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The files showed that on August 14, 1953, DRAKE's case was presented to the Selection Committee, Board of Foreign Scholarships, and he was disapproved as unsuitable.

On July 23, 1958, the applicant was under consideration for a grant under Public Law 584 for the 1959-1960 program for Australia. On September 24, 1958, the matter was presented to the Selection Committee, Board of Foreign Scholarships, and on that date the committee decided to disapprove him for a grant under that program.

The file reflects on July 11, 1961, he was under consideration by the Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State for a proposed membership on the Advisory Council on African Affairs. There was no disposition concerning this matter.

This file contained no additional pertinent information.

MARITIME SERVICE

On October 23, 1961, IC [redacted] reviewed the applicant's Maritime Service file which reflected he enrolled at Chicago, Illinois, on January 29, 1943, as an Apprentice Seaman, under serial number 4314-09206, and was placed on inactive duty. He was recalled to active duty on May 11, 1943, and assigned to Sheepshead Bay, New York. On November 18, 1943, he completed his training as a Pharmacist Mate/Junior Assistant Purser. On November 19, 1943, he was transferred to the U. S. Maritime Graduate Station, New York, and the U. S. Marine Hospital, Stapleton, New York, for four weeks practical training. He was granted leave from January 6, 1944, to February 7, 1944, when he was assigned to Port Medical Representative of War Shipping, Merchant Marine Medical Center, New York, where he served on administrative duty. On October 25, 1945, as a Pharmacist's Mate, First Class, he was released from active duty by reason of his own request. He had been offered an opportunity to participate in the planning and writing of a book on the role of Negro Troops serving in the United States Army during the War. The project was under the direction of [redacted] [redacted] College of the City of New York. This file contained no additional pertinent information.

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On October 23, 1961, IC [redacted] reviewed the applicant's Merchant Marine file which showed he was born on January 2, 1911, at Suffolk, Virginia, and indicated he was issued a certificate of identification, Number Z-440094, on November 18, 1943, at New York, New York. He had no recorded voyages. No additional pertinent information was contained in the file.

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MISCELLANEOUS

On October 23, 1961, IC [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the Coast Guard Intelligence Division, United States Coast Guard, and no identifiable record was located concerning the applicant.

On October 23, 1961, [redacted] Department of Commerce, advised SA [redacted] she had no identifiable record of the applicant.

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On October 16, 1961, IC [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission, and information contained in this file concerning the applicant has been utilized during the course of this investigation.

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On October 9, 1961, IC [redacted] reviewed the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and information contained therein has been utilized in the course of this investigation.

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On October 25, 1961, IC [redacted] reviewed the applicant's file at the Passport Office, Department of State, which listed his birth as January 2, 1911, at Suffolk, Virginia.

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Seaman Passport Number 176971 was issued the applicant on January 28, 1944.

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Passport Number 31869 was issued the applicant on March 20, 1947, for one and one-half years' travel to England, to conduct sociological research under the auspices of the Julius Rosenwalk Fund, 4001 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Passport Number 247554 was issued the applicant on January 18, 1954, for seven months' travel to Liberia, Gold Coast, Nigeria, and French West Africa, to accept a teaching post at the University of Liberia from January 15, 1954, to May 30, 1954, and to visit the Institutes of Social and Economic Research in Dakar, Accra, and Lagos thereafter.

Passport Number 1216796 was issued the applicant on August 29, 1958, for two years' travel to Ghana, West Africa; United Kingdom; Nigeria, West Africa; and Liberia to teach at the University of Ghana and for "side visits to other places." This passport was renewed on July 13, 1960, valid until August 28, 1962.

This file contained no additional pertinent information.

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No investigation conducted in above case. No report being submitted.

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Reporting Office NORFOLK	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 11/2/61	Investigative Period 10/6-23/61
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		CHARACTER OF CASE PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT	
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The title is marked "CHANGED" to reflect addition of aka JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE, JR., which is name used by applicant when attending Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia.

REFERENCES: Bulet to WFO dated 10/4/61.

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WFO airtel to Bureau dated 10/25/61.

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Report of:
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November 2, 1961

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Field Office File No.: 161-60

Bureau File No.:

Title: JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE

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Character: PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT

Synopsis:

Clerk of Court, Suffolk, Va., advised that all birth records are located at Bureau of Vital Statistics, Richmond, Va. Records of Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., reflect applicant born 1/12/11, at Suffolk, Va. He entered Hampton Institute, 9/14/27, and graduated 6/2/31, with BS Degree in Education. Applicant's home address while at Hampton Institute was Staunton, Va. No one presently on faculty, Hampton Institute, who would recall applicant. Applicant's file, Hampton Institute, contained no derogatory information. No arrest or credit record for applicant or parents located Suffolk. No arrest or credit record located for applicant at Hampton.

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DETAILS:

On October 6, 1961, [Redacted] Clerk of Court, Suffolk, Virginia, advised that all birth records are now located at the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Richmond, Virginia.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [Redacted] on October 12, 1961:

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[Redacted] Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia, advised that his records reflect that JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE, JR. was born January 12, 1911, at Suffolk, Virginia. DRAKE entered that school September 14, 1927

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and graduated June 2, 1931, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. [redacted] stated that DRAKE's home address was shown as 515 North New Street, Staunton, Virginia.

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[redacted] advised there was no one on the faculty of Hampton Institute who would have known DRAKE. He stated that DRAKE's file contained no information of a derogatory nature.

On October 6, 1961, Officer [redacted] Suffolk, Virginia Police Department, advised SA [redacted] he could locate no record for the applicant or the applicant's parents, JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE and BESSIE LEE DRAKE.

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On October 23, 1961, [redacted] Suffolk, Virginia Credit Bureau, advised she could find no credit record for the applicant or his parents.

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On October 9, 1961, the following persons advised SA [redacted] that their files contained no record identifiable with the applicant:

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[redacted]
Records Bureau
Hampton, Virginia Police Department

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Retail Merchants Association
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REFERENCES:

Bureau letter to Boston dated October 4, 1961 and Bureau airtels to Boston dated October 10, 1961 and October 26, 1961.

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Date: 11/3/61

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Title: JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE

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Synopsis:

Employment Boston University verified. Credit and arrest negative.

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The credit and arrest checks at Boston, Massachusetts were made at the request of Investigative Clerk [redacted]

Employment

On October 19, 1961, [redacted] Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts, advised that according to her records, the Appointee was employed as a Lecturer in the Sociology Department from September, 1953 to February, 1954, and that he resided at 910 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, Massachusetts during this period. She stated that this was all the information in the Appointee's file.

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Credit

On October 19, 1961, personnel at the Credit Bureau of Greater Boston, Inc., 11 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts advised that their files contained no reference to JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE or ST. CLAIR DRAKE.

Arrest

On October 19, 1961, personnel at the Boston, Massachusetts Police Department and personnel at the Office of the Massachusetts Commissioner of Probation, Suffolk County Courthouse, Boston, Massachusetts, a central repository for all criminal conviction records in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, advised that their respective files contained no reference to JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE or ST. CLAIR DRAKE.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 11/8/61	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/6/61 - 10/27/61
TITLE OF CASE JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE		REPORT MADE BY [Redacted]	TYPED BY JVR
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REFERENCES: Bureau letter to Washington Field, dated 10/4/61.
 Bureau airtel to Boston, dated 10/10/61.
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 New Orleans airtel to Bureau, dated 10/24/61.
 Washington Field airtel to Bureau, dated 10/25/61.
 Bureau airtel to Richmond, dated 10/26/61.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

This case was reassigned to SA [Redacted] shortly before it was discontinued, because the agent to whom it was originally assigned had been placed on a special assignment. Chicago files include numerous references to applicant. These are not being included in the report as the investigation was discontinued and it would require an unwarranted amount of time to organize these references and prepare characterizations of the numerous organizations involved.

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A lengthy rough draft of information regarding applicant contained in files of the Security Unit, Chicago Police Department, is being retained as a 1A exhibit of the Chicago file.

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Field Office File No.: 161-521

Bureau File No.:

Title: JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE

Character: PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT

Synopsis: Education University of Chicago and employment Roosevelt
University, Chicago, verified. No adverse credit
or arrest record.

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This report does not represent the results
of a full field investigation and should not be construed
as such in connection with Executive Order 10450.

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DETAILS:

Education

University of Chicago
5801 South Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

On October 23, 1961, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED]

that JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE, born January 2, 1911, at Suffolk, Virginia, home address 515 North New Street, Staunton, Virginia, at time of enrollment, attended the University of Chicago Graduate School of Social Sciences, enrolled October 4, 1937, and remained in attendance the following academic quarters:

Autumn, 1937
Winter, spring, summer, autumn, 1938
Winter, summer, 1939
Spring, summer, 1940
Autumn, 1941
Winter, spring, summer, autumn, 1946

He took the final examination for Master's Degree in anthropology in May, 1947. He was approved as a candidate for a Ph.D. degree in anthropology on July 1, 1953. The degree of Ph.D. in anthropology was conferred on him on June 11, 1954. His thesis was entitled "Value systems, social structures and race relations in the British Isles".

There was no adverse information regarding DRAKE in the registrar's records.

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Employment

University of Chicago
5801 South Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

On October 23, 1961, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that a search of available records failed to reflect that DRAKE had ever been a member of the University of Chicago faculty.

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[redacted] advised that the records reflect that ELIZABETH JOHNS DRAKE, born May 2, 1915, at Rockford, Illinois, wife of the applicant, who resided at 6139 Kenwood, Chicago, was employed by the University of Chicago in the Department of Sociology, Division of Social Sciences, as a research associate on October 15, 1955. On January 1, 1956, she was given additional duties as a lecturer in social science. Her employment was terminated on March 31, 1956. She was re-employed from October 1, 1956, to December 31, 1956, from January 1, 1957, to January 31, 1957, and from February 1, 1957, to June 30, 1957.

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Roosevelt University
430 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

On October 26, 1961, [redacted] advised that JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE has been on the faculty of this university from September, 1946, to the present except for leaves of absence. From the fall of 1958 to February, 1961, he was working on a project in Ghana, Africa. He also had leaves of absence in the spring of 1948 and during the school years 1953-54 and 1954-55. [redacted] stated she does not know what DRAKE did during these leaves of absence.

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His application form, dated March 27, 1946, indicated he was born January 2, 1911, at Suffolk, Virginia, and resided at 510 Chestnut Street, Chicago. He indicated he was married and had one child; but the names of his wife and child were not listed. He indicated that his wife had a Ph.D. degree from the University of Chicago. He indicated his own education as follows:

1927 to 1931, Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia,
Bachelor of Science degree, 1931;

Summer 1935, Columbia University, New York City;

1937 to 1940, University of Chicago, Chicago,
Illinois;

1946 - (?), University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.

He listed his teaching experience as follows:

1936 to 1937 and 1941 to 1942, Dillard University,
New Orleans, Louisiana;

1932 to 1933 and 1934 to 1935, Christiansburg
Industrial Institute, Cambria, Virginia.

He listed other employments as follows:

1937 to 1940, Director of Research of Negro Community
in Chicago, projects sponsored by Institute for
Juvenile Research and University of Chicago financed
by Works Progress Administration;

1935 to 1936, Research Assistant in Anthropology,
Dillard University, New Orleans, Louisiana;

1943 to 1945, Medical Statistician, Maritime Service.

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The records reflect that DRAKE had the following addresses during his employment by this university. The dates are not known and he did not necessarily live at these addresses in the order listed:

510 Chestnut Street
5120 South Parkway, Apartment 1020
3767 Lake Park Avenue, Apartment 1
5618 Maryland Avenue
5466 Maryland Avenue
5411 Dorchester Avenue

All above-listed addresses are in Chicago, Illinois.

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The applicant listed as references [redacted]

University records reflect that the following are included among books and articles by DRAKE: Black Metropolis (with HORACE CAYTON), Harcourt Brace, New York, 1945; a book review in Phylon, third quarter, 1951 of The Negro and the Communist Party by Wilson Record; a book review of the above in American Journal of Sociology in January, 1952; and an article on the Mau Mau entitled "The Terror that Walks by Day" appearing in The Nation, November 29, 1952.

Credit and Arrest

The files of the Chicago Credit Bureau, Incorporated, were checked by [redacted] at the request of Investigative Clerk [redacted] on October 10, 1961, and revealed no adverse credit information regarding the applicant or his wife or [redacted]

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[redacted] and [redacted] The records revealed the following addresses for ELIZABETH ST. CLAIR DRAKE: 5618 Maryland (May 7, 1957); 5411 Dorchester (no date given); and 5644 Maryland (no date given). It was indicated that she was a teacher at the University of Chicago as of May 7, 1957.

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The files of the Bureau of Records and Communications,
Chicago Police Department, were checked by Investigative
Clerk [redacted] on October 13, 1961, and revealed no
arrest record for the applicant or his wife or [redacted]
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Washington 25, D. C.
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[Redacted]

Director
Bureau of Personnel Investigations
U.S. Civil Service Commission
Washington 25, D.C.

Attention: Security Investigations Division

Dear [Redacted]

Reference is made to my letter dated September 18, 1961
requesting investigation on the person listed below. Please
cancel this investigation.

DRAKE, John Gibbs St. Clair
DOB: January 2, 1911
POB: Suffolk, Virginia

Very truly yours,

[Redacted]

Director
Security Division

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Director
Bureau of Personnel Investigations
U.S. Civil Service Commission
Washington 25, D.C.

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Attention: Security Investigations Division

Re: PEACE CORPS INVESTIGATIONS

Dear [Redacted]

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Reference is made to my letter dated November 29, 1961 requesting cancellation of the investigation on the person listed below. Please continue this investigation.

DRAKE, John Gibbs St.Clair
DOB: January 2, 1911
POB: Suffolk, Virginia

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted Signature]

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Acting Assistant Director for Security

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Type of References Requested:

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 All References (Subversive & Nonsubversive)
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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION BUREAU OF DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS WASHINGTON 25, D. C. REFERRAL OF CASE TO FBI FOR INVESTIGATION	DATE: 1-3-62 IN REPLY REFER TO CASE SERIAL NO: 1.22.62.4789
	NAME: DRAKE, John Gibbs St. Clair
TO: Honorable J. Edgar Hoover Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington 25, D. C.	AGENCY: AID, Peace Corps
	AUTHORITY FOR INVESTIGATION: <input type="checkbox"/> Atomic Energy Act of 1954, 83rd Congress, 2nd Session <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Public Laws <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Order 10422 as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Order 10450 as Amended

This case is referred to you for investigation in view of the information contained in the Basis For Referral specified below. Please furnish copies of your reports of investigation to this office in the regular manner.

BASIS FOR REFERRAL:

- FBI Files
- CSC Security Investigations Index
- CSC Security Research Files
- House Committee on Un-American Activities Files
- Office of Naval Intelligence Files
- Department of Army Files
- Department of Air Force Files
- Coast Guard Intelligence Files
- Application Form, Personnel Security Questionnaire, or Standard Form 86
- Confidential Inquiry Form(s)
- Report of previous investigation. Copies attached as indicated under Enclosures.
- Report of previous investigation. Report may be reviewed at the Office of Chief, Investigations Division. Arrangements for review may be made by telephoning Code 129, extension 5104.
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REMARKS:

On September 22, 1961 subject's case was referred to your Bureau. Your letter dated November 17, 1961 advised that investigation was discontinued because subject was no longer being considered for a position with the Peace Corps. It will be appreciated if investigation by your Bureau were completed as requested in attached letter dated December 27, 1961 by Agency for International Development. Please note our new Serial number is 1.22.62.4789.



BUREAU OF PERSONNEL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

ENCLOSURES:

- ___ CSC Form 257 with attachments.
- ___ Application Form, 2 copies of PSQ, or Standard Form 86.
- ___ Copies of ___ reports of previous investigation.
- ___ Form DI-17, DI-17A, or DI-34

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TO: SAC, DETROIT
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JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE, aka
St. Clair Drake
PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT
Buded 2/5/62

Re Bureau airtel to Washington Field 1/4/62 and
Washington Field airtel to Chicago 10/18/61.

This case was referred to the FBI by the Civil
Service Commission under the provision of the Peace Corps
Act. DRAKE has been affiliated with various Communist Party
front organizations and has been in contact with Socialist
Workers Party, Young Socialist League, and Independent
Socialist League. He was born 1/2/11, at Suffolk, Virginia
and is Professor of Sociology and Anthropology, Roosevelt
University, Chicago, was co-author of "Black Metropolis" and
has served on staff of universities in Liberia and Ghana.

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Applicant listed [redacted]

[redacted] as his reference in 1941. [redacted]

[redacted] in late 1930's in which
DRAKE prepared a study of "Churches and Voluntary Associations
in the Chicago Negro Community", and was also closely associated
with DRAKE and his wife, ELIZABETH ST. JOHNS DRAKE, in
connection with research and publication of the book "Black
Metropolis".

[redacted] is reportedly

[redacted] Detroit, will, at East Lansing, interview [redacted]

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Also in connection with the interview, will seek to verify through [] the following employments of DRAKE which have not been verified through records:

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Julius Rosenwald Fellowship, University of Chicago, 1937-38, 1947-48

State of Illinois, Associate Director, Illinois Community Condition Urban Colored Population, 1940-41

Research Associate, Carnegie Corporation, Chicago, 1940

Assistant Director of Research, University of Chicago Press, 1940-41
Research Assistant, University of Chicago Press, 1941

For attention San Francisco, []
[] University of California, Berkeley, California, formerly of the University of Chicago, reportedly would have known DRAKE during DRAKE's connection with University of Chicago.

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San Francisco will at Berkeley, California interview [] and also attempt to verify the employments shown above through him.

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For attention Washington Field DRAKE reportedly served with Peace Corps on a temporary basis last summer in setting up training programs. Washington Field will verify through headquarters of Peace Corps.

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Bureau letter to Washington Field dated 10/4/61 reflects Bufiles contain information indicating ST. CLAIR DRAKE was the author of a pamphlet entitled "The Negro Veteran and the Church" which contains information that DRAKE was an active member of the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America (UNAVA). Bureau requested that this be located and pertinent info therein be included in report. Not in Roosevelt University Library or Dean's Library and not known by fellow sociologists who state it must be an obscure work, perhaps an article for some magazine, as they are

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familiar with his major works. Washington Field will attempt to locate through Library of Congress, and will report pertinent info if located. Chicago will be reporting UNAVA info from another source, but it is merely DRAKE's name on application for membership card which lacks information indicating he actually was a member.

For information Bureau, item No. 2 in referenced Washington Field airtel includes references to "The Worker", 8/29/48, page 11 and 5/10/58, page 12. No mention of DRAKE found in former. Latter is a non-existent date as this is a weekly and no issue published that date. Accordingly these items cannot be reported.

For attention Washington Field, Chicago has no information regarding item 5 in referenced Washington Field airtel and requests Washington Field handle this if deemed pertinent.

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (161-521)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (161-793)(-P-)

SUBJECT: JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE aka
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Re Chicago airtel 1/16/62.

Records, Carnegie Corp. reflect appointee employed as Research Associate at Chicago by above organization from 9/15/39 to 5/15/40. preparing report on negro churches and associations, [redacted] of the University of Chicago.

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Inquiry, Carnegie Corp. does not reflect any organization known as Carnegie Corp., State of Illinois and it is believed this refers to aforementioned employment.

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Chicago will attempt to determine present whereabouts of [redacted] relative to interview of him concerning appointee.

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TO: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (161-1367)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (161-1681)

SUBJECT: JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAHE aka
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Investigation at Ford Foundation, NYC, reflects
appointee well known to [redacted]

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WFO will interview [redacted]

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (161-1681)
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (161-907)
TITLE: JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE,
aka St. Clair Drake
PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT

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Re Chicago airtel to Bureau dated 1/24/62.

The JOHN ST. CLAIR mentioned in the report of
SA [redacted] dated 10/18/60 at Chicago, entitled
[redacted] SM-C, is not identical to applicant.

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The St. Louis JOHN ST. CLAIR, aka John Sinclair,
is the subject of closed St. Louis file number 100-7067,
Bureau file 100-382490. He was born 6/28/99 at Blocton,
Alabama and has a fifth grade education. He has Social
Security Number 495-12-5423 and, as of 4/17/61, had been
employed as a laborer by the Century Electric Company,
St. Louis, Mo., since 7/24/44. As of 4/17/61 he resided
at 2125 Eugenia, St. Louis, Mo. He was described as a
male Negro, height 5'9½", weight 190 pounds, hair black
(graying), eyes brown, build stocky, complexion dark,
peculiarities large feet and bowlegged, St. Louis Police
Department #34829A, FBI #2265807. He was interviewed by
Bureau Agents on 1/23/53. He was previously married to
[redacted] but separated from her in 1929 and divorced
her on 8/4/52. His parents' names were HENRY and SARAH
ST. CLAIR.

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APPLICANT, BUDED TWO FIVE NEXT. RE BUREAU AIRTEL TO WASHINGTON FIELD
ONE FOUR SIXTY TWO. [Redacted]

ADVISED DRAKE WORKED FOR [Redacted] DILLARD UNIVERSITY,
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA FROM ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE DASH THIRTY
SEVEN. HE HAS HAD NO ASSOCIATION WITH DRAKE PAST TWENTY YEARS BUT
WOULD NOT RECOMMEND DRAKE FOR A SENSITIVE POSITION BASED ON HIS
QUESTIONABLE DISCRETION IN CHOICE OF ASSOCIATES AT THAT TIME. HE SAID
DRAKE WHILE AT DILLARD UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATED WITH [Redacted]
WHO WAS ON THEIR FACULTY AND WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS QUOTE WAY TO LEFT
UNQUOTE. NEW ORLEANS WILL CHARACTERIZE [Redacted] AND CONDUCT ADDITIONAL
INVESTIGATION AT DILLARD UNIVERSITY IF DEEMED NECESSARY.

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TITLE OF CASE
**JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE, aka
St. Clair Drake**

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Bureau File No.:

Title: JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE

Character: PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT

Synopsis: Records FRC, GSA, St. Louis, Mo., indicated ST. CLAIR DRAKE employed by WPA, Chicago, Ill. Terminated by reason of accepting private employment.

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

On January 25, 1962, a review of the personnel records, Federal Records Center, General Services Administration, St. Louis, Missouri, for ST. CLAIR DRAKE, indicated that he was employed on November 4, 1937, as a Senior Statistician with the Works Progress Administration at Chicago, Illinois. This employment was terminated on June 13, 1939 as an Assistant Superintendent by reason of accepting private employment.

The date and place of birth were not shown.

A variance is noted in the period of Works Progress Administration employment.

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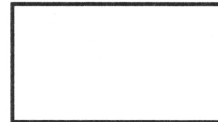
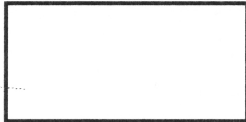
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A review of NY files does not reflect any pertinent documentable information relative to the applicant.

INFORMANTS

The other confidential informants not further mentioned in this report are identified as follows:

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Title:

JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE

Character:

PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT

Synopsis:

Education, Columbia University, verified.
Applicant's affiliation with Carnegie Corporation
and Ford Foundation verified. Record clear.
Associates comment favorably. No credit or arrest
record located for applicant. Records BSS reflect
name ST. CLAIR DRAKE as mentioned in Cumulative
Index to Publications of the House Committee on
Un-American Activities for the years 1955-1956.
No other pertinent information appeared in these
records. Applicant not known to NY informants.

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Education

Columbia University
116th Street and Broadway
New York, New York

[redacted] advised IC [redacted] on January 25, 1962, that her records contain the following information relative to the applicant:

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He attended the Summer session of this school in 1936, pursuing two courses in Sociology and received an A in each course. His home address was given as Dillard University, New Orleans, Louisiana. His date of birth was given as January 2, 1911, Suffolk, Virginia. His record is clear.

[redacted] advised that her records contain no other pertinent information concerning the applicant.

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Employments

Carnegie Corporation
589 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

[redacted] advised on January 29, 1962, that her records reflect the applicant worked as a Research Associate on the staff of this organization from September 15, 1939, to May 15, 1940. She stated this work, which consisted in the preparation of a report on Negro churches and associations, was performed by the applicant in Chicago, Illinois. She could furnish no other pertinent information from her records concerning the applicant.

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She stated [redacted] is no longer with this organization and is presently residing outside of the United States. She mentioned he is [redacted] and [redacted] and that he spends most of his time in the latter country.

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[redacted] and [redacted] of the Corporation, advised on January 29, 1962, that they are both slightly acquainted with the applicant and commented that he enjoys a good reputation at the Corporation. They said however, their knowledge of him and his activities are too limited. They commented further that they could suggest no one else at this organization who would be acquainted with the applicant.

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Ford Foundation
477 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

[redacted] advised on January 30, 1962, that her records reflect the applicant worked as a consultant in the International Training and Research Program from December 1, 1953, to June 30, 1956, and from December 15, 1956, to September 30, 1957. She stated as a consultant, he is not an employee of the Foundation and performed most of his services for the Foundation from his home in Chicago, Illinois. She stated his work as consultant consisted in selecting appropriate personnel for awarding grants and fellowships by the Foundation.

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She could furnish no other pertinent information from her records relative to the applicant.

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[redacted] International Training and Research Program, advised on January 30, 1962, that he has been acquainted with the applicant on a professional basis since about 1954. He mentioned the applicant served as a consultant for the Foundation in the screening and selection of fellowship applicants in the International Training and Research Program of the Foundation.

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[redacted] located records which indicated the applicant was awarded a fellowship by the Foundation in August, 1954, for 14 months. This program, which involved African studies with emphasis on the media of mass communications, was pursued for the most part at the College of Ghana. He also spent some time in England.

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He characterized the applicant as an outstanding Negro scholar who possesses great competence in the field of Sociology and Anthropology. He is also an expert on West African affairs. He described the applicant as a quiet and modest individual who has the ability to get along with his fellow associates. He said he knew of nothing of a controversial nature concerning the applicant and considers him a person of good character and reputation, whose associations and loyalty to this country he has no reason to question.

He recommended the applicant for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

Credit

On January 31, 1962, IC [redacted] caused the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York to be checked by [redacted]. No record was located identifiable with the applicant.

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Arrest

On January 30 and 31, 1962, SA [redacted] caused the records of the New York City Police Department to be checked by Deputy Inspector [redacted] Bureau of Criminal Identification; Lieutenant [redacted] Information Unit; Lieutenant [redacted] Old Record Room (all of the above of the New York City Police Department); [redacted] Fingerprint Bureau, Magistrate's Court, City of New York. No record was located identifiable with the applicant.

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Miscellaneous

Records of the Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department, were checked by Inspector [redacted] for SA [redacted] on January 31, 1962. A record was located dated June 2, 1947, for a ST. CLAIR DRAKE who was mentioned in the Cumulative Index to Publications of the House Committee on Un-American Activities for the years 1955 - 1956. His name appeared as the writer of a pamphlet, "The Negro Veteran and the Church", not further identified. He was also co-author with HORACE CAYTON of the widely discussed study of Chicago's Negro community entitled, "Black Metropolis". He was identified as an Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology at Roosevelt College in Chicago.

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No other pertinent information appeared in these records.

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Several confidential informants who are acquainted with certain Communist Party members and their activities in the New York area, advised during January, 1962, that they could furnish no pertinent information relative to the applicant.

"The Worker" published August 29, 1948, in a full page advertisement entitled "The First Line of Defense" purported to be a statement by Negro Americans to the President and Attorney General of the United States.

The name ST. CLAIR DRAKE is one of many signatures appearing hereon.

The statement condemns the arrest of national leaders of the Communist Party and calls upon the President and Attorney General to take positive action to protect civil rights instead of persecuting minorities. The following statement also appears:

"We raise no defense of the Communist Party but our concern is to defend the right of political and other minorities, especially the negro people to fight for the kind of society they consider necessary to give full expression to the principles of Democracy."

"The Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper.

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Synopsis: [REDACTED]
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On February 1, 1962 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated he had known the Applicant since the early 1940s and first became acquainted with him while [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He stated that he knew the Applicant primarily as a scholar and added that he was never very close personally with the Applicant and knew little of the Applicant's private life. He stated he recalled the Applicant had expressed dissatisfaction and discontent with the subjected role of the Negro in American life, however, he stated he believed the Applicant had never become identified with any radical groups, such as the Communist Party, in this matter.

He advised that for a decade intermittently he had heard about or had seen the Applicant. He stated the Applicant has written several fine works, among which are

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"Black Metropolis", and he has had a distinguished career as a teacher at Roosevelt University in Chicago. He stated the Applicant has more recently done an excellent work in his participation in and training of Peace Corps members for Ghana. He advised that in the Applicant's professional life there has been no indication of anything questionable about him in regard to his patriotism or loyalty to the United States. He stated he felt he could recommend the Applicant for a position of trust.

[redacted] further advised that in regard to the Applicant's former employment in the Chicago area in the late 1930s and early 1940s that he was able to recall the Applicant had conducted research in Anthropology under a Julius Rosenwald Fellowship at the University of Chicago, but stated he could not recall the exact dates. He stated that he recalled the Applicant had engaged in work dealing with the conditions of the urban colored population in the State of Illinois, but stated he did not know in what capacity nor with what organization the Applicant associated. He stated he could not verify the Applicant's employment as a research associate with the Carnegie Corporation in Chicago in 1940 nor his employment as a research assistant and Assistant Director of Research with the University of Chicago Press, 1940-1941.

He concluded that he knew of nothing that would preclude the Applicant's employment in a responsible position.

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FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (161-105)
RE : JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE, aka
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BUDED: 2/5/62

Re Chicago airtel to Indianapolis, 1/23/62.

This is to advise that on 2/1/62, it was ascertained
at Phoenix, Arizona, that _____

Accordingly, the lead for the Phoenix Division to
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St. Clair Drake
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Re Bureau airtel to Washington Field, 1/4/62, and Chicago
airtel to Detroit, 1/27/62.

Enclosed herewith for San Diego is one copy of re Chicago
airtel.

On 2/1/62 [redacted]
[redacted] advised SA [redacted]
[redacted] that [redacted] is currently doing
research and may be contacted c/o General Delivery [redacted]
[redacted] and has telephone [redacted]
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[Redacted]

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Chicago T-20

[Redacted]

Recontacted by SA [Redacted]
[Redacted] on 1/17/62

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Chicago T-24

[Redacted]

(trash cover, SWP Headquarters,
734 South Wabash, Chicago)

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(trash cover, IWO Office,
64 West Randolph, Chicago)

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Chicago T-27

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Chicago T-28

[redacted]

Contacted by SA [redacted]
[redacted] on 1/19/62

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Chicago T-29

[redacted]

Contacted by SA [redacted]
[redacted] on 1/17/62

Other confidential informants who were contacted
and had no information are as follows:

[redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]
on January 19, 1962

[redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]
[redacted] on January 26, 1962

[redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]
[redacted] on January 30, 1962

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[redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]
[redacted] on January 31, 1962

[redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]
[redacted] on January 31, 1962

[redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]
[redacted] on January 30, 1962.

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DOCUMENTATION OF ORGANIZATIONS

Organization

Source

National Negro Museum and
Historical Foundation

[Redacted]

Politics Club

[Redacted]

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Democratic Socialist Forum

Young Socialist League

[Redacted]

Chicago Tenants Action Council

[Redacted]

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Du Sable Community Center

[Redacted]

First Friends of Africa;
First Friends of Ghana

[Redacted]

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Southern Conferences
Educational Fund, Incorporated

[Redacted]

Chicago Council of American-
Soviet Friendship

[Redacted]

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African-American Heritage
Association

[Redacted]

American Forum for Socialist
Education

[Redacted]

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Title: JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE

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Character: PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT

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Synopsis:

Education, employments, and neighborhoods favorable except DRAKE unknown at 510 West Chestnut Street, Chicago Illinois. References and associates recommend except [REDACTED] would not recommend for sensitive position because DRAKE associated at Dillard University, New Orleans, Louisiana, with [REDACTED] described by [REDACTED] as "way to left". DRAKE gave sworn signed statements in 1953 regarding his feelings toward the Communist Party (CP) and denied having ever been a CP member. DRAKE has been connected with Conference to End Mob Violence in Chicago, signed advertisement sponsored by National Committee to Defeat the Mundt Bill, also member of National Negro Congress, was listed as a lecturer at a course of study under sponsorship of International Workers Order, which was prepared with co-operation of Abraham Lincoln School and National Negro Museum and Historical Foundation. He endorsed Peoples Conference called by CP. He served on Steering Committee which made arrangements for speech by Dr. W. E. B. DU BOIS and he presented scroll to Dr. DU BOIS. DRAKE's name appeared on United Negro and Allied Veterans of America application card. During early 1940's he indicated he was a conscientious objector because of segregation in Armed Forces. He has spoken at meetings of Labor Youth League, Politics Club, Socialist Youth League, and Young Peoples Socialist League. His name was in possession of Independent Socialist League and Young Socialist League membership, also in possession of an official of Libertarian Socialist League; sponsor of Afro-American Heritage Association, member Board of Directors National Negro Museum and Historical Foundation, sponsor of First Friends of Ghana. Information pertaining to DRAKE in investigation of Roosevelt University set forth. Statement

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of DRAKE regarding individual investigated under Executive Order 9835 set forth. House Committee on Un-American Activities information regarding DRAKE set forth. One ELIZABETH DRAKE listed as sponsor of conference under auspices of Congress of American Women. One [redacted] member of American Student Union. Other confidential informants have no information.

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DETAILS:

This case was referred to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) by the Civil Service Commission (CSC) under the provisions of the Peace Corps Act.

Education

University of Chicago
5801 South Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

On January 26, 1962, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he has known the appointee since the appointee was first a student at the University of Chicago but stated that he had never had the appointee in any class as he himself had been making field trips during the period that the appointee was a student. He said that when the appointee entered the University of Chicago, he had attended under a Julius Rosenwald Fellowship, which he explained as a fund set up for the education of Negroes. [redacted] advised that the appointee and HORACE R. CAYTON had written a book, "Black Metropolis", which dealt with the Negro Society in Chicago. He said that in this regard the appointee apparently had done some research while at the University of Chicago but never knew him to be employed by the University of Chicago Press.

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[redacted] advised that he has never known of anything unfavorable regarding the appointee's character, associates, or loyalty, and stated that he knows of no reason why the appointee should not be considered for a position of trust.

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On January 26, 1962, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he recalls the appointee to have been a student at the University of Chicago and to have been employed on a WPA project under the supervision of [redacted]. He said that in this regard the appointee probably held the position of Research Assistant but is not aware of any other employments he may have held at the University. He stated that the appointee was the author of a book "Black Metropolis".

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