. C. in 1949.

Confidential Informant [] advised on June 12, 1949 that the Subject and his wife were among sixty persons who attended a benefit picnic for the striking members of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union on June 11, 1949. The ILWU Regional Director, JACK HALL, is now on trial in Honolulu for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. [] stated that CHARLES FUJIMOTO, self-announced Chairman of the Communist Party in Hawaii, was also present.

On June 16, 1950, [] advised that DAVIS stated that he became interested in the Communist Party in 1931 while an editor of the ATLANTA DAILY WORLD, a Negro newspaper, and that he had become interested in the Communist Party largely because of the Scottsboro Case and the Herndon Case. [] stated that DAVIS urged [] to become a member of the Communist Party.

Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, stated on July 20, 1950, that the Subject, on April 26, 1950, had sent a contribution to the International Workers Order, New York City, in the amount of \$5.52. The International Workers Order was cited as subversive by Attorney General TOM CLARK on December 4, 1947.

III. WRITINGS

A review of the HONOLULU RECORD newspapers from December, 1948, through May 26, 1949, by the writer, showed that the Subject had written against racial discrimination, had attacked the Un-American Activities Committee, and the Marshall Plan. In the issues from June 23, 1949, through January 19, 1950, Subject had opposed the Territorial Loyalty Oath for employees of the Territory of Hawaii. He also objected to Senator HUGH BUTLER's report to Congress on statehood for Hawaii in which BUTLER stated that Communism was a menace. DAVIS also predicted depression and blamed "big business" for preparing for a new world war in order to maintain profits. He condemned the Atlantic Pact. He accused the FBI of being an agency used to spy upon those who disagree with the status quo of "big business." He attacked PHILIP MURRAY and the CIO as tools of "big business." He denounced the conviction of eleven Communist leaders in New York and condemned anti-Communist hysteria in America.

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The House Committee on Un-American Activities, in a report on the HONOLULU RECORD, dated October 1, 1950, stated on page 11:

"When Mr. DAVIS' column first appeared in the RECORD in May, 1949, the RECORD boasted that the author was a member of the national executive board of the Civil Rights Congress. The organization is cited as Communist by Attorney General TOM CLARK as well as by the Committee on Un-American Activities. Mr. DAVIS has signed a number of statements in behalf of Communists under the sponsorship of the Civil Rights Congress; one of these defended was GERHART EISLER, notorious Communist international agent who escaped jailing for passport fraud by fleeing to the Soviet sector of Germany.

"Other front organizations of the Communist Party with which Mr. DAVIS has associated include: American Youth for Democracy, Abraham Lincoln School, National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, League of American Writers, the National Negro Congress, and the Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee."

It should be noted that all of the above have been designated by the Attorney General as Communist organizations coming within the purview of Presidential Executive Order 9835.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities, in its report on the HONOLULU RECORD, published October 1, 1950, describes FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS as the author of a regular weekly column in the HONOLULU RECORD entitled, "Frankly Speaking." Page 10 of this report states:

"Mr. DAVIS' column defends Communists and attacks capitalism with the same vigor as columns appearing regularly in the DAILY WORKER and other frankly Communist publications."

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A review of the HONOLULU RECORD, February 9, 1950, through October 12, 1950, showed DAVIS had attacked the CIO for backing the Atlantic Pact, had expressed disappointment at the perjury conviction of HARRY BRIDGES, President of the ILWU, had attacked the work of the House Un-American Activities Committee in Hawaii, and had stated that intervention by the United States in Asia was for the purpose of preserving the rule of the imperialists. In one issue he stated he had signed the World Peace Appeal issued in Stockholm, Sweden, although he knew such action to be subversive. In the January 25, 1951, issue of the HONOLULU RECORD, DAVIS stated the United States was interested in starting a war while Russia was expanding peace-time production.

In the July 26, 1951 issue, he attacked the United States Department of Justice for being anti-Negro. He stated that capital punishment was a device used to maintain white supremacy. In the April 17, 1952 issue of the HONOLULU RECORD, he acclaimed PAUL ROBESON as a great artist and one who was called "free" by millions of the oppressed.

IV. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The following is a physical description of the Subject as obtained from Selective Service files of Local Board 82, Chicago, Illinois:

Name	FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
Date of Birth	December 31, 1905, Arkansas City, Kansas
Race	Negro
Nationality	American
Height	6'1"
Weight	230 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Social Security No.	337-16-3458

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	12/16/48	12/11/48	WILLIAM F. DOYLE	100-5082-5
	1/22/49	1/23/49	"	100-5082-13
	5/2/49	5/6/49	WADE E. KNAPP	100-5082-51
	5/16/49	5/19/49	"	100-5082-52
	6/21/49	6/12/49	WILLIAM F. DOYLE	100-5082-65
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	11/44	11/18/44	GEORGE P. BYRNE, JR.	100-5082-38
[] is Chicago Confidential Source	5/45	5/22/45	J. P. McMAHON DON C. SWANSON	100-5082-43
[] is []	6/46	6/23/46	JOHN F. GLENVILLE	100-5082-43
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[redacted] is [redacted]	9/19/48	9/48	JOHN F. GLENVILLE	100-5082-43
[redacted] is [redacted]	4/26/50	7/20/50	WADE E. KNAPP	100-5082-155 b2 b6 b7C b7D

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent JOHN R. HOOD, dated October 6, 1952.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-328955)

DATE: 1/21/53

FROM : SAC, Honolulu (100-5082)

SUBJECT: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
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2-3-53. HAW*

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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

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COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____ RACE _____ SEX _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

Owner, Oahu Papers, 867 Ahua, Honolulu

Also columnist Honolulu Record, 811 Sheridan St.

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Vital Facility List) _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____

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File No.: 1146-1
100-328945

Name: FRANK DAVIS

Office of Origin: Honolulu

Address: Kapapa District of Windward Oahu

Born (Country & Date): US 12/3/05

If Naturalized

Occupation: Owns & operates

(a) Year :
(b) Prior Nationality:

Employer: Oahu Papers, a retail supply business
406 Proad, Honolulu

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If Alien, Nationality:

Last Report Reviewed: 10/6/52

Last Activity: At HCRC meeting, 7/51 (R.10/6/52, P.2).

Organizations:

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Enclosure to memorandum captioned "Intention Program," dated March 6, 1952, from Assistant Attorney General Perron O'Rourke III approving the name of the above-captioned individual for inclusion in the Security Index.

Approved appears in Serial 100-328020-20.

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REPORT MADE AT HONOLULU	DATE WHEN MADE 9/14/53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/7,8/53	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT G. KUNKEL aej
TITLE FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Informant has advised subject as a CP member attended Communist Party Cultural Club meetings in Chicago, Illinois between September, 1946 and February, 1948, during which period subject also taught a course at Abraham Lincoln School which has been cited as a subversive organization under Executive Order 10450. On 5-31-53 subject was elected President of the Hawaii Civil Rights Congress, an affiliate of the Civil Rights Congress which has been cited as subversive under executive order 10450. Subject continues to write a weekly column reflecting the CP line in the Communist line newspaper "Honolulu Record."

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DETAILS: *EE (EJ)*
9/28/53

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ON *12/2/93*
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I. BACKGROUND

The following is the current background information on the subject as reported by Confidential Informant of known reliability, on July 6, 1953.

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A. EMPLOYMENT

Owner Oahu Papers, 867 Ahua Street and columnist for the "Honolulu Record Publishing Company, Ltd.", 811 Sheridan Street, which has been described by a self admitted former member of the Communist Party in Hawaii from 1938 to 1939, and a member of the Executive Board of the Communist Party in Hawaii for several years as publishers of the "Weekly Record", a Communist dominated and controlled publication in Hawaii.

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B. RESIDENCE

Care of Hauula Post Office, Oahu, T.H.; House is located between Kaliuwaa and Punaluu, Oahu, about 100 feet beyond the turn to Sacred Forest, and is the third house from the Ching Tong Sing Store on the beach side toward Hauula.

II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, and a former member of the Communist Party from September 1946 to February 1948, advised on March 5, 1953, that she understood DAVIS to be a Communist Party Member because DAVIS had acknowledged his membership to her, and she recalled seeing him at a few meetings of the Communist Party Cultural Club in Chicago. Informant also advised that DAVIS taught a course entitled "Jazz" at the Abraham Lincoln School in Chicago in 1946.

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The Abraham Lincoln School, Chicago, Illinois, has been cited as a subversive organization by the U. S. Attorney General under Executive Order 10450.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, who is acquainted with Communist activities in the Territory of Hawaii, advised on September 7, 1953, that he knew of no information that would connect the subject directly to the Communist Party in the Territory of Hawaii.

III. ACTIVITIES IN COMMUNISTS FRONTS

A. HAWAII CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS (HCRC)

The Hawaii Civil Rights Congress, an affiliate of the Civil Rights Congress, is a subversive organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 10450 under which the U. S. Attorney General cited the Civil Rights Congress and all of its affiliates and subversive organizations.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised on May 31, 1953, that as of that date the subject had been elected President of the HCRC and upon accepting the presidency, stated that as Americans we are at the Stalingrad point in human rights. It is time to defend such rights with our lives, he continued, stating everyone should let people know the HCRC stands behind the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, and that all members should become thoroughly familiar with the Bill of Rights. By doing this, the members can alleviate the fear some people may have in participating in current HCRC activities.

Informant [] further advised that since the subject was elected President of the HCRC, he has attended the following HCRC meetings: 6-9-53, 7-7-53 and 7-18-53.

B. THE HONOLULU RECORD PUBLISHING COMPANY, LIMITED

A review of the weekly issues of the "Honolulu Record" from April 2, 1953, to August 27, 1953, reflects subject continues to write a weekly column entitled "Frank-ly Speaking." It is noted the "Honolulu Record" has been previously described in this report as a Communist controlled organization. A review of his weekly articles reflects that he has supported the National Lawyers Guild, Soviet Russian Foreign Policy in Southeast Asia; proposed U.N. recognition of Communist China, airing of American Negro grievances before the U.N., saving the ROSENBERGS, and U. S. Disarmament; and was against U. S. War Economy, Tidelands Oil Bill, Smith Act of 1940, and the naming of JAMES F. BARNES as a delegate to the U.N. because of Racism and White Supremacy.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised on March 13, 1953, that subject had a subscription to the "National Guardian", published by the Weekly Guardian Associates, Inc., 17 Murray Street, New York, New York. The subscription was scheduled to expire in June, 1953.

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The 1949 report of the California Committee on un-American Activities cited the "National Guardian" as a publication launched in New York in 1948, aiming at National Circulation which they found to be from its inception notoriously Stalinist in its staff, writers, management and content.

The report of the Commission on Subversive Activities to the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii dated March 1953, states the following regarding the subject:

"FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, an identified member of the Communist Party and a resident of Hawaii since December, 1948, has been a weekly contributor to the pages of the "Honolulu Record" since May, 1949. His column, entitled 'Frank-ly Speaking,' has been devoted to unrelenting and unmitigated complaints of racial discrimination in the United States. DAVIS has revealed himself to be a bitter opponent of capitalism and a staunch defender of such

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prominent Communists and Communist sympathizers as PAUL ROBESON, W. E. B. DUBOIS, LANGSTON HUGHES, HOWARD FAST, MARY McLEOD BETHUNE, EARL B. DICKERSON, CAREY McWILLIAMS, ROBERT MORSE LOVETT, HERBERT APTHEKER, and A. CLAYTON POWELL. Nor has DAVIS confined his inflammatory racial propaganda to the columns of the "Honolulu Record" alone. His story, 'Hawaii's Plain People Fight White Supremacy,' appeared in the November, 1951 issue of 'Freedom,' a tabloid publication emanating from New York City, whose treatment of inter-racial problems strikingly conforms to Communist Party policy. The chairman of the editorial board of 'Freedom' is PAUL ROBESON, an identified member of the Communist Party.

"On March 3, 1947, while DAVIS was employed as executive editor of the 'Associated Negro Press' with offices in Chicago, Illinois, he was listed by the magazine 'PM' as a signatory to a petition urging Congress to abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee and calling upon President TRUMAN to effect the immediate release of Communist GERHART EISLER. The petition referred to the work of the House Un-American Activities Committee as 'undemocratic' activity and protested that the consequence of its program 'would be the ultimate suppression of all traditional American liberties.'

"Prior to his arrival in the Territory, FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was affiliated with the Communist-line 'Chicago Star' and the following Communist-front organizations: CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS, CHICAGO COMMITTEE FOR SPANISH FREEDOM, AMERICAN YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY, ABRAHAM LINCOLN SCHOOL NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES, LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WRITERS, and NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS. During the period of his residence in Hawaii he has played a prominent role in the activities of the Communist-front Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee and its successor the HAWAII CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS.

"DAVIS is not known to receive any compensation from the Honolulu Record Publishing Company, Ltd. His income appears to be derived totally from his stationery and paper business which he has advertised in the 'Honolulu Record' under the name 'Oahu Papers, 867 Ahua Street.'"

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Pretext tel. call to business	7/6/53	7/6/53	JOHN R. HOOD (Orally)	100-5082-322
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[Redacted]	9/7/53	9/1/53	LEO S. BRENNISEN	This report
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AT HONOLULU, T. H.

Will continue to follow and report the activities of the subject.

REFERENCE: Report of SA JOHN R. HOOD dated 3-31-53, at Honolulu.

SAC, HONOLULU (100-5082)

February 3, 1954

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-328955)

FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Attached for your information and the completion of your files is a Photostat containing information reportedly prepared from the public records, files and publications of the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, (HCUA). You will note that this information was evidently compiled for Senator William E. Jenner, Chairman, Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security, and was furnished to the Bureau by former Inspector Lee Pennington who is presently Director, National Americanism Commission of the American Legion. The inclusion of this information in HCUA files has not been verified by this Bureau.

A comparison of the information contained in the attached Photostat with information in subject's main file reflects that the Bureau is already in possession of much of the same information. However, since Davis' main file does not reflect each individual item as set forth in the attachment, you should include same in the next report prepared by your office in this case.

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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AMB*

DATE: February 3, 1954

FROM : MR. V. P. KEAY *VPK B*

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SUBJECT: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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The attached memorandum containing information concerning captioned individual was furnished to the Bureau on January 11, 1954, by former Inspector Lee Pennington, presently Director, National Americanism Commission of the American Legion. Pennington advised he had obtained same from Dick Arens, Senate Subcommittee on Immigration of the Committee on the Judiciary. It is noted that the attached memorandum contains information which, according to the House Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, is contained in the public records, files and publications of that Committee. This information was evidently prepared for Senator William E. Jenner, Chairman, Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security.

It is further noted that subject's name appeared in the October 1, 1953, issue of the "Daily Worker," east coast Communist newspaper, as one of 99 "notables" who were reported in that particular issue as sponsors of a National Conference to Repeal the McCarran - Walter Law. The conference was scheduled for December 12 and 13, 1953, Walsh's Hall, 1014 North Noble Street, Chicago, Illinois, under the auspices of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. This organization has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Captioned individual is (~~is not~~) the subject of a pending (~~closed~~) Internal Security - C investigation. Subject is (~~is not~~) listed on the Security Index. Honolulu is the Office of Origin in this case.

OBSERVATIONS:

A comparison of the information contained in the attached memorandum with information already in subject's main file reflects that the Bureau is already in possession of much of the same information. While some of the information contained in the attachment appears to be new and pertinent, it is not thought

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that it is necessarily the basis for further investigation at this time. It is recommended, however, that a Photostat of the HCUA memorandum be forwarded to the office of origin for inclusion in the next report submitted by that Office in this case.

RECOMMENDATION:

That if you approve, the attached letter be forwarded to Honolulu.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'D' followed by a series of loops and a final flourish.

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INFORMATION FROM THE FILES OF THE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DATE: October 20, 1953

FOR: Honorable William E. Jenner, Chairman
Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security
SUBJECT: Frank Marshall Davis

The public records, files and publications of this Committee contain the following information concerning Frank Marshall Davis. This report should not be construed as representing the results of an investigation by or findings of this Committee and it should be noted that the subject individual is not necessarily a Communist, a Communist sympathizer, or a fellow-traveler, unless otherwise indicated.

In a printed program of a dinner celebrating the first anniversary of the American Youth for Democracy, October 16, 1944, Frank Marshall Davis was listed as one of the sponsors. He sent greetings to the Second National Convention of the American Youth for Democracy in New York City, June 13-16, 1946, as shown by the "Proceedings" (p. 35) in which he was identified as Executive Editor, Associated Negro Press.

In 1944, the Special Committee on Un-American Activities cited the American Youth for Democracy as the new name under which the Young Communist League operates (Report 1311, March 29, 1944, page 102). It was again cited by this Committee in 1947 as a front formed in October 1943 to succeed the Young Communist League and for the purpose of exploiting to the advantage of a foreign power the idealism, inexperience, and craving to join which is characteristic of American college youth. Its "high-sounding slogans" cover "a determined effort to disaffect our youth and to turn them against religion, the American home, against the college authorities, and against the American Government itself" (Report 271, April 17, 1947). The U. S. Attorney General cited the American Youth for Democracy as subversive and Communist (press releases of December 4, 1947 and September 21, 1948). It was redesignated on April 27, 1953 pursuant to Executive Order No. 10450.

The Abraham Lincoln School was cited by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities as the successor of the Workers School and as a "Communist educational medium" in Chicago (Report 1311, March 29, 1944, page 82). The U. S. Attorney General cited the school as an adjunct of the Communist Party (press release, December 4, 1947), and it was redesignated April 27, 1953 pursuant to Executive Order No. 10450. Frank Marshall Davis entertained at the Abraham Lincoln School, as shown in a bulletin for short courses issued by the School, May 22-June 30, 1944. In testimony before the Committee on July 21, 1947, Walter S. Steele named Mr. Davis as a member of the faculty, Abraham Lincoln School (Public Hearings, page 52).

Frank Marshall Davis was one of the sponsors of a National Conference on American Policy in China and the Far East, as shown on the "Call" to the Conference held in New York City from January 23 to 25, 1948. He was identified in this source as Assistant Editor, Chicago Star. The National Conference on American policy. . . was cited as Communist and "a conference called by the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy" by the U. S. Attorney General (press release of July 25, 1949); the Committee for a Democratic Far. . . was also cited as Communist

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by the Attorney General (press release, April 27, 1949) and was redesignated April 27, 1953 pursuant to Executive Order No. 10450.

In 1941 Frank Marshall Davis signed a news release of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties dated December 26, 1941; he signed a statement of the organization opposing the use of injunctions in labor disputes, as shown in an advertisement that appeared in the New York "Times" for April 1, 1946 (page 16); he also signed a statement of the organization hailing the War Department's order on commissions for Communists, as reported in the "Daily Worker" of March 18, 1945 (page 2).

The National Federation for Constitutional Liberties was cited by Attorney General Francis Biddle as "part of what Lenin called the solar system of organizations, ostensibly having no connection with the Communist Party, by which Communists attempt to create sympathizers and supporters of their program" (Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, page 7687); The U. S. Attorney General cited the Federation as subversive and Communist (press releases, December 4, 1947 and September 21, 1948 and it was redesignated on April 27, 1953 pursuant to Executive Order No. 10450.

The Special Committee on Un-American Activities cited the National Federation as "one of the viciously subversive organizations of the Communist Party" (Report of March 29, 1944, page 50; also cited in Reports of June 25, 1942 and January 2, 1943); the Committee on Un-American Activities reported that it was among a "maze of organizations" which were "spawned for the alleged purpose of defending civil liberties in general but actually intended to protect Communist subversion from any penalties under the law" (Report of September 2, 1947, page 3).

The "Daily Worker" of August 12, 1936 (page 3) listed Frank M. Davis as a contributing editor of "The Spokesman," official organ of the Youth Section, National Negro Congress. Mr. Walter S. Steele testified before the Committee in public hearings on July 21, 1947, as follows: "According to Communist reports, police raided the meeting of the labor division of the (National Negro) congress at the (Tenth) convention, arresting 37 of its members. Listed among those it claims were taken to jail were . . . Frank M. Davis. . ." (Public Hearings, page 94).

"The Communist-front movement in the United States among Negroes is known as the National Negro Congress. * * *The officers of the National Negro Congress are outspoken Communist sympathizers, and a majority of those on the executive board are outright Communists." (Report of January 3, 1939, page 81; also cited in Reports of January 3, 1940; June 25, 1942; and March 29, 1944). The organization was also cited as a Communist front by the U. S. Attorney General (Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, pages 7687 and 7688) and as subversive and Communist by the Attorney General (press releases of December 4, 1947 and September 21, 1948). The organization was redesignated on April 27, 1953 pursuant to Executive Order No. 10450.

The "Daily People's World" of October 28, 1947 (page 4) named Frank Marshall Davis as one of the sponsors of a National Conference of the Civil Rights Congress in Chicago, November 21-23, 1947; he signed a statement of the Congress in defense of Gerhart Eisler ("Daily Worker," February 28, 1947, page 2); a paid advertisement of the Congress that appeared in the Washington (D.C.) "Post" on May 20, 1947 (page 13) carried the name of Frank M. Davis as one of those who signed a statement of the Congress in defense of the Communist Party.

He signed a letter of the Congress, scoring the Subversive Control Act of 1948 ("Daily Worker," April 26, 1948, page 1). He also signed an Open Letter to Congress, endorsing the defeat of the Mundt Bill (H.R. 5852), as shown in a full-page advertisement in the Chicago "Sun-Times" on May 11, 1948 (page 37).

The Civil Rights Congress was cited as subversive and Communist by the U. S. Attorney General in lists furnished the Loyalty Review Board and released to the press by the U. S. Civil Service Commission, December 4, 1947 and September 21, 1948. In the Committee's Report on the Civil Rights Congress, it was cited as an organization formed in April 1946 as a merger of two other Communist-front organizations (International Labor Defense and the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties); "dedicated not to the broader issues of civil liberties, but specifically to the defense of individual Communists and the Communist Party" and "controlled by individuals who are either members of the Communist Party or openly loyal to it" (Report 1115, September 2, 1947, pages 2 and 19). The organization was redesignated on April 27, 1953 by the U. S. Attorney General, pursuant to Executive Order No. 10450.

Frank Marshall Davis was a member of the League of American Writers, as shown in "The Bulletin" of the League (page 6); the Summer (1938) issue of "The Bulletin" listed him as Treasurer of the Chicago Chapter of the League. He signed the "Call to the Fourth Congress, June 6-8, 1941, New York City," sponsored by the League. (See "New Masses," April 22, 1941, page 25; and a leaflet entitled "In Defense of Culture.")

In three of its Reports, the Special Committee on Un-American Activities cited the League of American Writers as a Communist front (Reports dated January 3, 1940; June 25, 1942; and March 29, 1944). "The League of American Writers, founded under Communist auspices in 1935 * * * in 1939 * * * began openly to follow the Communist Party line as dictated by the foreign policy of the Soviet Union. * * * The overt activities of the League of American Writers in the last 2 years leave little doubt of its Communist control." (U. S. Attorney General, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, pages 7685 and 7686.) U. S. Attorney General, in his letters to the Loyalty Review Board, cited the League as subversive and Communist (press releases, June 1 and September 21, 1948) and it was redesignated on April 27, 1953 pursuant to Executive Order No. 10450.

The "Daily Worker" of July 23, 1948 (page 11) reported that Frank Marshall Davis attacked the arrest of Communist Party leaders; he was identified in this source as Executive Editor, Associated Negro Press, Chicago, Ill.

Reference to Frank Marshall Davis is found on page 10 of the Committee's Report on The Honolulu Record, released October 1, 1950, a copy of which is enclosed. A reference to him is also found on page 17 of the enclosed "Report on Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee."

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT HONOLULU

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SUPPLEMENTARY SUMMARY REPORT

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject was identified as a member of the CP in Hawaii from 1950-52 by a self-admitted former member of the CP in Hawaii. Subject continues to be a columnist for the Communist-line "Honolulu Record" and since 5/31/53 has served as president of Communist-front HCRC. Subject is a subscriber to the "National Guardian". Record of the HCUA set forth.

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DETAILS: AT HONOLULU, T. H.:

I. BACKGROUND

On January 20, 1954, Confidential Informant of known reliability, verified the following background information on subject:

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Residence: c/o Hauula Post Office, Oahu. House is located between Kaliuwaa and Punaluu, Oahu, about 100 feet beyond the turn to Sacred Falls and is the third house from the Ching Tong Sing Store on the beach side of the road toward Hauula.

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Employment:

Owner, Oahu Papers, 867 Ahua Street, Honolulu, and columnist for the Honolulu Record Publishing Company, Ltd., 811 Sheridan Street, Honolulu, which has been described by [redacted] self-admitted— T.H. former member of the Communist Party of Hawaii from 1937-1949 and a member of the Executive Board of the Communist Party in Hawaii for several years, as publishers of the English-language weekly "Honolulu Record", whose editorial policies and slanting of the news were controlled by the Executive Board of the Communist Party in Hawaii.

II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

[redacted] self-admitted former member of the Communist Party in Hawaii from 1947 to June 1952, made the following signed statement to SA LEO S. BRENNISEN on November 10, 1953: T.H.

November 10, 1953
Honolulu, T. H.

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"I, [redacted] am going to make the following voluntary statement to LEO S. BRENNISEN, known to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I am willing to appear in court and testify to the following facts; to be cross-examined by Counsel and faced by FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS.

"I believe it was in 1949 in Honolulu, T. H. when I first met FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS at a social function sponsored by the Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee. I had previously joined the Communist Party in San Francisco in 1946 and transferred my membership in January, 1947 to the Communist Party of Hawaii. In 1950 after the Communist Party had conducted a series of control interviews [redacted] known to me as a Communist Party Organizer, told me that the Party was being reorganized and was going underground. [redacted] explained to me that the Party was being broken down into "Groups of 3's" and that I was being made chairman of Group #6 and in addition given the assignment of being contact man for my own group and four

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'other groups. [redacted] advised me that Chairman of Group #10 was FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS and I was to contact him at DAVIS' office, then maintained in a building of the Crown Transfer Company in the Damon Tract near the Airport.

"Late in the fall of 1950, I started contacting FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS in connection with Communist Party matters, and relaying to him information received from my superior contact in the Communist Party, either [redacted] or [redacted].

"During a portion of 1950, 1951 and part of 1952, I continued contacting FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS and also transmitted dues for the Communist Party received from him to my contact above. During the period of my contacts with FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, he advised me that his wife, [redacted] was a member of Group #10. I was never advised of the identity of a third of that group, or the fact that there was a third member in the group. During a portion of 1951 [redacted] took over contacts with the DAVIS group but I resumed contacting DAVIS in 1952 and continued meeting him on Communist Party matters until I left the Party in June of that year. T.H.

"I have previously mentioned having observed FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS at a social function of the Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee in 1949. In 1951, I was elected Treasurer of the Hawaii Civil Rights Congress, formerly the Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee. During 1951 and 1952, DAVIS was a member of the Hawaii Civil Rights Congress and attended both regular meetings and social functions sponsored by that organization.

"Of course I have also known FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS as the columnist and author of "Frankly Speaking" in the "Honolulu Record." I have attended Communist Party Section Committee meetings and know that this paper was controlled and started up by the Executive Board of Communist Party of Hawaii. In late 1950, I recall having conversation with DAVIS when he pointed out that he was the only one consistently plugging the "Peace Line." At that time, of course, "Peace in Korea" was the accepted Communist Party line.

"/s/ I have read the above statement. It is the truth.

/s/ [redacted]

"Witnessed this 10th day of November, 1953, at Honolulu, T.H.
/s/ Leo S. Brenneisen, SA, FBI, Honolulu, T.H. "

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Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, and a former member of the Communist Party from September 1946 to February 1948, advised on March 5, 1953, that she understood subject to be a Communist Party member because subject had acknowledged his membership to her and she recalls seeing him at a few meetings of the Communist Party Cultural Club in Chicago. Informant also advised subject taught a course entitled "Jazz" at the Abraham Lincoln School in Chicago in 1946. The Abraham Lincoln School has been designated by the United States Attorney General, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Confidential Informant [] of known reliability who is acquainted with Communist activities in the Territory of Hawaii, advised on September 7, 1953, that he knew of no information which would connect subject directly with the Communist Party in Hawaii.

III. ACTIVITIES IN COMMUNIST FRONTS

A. Hawaii Civil Rights Congress (HCRC)

The Hawaii Civil Rights Congress (HCRC), an affiliate of the Civil Rights Congress, has been designated by the United States Attorney General, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised on May 31, 1953, that as of that date subject had been elected president of the HCRC and upon accepting the presidency stated "As Americans we are in the Stalingrad point in human rights. It is time to defend such rights with our lives. Everyone should let people know the HCRC stands behind the Constitution and the Bill of Rights and that all members should become thoroughly familiar with the Bill of Rights. By doing this the members can alleviate the fear some people may have in participating in current HCRC activities."

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Informant [] further advised that the subject has attended and presided over as president the following HCRC meetings:

June 9, 1953
July 7, 1953
July 18, 1953
September 29, 1953
October 27, 1953

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B. The Honolulu Record Publishing Company, Ltd.

A review of the weekly issues of the "Honolulu Record" from April 2, 1953 to March 4, 1954, reflects subject continues to write a weekly column "Frankly Speaking".

It is noted that the "Honolulu Record" has been previously described in this report. A review of subject's weekly columns reflects that he has supported the National Lawyers Guild, the Soviet Russia foreign policy in Southeast Asia, proposed UN recognition of Communist China, airing of American Negro grievances before the UN and United States, saving the ROSENBERG's, and United States disarmament; and was against U. S. war economy, tidelands oil bill, Smith Act, McCarran Act, and the naming of JAMES F. BARNES as a delegate to the UN because of racism and white supremacy.

C. Miscellaneous

The records of the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives (HCUA), reflect the following information on the subject:

In a printed program of a dinner celebrating the first anniversary of the American Youth for Democracy (AYD), October 16, 1944, FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was listed as one of the sponsors.

The AYD has been cited pursuant to Executive Order 10450 by the United States Attorney General.

FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS entertained at the Abraham Lincoln School, as shown in a bulletin for short courses issued by this school, May 22 to June 30, 1944. The Abraham Lincoln School has been described previously in this report.

Subject was one of the sponsors of the National Conference on American Policy in China and the Far East, as shown on the "call" to the conference held in New York City from January 23 to 25, 1948. The National Conference on American Policy in China and the Far East has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

In 1941, subject signed a news release of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, dated December 26, 1941;

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he signed a statement of the organization opposing the use of injunctions in labor disputes as shown in an advertisement which appeared in the April 1, 1946 issue of the New York Times; he also signed a statement of the organization hailing the War Department's order on Commissions for Communists, as reported in the "Daily Worker" on March 18, 1945.

The National Federal for Constitutional Liberties has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to E.O. 10450.

The "Daily People's World" of October 28, 1947, named subject as one of the sponsors of a national conference of the Civil Rights Congress in Chicago, November 21-23, 1947; he signed a statement of the Congress in defense of GERHART EISLER ("Daily Worker", 2/28/47). A paid advertisement of the Congress that appeared in the "Washington Post", May 20, 1947, carried the name of FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS as one of those who signed a statement of the Congress in defense of the Communist Party.

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General, pursuant to E.O. 10450.

Subject was a member of the League of American Writers, as reflected in the summer 1938 issue of "The Bulletin", which also listed subject as treasurer for the Chicago Chapter of the League.

The League of American Writers has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General, pursuant to E.O. 10450.

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On November 12, 1953, Confidential Informant of known reliability, advised that subject had a subscription to the "National Guardian", published by the Weekly Guardian Associates, 17 Murray Street, New York, N. Y. The subscription is scheduled to expire in June 1954.

The 1949 Report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities cited the "National Guardian" as a publication launched in New York in 1948, aiming at national circulation, which they found to be from its inception notoriously Stalinist in its staff, writers, management and content.

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The report of the Commission on Subversive Activities to the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii, dated March 1953, states the following with regard to the subject:

"FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, an identified member of the Communist Party and a resident of Hawaii since December, 1948, has been a weekly contributor to the pages of the 'Honolulu Record' since May, 1949. His column, entitled 'Frank-ly Speaking,' has been devoted to unrelenting and unmitigated complaints of racial discrimination in the United States. DAVIS has revealed himself to be a bitter opponent of capitalism and a staunch defender of such prominent Communists and Communist sympathizers as PAUL ROBESON, W. E. B. DuBOIS, LANGSTON HUGHES, HOWARD FAST, MARY McLEOD BETHUNE, EARL B. DICKERSON, CAREY McWILLIAMS, ROBERT MORSE LOVETT, HERBERT APTHEKER, and A. CLAYTON POWELL. Nor has DAVIS confined his inflammatory racial propaganda to the columns of the 'Honolulu Record' alone. His story, 'Hawaii's Plain People Fight White Supremacy,' appeared in the November, 1951 issue of 'Freedom,' a tabloid publication emanating from New York City, whose treatment of inter-racial problems strikingly conforms to Communist Party policy. The chairman of the editorial board of 'Freedom' is PAUL ROBESON, an identified member of the Communist Party.

"On March 3, 1947, while DAVIS was employed as executive editor of the 'Associated Negro Press' with offices in Chicago, Illinois, he was listed by the magazine 'PM' as a signatory to a petition urging Congress to abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee and calling upon President TRUMAN to effect the immediate release of Communist GERHART EISLER. The petition referred to the work of the House Un-American Activities Committee as 'undemocratic' activity and protested that the consequence of its program 'would be the ultimate suppression of all traditional American liberties.'

"Prior to his arrival in the Territory, FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was affiliated with the Communist-line 'Chicago Star' and the following Communist-front organizations: Civil Rights Congress, Chicago Committee for Spanish Freedom, American Youth for Democracy, Abraham Lincoln School, National Association for Constitutional Liberties, League of American Writers, and National Negro Congress. During the period of his residence in Hawaii he has played a prominent role in the activities of the

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"Communist-front Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee and its successor the HAWAII CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS.

"DAVIS is not known to receive any compensation from the Honolulu Record Publishing Company, Ltd. His income appears to be derived totally from his stationery and paper business which he has advertised in the 'Honolulu Record' under the name 'Oahu Papers, 867 Ahua Street.'"

[redacted] a former linotype operator for the Honolulu Record Publishing Company, Ltd., from 1949 to August 1953, advised SA's HAROLD L. CHILD, Jr., and the writer on September 29, 1953, that he was acquainted with subject since the early 1930's when subject was editor of the "Atlanta Daily" at Atlanta, Georgia. He stated he later met subject in Honolulu and was rather surprised to find that subject had remarried and was living in rather luxurious fashion in contrast to his early modest existence. Subject confidentially informed him that his wife, [redacted] had [redacted] [redacted] and was to [redacted] representing the [redacted] in 1954 when she reaches the age of thirty.

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On November 20, 1953, Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, made available the November 15, 1953, issue of "The Firing Line", subtitled "Facts for Fighting Communism", published bi-weekly by the National Americanism Commission of the American Legion at Indianapolis, Indiana. This Bulletin quotes a list from the October 28, 1953 issue of "Korean Independence", a Korean-English, bi-lingual newspaper published at Los Angeles, California. The list of the sponsors of the National Conference to Repeal the Walter-McCarran Law and Defend its Victims, to be held December 12, 1953 to December 13, 1953, at Chicago, Illinois under the auspices of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, included the name of FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS.

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The "Korean Independence" has been described by Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, as a newspaper consistently following the Communist Party line with respect to criticism of America's Asiatic policy.

The American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General, pursuant to E.O. 10450.

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On January 28, 1964, Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, made available a list of names maintained as a mailing list by [] Florida. This list reflected the name of FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS in Hawaii.

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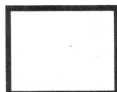
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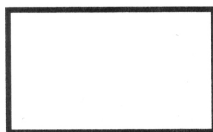
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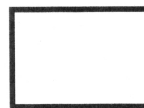
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SUPPLEMENTARY SUMMARY REPORT

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject was identified as a member of the CP in Hawaii from 1950-52 by [redacted] a self-admitted former member of the CP in Hawaii. Subject continues to be a columnist for the Communist-line "Honolulu Record" and since 5/31/53 has served as president of Communist-front HCRC. Subject is a subscriber to the "National Guardian". Record of the HCUA set forth.

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DETAILS: AT HONOLULU, T. H.:

I. BACKGROUND

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On January 20, 1954, Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, verified the following background information on subject:

Residence: c/o Hauula Post Office, Oahu. House is located between Kaliuwaa and Punaluu, Oahu, about 100 feet beyond the turn to Sacred Falls and is the third house from the Ching Tong Sing Store on the beach side of the road toward Hauula.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Subject continues to be President of the HAWAII CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS, an affiliate of the CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS, which along with its affiliates has been designated by the United States Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450. Subject continues to write a weekly column entitled "Frank-ly Speaking" for the weekly Communist-line "Honolulu Record". Informant advised subject's column closely follows the current Communist Party line.

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I. BACKGROUND

Confidential Informant of known reliability, verified the following background information on the subject on September 28, 1954:

A. Residence: c/o Hauula Post Office, Oahu, T. H. House is located between Kaliuwaa and Punaluu, Oahu, about 100 feet beyond the turn to Sacred Falls and is the third house from the Ching Tong Sing Store on the beach side of the road toward Hauula.

B. Employment: Owner, Oahu Papers, 867 Ahua Street, Honolulu, and Columnist for the Honolulu Record Publishing Company, Limited, 811 Sheridan Street, Honolulu, T. H. The latter company has

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been described by the Territorial Subversive Activities Commission of Hawaii in March, 1953, as the publishers of the weekly "Honolulu Record". The origin and purpose of the "Honolulu Record", its ownership, its editorial policy and the character of its personnel led the Commission to the inescapable conclusion that it is the journalistic mouthpiece of the Communist Party in the Territory of Hawaii.

II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

A. HAWAII CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS (HCRC)

The HAWAII CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS is an affiliate of the CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS, which along with its affiliates has been designated by the United States Attorney General pursuant to Presidential Executive Order 10450.

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Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised on September 1, 1954, the subject continues to be the elected President of the HCRC having been elected to that position on May 31, 1953. Informant noted the organization has been kept in an embryo state during the past year pending the outcome of the appeal to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals of the conviction of seven subjects in Hawaii who were convicted under the Smith Act of 1940. The conviction, the informant noted, has disrupted Communist Party activities in Hawaii and the Party is currently dormant. Informant advised since March 1, 1954, only irregular Executive Board meetings of the HCRC have been held on March 9, 1954, April 13, 1954, May 11, 1954, and August 9, 1954, and the subject presided over these meetings.

At the April 13, 1954, meeting of the Executive Board of the HCRC, the subject stated, according to Informant [] due to the current atmosphere directed against unpopular organizations the HCRC will function primarily as an educational agency on unpopular civil rights problems and not as an overt action group. Subject continued stating the HCRC will plug anti-McCarthyism and the rights of foreign born.

B. HONOLULU RECORD PUBLISHING COMPANY, LIMITED (HR)

It is noted the Honolulu Record has been previously described in this report.

A review of the weekly issues of the HR from March 9, 1954, through September 30, 1954, reflects the subject continues to write a we

column entitled "Frank-ly Speaking." Confidential Informant of known reliability, advised on September 28, 1954, that he has made a study of subject's columns for several months and the study reveals subject's columns closely follow the Communist Party line as promulgated by the known Party organs such as DAILY WORKER, POLITICAL AFFAIRS and THE WORKER.

The following excerpts have been taken from the subject's columns in the HR on the dates indicated to give an indication of the character of the subject's writings:

April 8, 1954, issue:

"It is evident now that the current Washington definition of aggression is this: The act of struggling or helping to struggle against domination by a government that has official American backing.

"This is a most convenient definition. Applied in Korea it was the basis for listing North Korea and China as aggressors

April 29, 1954, issue:

"Using the usual cry of 'saving America from the Communists,' these thoroughly fascist forces are prepared to kill democracy in order to get complete control of America. Their weapon is McCarthyism with which they hope to destroy all opposition."

May 13, 1954, issue:

"As the Geneva Conference began, Foreign Minister Chou En-lai of China voiced a program of Asia for Asians. He asked for the withdrawal of all foreign troops and bases and the settlement of Asian problems by consultation among the Asian countries and by exchange of mutual obligations.

"This ought to be perfectly acceptable to a nation which considers the Monroe Doctrine one of its most sacred policies. Certainly it would bring an end to the clash of color and cultures now taking place through much of Asia. But it would also end colonialism and the rich profits flowing to the Big Money Boys in Paris and London and Wall Street. Therefore freedom for Asia is unacceptable to the 'free world.'"

May 20, 1954, issue:

"American racism is not a good selling point in competition with Russian ideologies."