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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/20/57

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-27882)

SUBJECT: TED WARD
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ReNY airtel dated 10/23/57, captioned as above which reported that TED WARD is probably a new employee at Tass News Agency, New York City.

(S) On 11/30/57, [redacted] advised that TED WARD, an employee of Tass News Agency, resides on Pacific Street, Brooklyn, New York and has home telephone number IN 7-9296.

A review of current telephone address directory for the Borough of Brooklyn, New York, reflects that THEODORE WARD resides at 1198 Pacific Street, Brooklyn, New York, and has home telephone number IN 7-9296.

As noted in referenced airtel the NYO indices reflect a main case file on JAMES THEODORE WARD (Bufile 100-316008) (NY file 100-61965) who resides at 1198 Pacific Street, Brooklyn, New York.

(S) Concerning the TED WARD who is employed at Tass News Agency, [redacted] has advised on numerous occasions since 10/23/57, that TED WARD continues to be employed at Tass News Agency in the capacity of teletype operator.

On basis of above information it appears that TED WARD at Tass News Agency is identical to the person who resides at 1198 Pacific Street and is the subject of above mentioned case file. The NYO has consolidated the case entitled "TED WARD, IS-R" (NY file 105-27882) into case file entitled "JAMES THEODORE WARD, was., SM-C" (Bufile 100-316008) (NY file 100-61965).

The NYO will surep in near future bringing the above mentioned case file up to date.

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Bureau authority is requested to interview subject in accordance with existing instruction relating to interviews of security subjects. If this subject is cooperative, no affirmative steps will be taken during the initial interview to direct his activities, and complete background investigation required by Section 107C of the manual of instructions will be conducted. Bureau will be requested to authorize recontact with subject as a PSI.

NOTE: New York is in possession of all pertinent information of Bufiles concerning WARD.

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SUBJECT: JAMES THEODORE WARD, was.
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Rerep of SA [redacted] dated as above at NY.

In connection with the investigation of subject,
Bureau authority to interview subject is being requested.
For the assistance of the Bureau in evaluating this request,
the following information is being furnished:

A. The subject resides at 1198 Pacific Street, Brooklyn,
New York. He is a writer by profession; however, at the
present time, he is employed as a teletypist by the Tass News
Agency, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, NYC. The subject is of the negro
race, and was born 9/15/02, Thibodeaux, Louisiana.

B. The subject is married to MARY S. WARD, a member of
the white race. She is a housewife.

C. Information available to the NYO reflects that the
subject had been a member of or associated with the CP from
1941 to 1951. According to an anonymous source, one JAMES
WARD was described as being well known around Mexican CP
headquarters during the early 1940's, and was reported to be
active in organizing members of the Negro race. Informants
report that subject was a member of the 6th Ward Club of the
CP in 1943 and in 1945.

A NY informant advised in 1946 that subject was a
CP member who stopped attending "units" in 1940 in order to do
broader cultural works. It was also reported in 1947 and 1948
by reliable informants that subject was a member of the CP,
had attended meetings of, and recruited for the CP.

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Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 2/18/58	Investigative Period 1/8,9,10,13,14,15,17,20,21; 2/3,4,6,7/58
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		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R	

Synopsis:

Subject resides 1198 Pacific Street, Brooklyn, New York, and employed as teletypist at Tass News Agency. No credit or criminal record for subject. Informants report subject was Chairman of first day of conference of National Negro Labor Council in 1954; on an invitation list to conference at Jefferson School of Social Science, 1956; and transmitted to Tass News Agency a congratulatory message on Fortieth Anniversary of "Soviet Revolution". Subject was subscriber to magazine "Mainstream" in 1957. Informants acquainted with CP activity in NYC area did not know subject.

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DETAILS:

The title of this report is

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being marked changed in order to add the name "TED WARD" by which the subject is known as reported by T-1 on November 3, 1957.

Residence

On November 3, 1957, T-1 advised that TED WARD, who was employed by Tass News Agency, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, could be reached at telephone number IN 7-9296. Informant further advised that he understood that WARD lived on Pacific Street in Brooklyn, New York.

On January 20, 1958, [redacted] furnished to SA [redacted] information which reflects that telephone number IN 7-9296 is registered to THEODORE WARD, 1198 Pacific Street, Brooklyn, New York. According to these records, this service was connected on July 10, 1953.

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Tass News Agency is the official Soviet Government news gathering organization with headquarters in Moscow, U.S.S.R. and branches throughout the world.

Employment

On January 13, 1958, [redacted] Registration Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., furnished to SA [redacted] information from a supplemental registration statement filed on October 21, 1957, by Tass News Agency for the period ending September 30, 1957. This information reflected that TED WARD, residing at 1198 Pacific Street, Brooklyn, New York, was employed at Tass News Agency, New York City, as a teletypist.

On February 6, 1958, T-2 advised that the subject continues to be employed at Tass News Agency as a teletypist.

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Credit

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York as furnished to SA [redacted] by [redacted] on January 13, 1958, contained no record for the subject.

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Criminal

Records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Bureau of Special Services, both New York City Police Department, which were caused to be checked on January 21, 1958, by SA [redacted] revealed no record for subject.

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Election Records

Records of the Board of Elections, Borough of Brooklyn, New York, which were reviewed on January 14, 1958, for the years 1953 - 1956, reflect that in 1954 and 1956 THEODORE WARD, 1198 Pacific Street, Brooklyn, New York, indicated a voting preference for one of the two major political parties.

Activities

On October 1, 1954, T-3 advised that the National Negro Labor Council held a conference at the Hotel Theresa, 125 West 124th Street, New York City, on Saturday and Sunday, September 25 and 26, 1954. According to the informant, the subject was Chairman of the first day of this conference.

The National Negro Labor Council has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On June 18, 1956, T-4 advised that the name of THEODORE WARD, 1198 Pacific Street, Brooklyn, New York, appeared on an invitation list to a conference scheduled to be held on June 30, 1956, at the Jefferson School of Social Science, 575 6th Avenue, New York City, regarding conditions in the southern part of the U.S.

The Jefferson School of Social Science has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On October 28, 1957, T-2 advised that the subject transmitted to Tass News Agency a congratulatory message on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the "Soviet Revolution". According to the source, the subject desired that his message be transmitted to Moscow, U.S.S.R. for publication in the Soviet press.

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On November 4, 1957, T-5 advised that subject was a current subscriber to the magazine "Mainstream". (See Appendix for "Mainstream")

Miscellaneous

Confidential informants who are acquainted with certain phases of Communist Party activity in the New York City area were contacted during January, 1958. They advised that the subject was unknown to them.

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APPENDIX

MASSES AND MAINSTREAM

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

"Masses and Mainstream

- "1. Cited as the successor to New Masses, 'a Communist magazine.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1953 on the Congress of American Women, April 26, 1950, originally released October 23, 1949, p. 75; also cited in House Report 1694 on Organized Communism in the United States, May 28, 1954, originally released August 19, 1953, p. 98.)"

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-316008)

DATE: 2/18/58

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-61965)

SUBJECT: JAMES THEODORE WARD, was.
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Rerep of SA [redacted] dated and captioned as above, 5 copies of which are enclosed together with 5 copies of a letterhead memorandum characterizing informants utilized in the report.

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REFERENCES

NY letters to Bureau dated 10/23/57 and 12/20/57 captioned "TED WARD, IS - R".

INFORMANTS

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Identity of Source	Date of Activity And/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to whom Furnished	File Number where Located
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T-2 [redacted]	Info re Employment	2/6/58		
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ADMINISTRATIVE

The Elections Records, Borough of Brooklyn, referred to in report were checked by Investigative Clerk [redacted] b6 b7C

The informants mentioned in the report who are acquainted with certain phases of CP activity in the NYC area and who did not know the subject are as follows:

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Agent</u>
[redacted]	1/9/58	[redacted]
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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will await Bureau authority to interview subject.

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 All References (Subversive & Nonsubversive)
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Type of Search Requested:

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Subject *James Theodore Ward*
 Birthdate & Place _____
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	<i>Mrs. James Theodore Ward</i>	
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	<i>James Theo Ward</i>	
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		441 X encl p.66

*New York has all
above info
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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, New York
February 18, 1958

Re: James Theodore Ward, was.

Informants T-1 through T-5 mentioned in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above, at New York have all furnished reliable information in the past.

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An informant advised in 1953 that between 1949 and 1951, the subject occasionally went to CP headquarters in NYC in connection with his plays. The informant believed that he had gone to the CP headquarters in order to obtain their approval and assistance in connection with his plays. Information available to NYO also indicates that subject was a contributor to "Masses and Mainstream" in 1948; was one of the instructors at the Jefferson School of Social Science, 1950; a member of the Civil Rights Congress, 1952; and chaired the first day of the National Negro Labor Council Convention in 1954.

D. There is no information available which reflects that the subject's wife has been engaged in CP activities.

E. There is no information available which reflects that the subject's relatives have been engaged in CP activities.

F. There is no information available at the present time which would indicate any defection on the part of the subject or any information available which would indicate the present sympathies of the subject, except as might be reflected by his employment at Tass News Agency.

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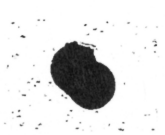
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SUBJECT: JAMES THEODORE WARD, wa.
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ReNYlet 2/18/58, ^{wherein} ~~where~~ Bureau granted authority
to interview subject effective 3/1/58.

Subject interviewed 3/28/58, and, after being advised
of Bureau's responsibility for investigating matters pertaining
to the Internal Security of the US, stated that he had
considerable respect for the FBI and its purposes, although he
stated that he could not reconcile himself to the "Mc Carthyism"
approach in its investigations of Communism.

Subject stated that he considered himself a "progressive"
and that his actions were motivated by his interest in improving
the standards of the Negro race.

Subject stated that he is loyal American and would
defend the US in the case of hostilities with an foreign power.

Subject stated that he was not interested in discussing
his past activities or the activities of any other persons.

Subject stated that he is a writer by profession;
however, he said that due to financial conditions he has been
forced to accept part-time employment with the Tass News Agency
as a teletype operator.

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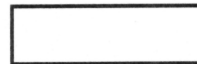
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During the course of the interview the subject volunteered that he had no desired to be an informant.

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TITLE OF CASE JAMES THEODORE WARD, was.		Report made by [Redacted]	Typed By: jad
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R	b6 b7c

Synopsis:

Subject interviewed 3/28/58. He stated he had considerable respect for the FBI and it's purposes, although he stated he couldn't reconcile himself to the "McCarthyism" approach in it's investigations of Communism. Subject stated he considers himself to be a "Progressive" who is interested in improving standards of Negro race. Subject advised he did not desire to name organizations with which he has associated or to discuss his activities. Subject advised he is presently employed on part-time basis at Tass News Agency.

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Subject was interviewed on March 28, 1958, by
SAS [redacted] and [redacted]

At the outset of the interview the subject was advised of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) jurisdiction over matters pertaining to the internal security of the United States.

The subject stated that he was aware of the FBI's responsibilities and that he had always had considerable respect for the FBI and its purposes. Although he stated that he couldn't reconcile himself to the "McCarthyism" approach in its investigations of Communism and related investigations. The subject stated that he didn't particularly blame the FBI since this seemed to be the general approach that the entire government is taking.

The subject stated that he does not personally consider Communism or the Communist Party to be as much of a threat to the United States as the American Public is lead to believe.

The subject stated that he considers himself to be a "Progressive" in that he is interested in improving the standards of the Negro race. He stated that all of his activities have been motivated by his interest in this cause.

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The subject stated that the only organizations with which he has associated have been those organizations that he felt could aid in the "fight for racial equality". He stated that he has had no other motives in associating with any organizations.

The subject stated that he did not desire to name any of the organizations with which he has associated and did not desire to discuss either his activities or the activities of any other person.

The subject stated that he is loyal to the United States Government and would defend the United States in case of hostilities with a foreign power.

During the course of the interview the subject stated that he would aid the United States Government where possible; however, he volunteered that he did not want to be an informant or furnish information concerning other individuals.

The subject stated that he is a "writer" by profession, but due to financial conditions he has been forced to accept part-time employment at the Tass News Agency as a teletype operator.

At this point the subject stated that he did not feel that he could furnish any further information of interest and that he desired to terminate the interview.

The interviewing agents pointed out the seriousness of the matter at hand to the subject and advised him that it was felt that he could furnish information of importance to the United State Government. However, subject again stated that he did not wish to continue the interview.

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

Physical Description

The following physical description of subject was obtained from records of the Board of Elections, New York City, and through interrogation and observation of subject during interview by Special Agents of the FBI:

Name	<u>MAS.</u> JAMES THEODORE WARD
Aliases	Ted Ward, The-dore Ward, James Ward
Sex	Male
Race	Negro
Date of Birth	September 15, 1902, Thibodeaux, Louisiana
Height	5'5"
Weight	150 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black, with graying
Complexion	Dark
Scars	Small scar on right wrist and lip.
Occupation	Teletype operation-Tass News Agency, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City.
Marital Status	Married - wife, MARY S. WARD
Residence	1198 Pacific Street, Brooklyn, New York
FBI Number	210905B- <u>NY</u>

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-316008)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-61965)

SUBJECT: JAMES THEODORE WARD, was.
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DATE: 4/10/58

Rerep of SA [redacted] dated and captioned as above, five copies of which are enclosed.

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA [redacted] dated 2/18/58, at New York. New York letter, dated 2/18/58, requesting Bureau authority to interview subject which was approved effective 3/1/58.

ADMINISTRATIVE

As reported in rerep subject was interviewed 3/28/58, during which time he stated that he had considerable respect for the FBI and it's purposes. However, subject stated that he had no desire to name any organizations with which he had associated or to discuss either his activities or the activities of any other persons. Subject stated that all of his actions have been motivated by his desire to aid the cause of the Negro race.

Subject stated that he is a loyal American and would defend the U.S. in the event of hostilities with a foreign power.

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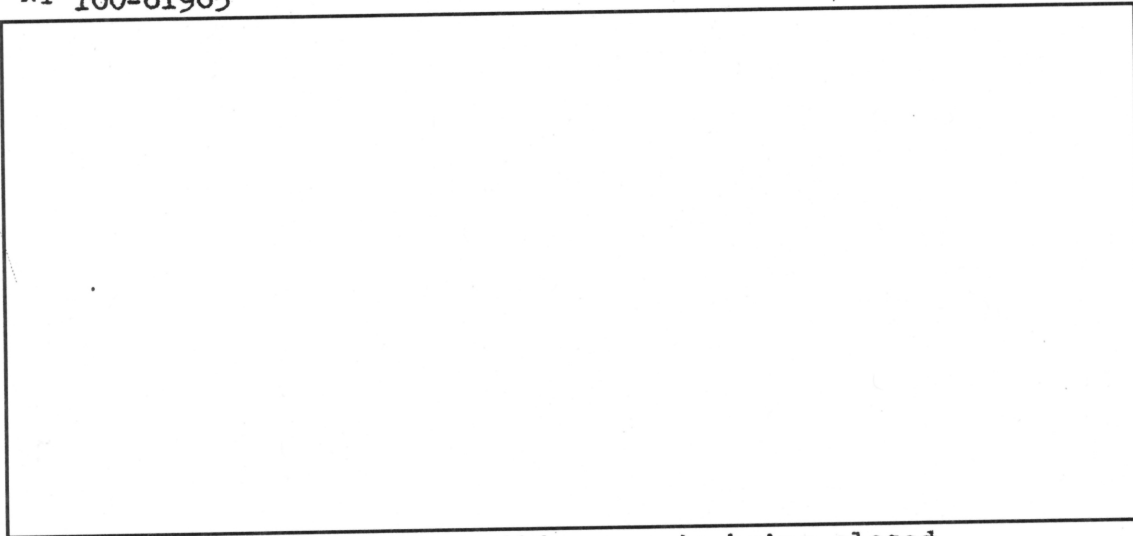
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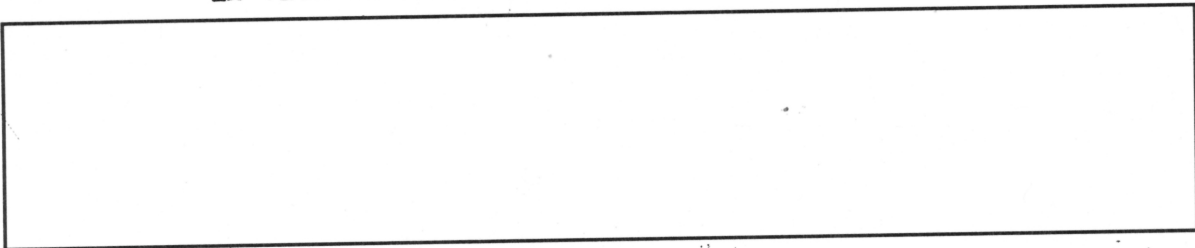
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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-316008)

DATE: 4/21/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-61965)

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SUBJECT: JAMES THEODORE WARD aka
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ReNYrep of SA [redacted] dated 4/10/58
captioned as above and NYlet to Bureau dated 2/18/58.

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Bureau authority is requested to interview the
subject in accordance with existing instructions relating
to interviews of [redacted]

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On 3/3/61, [redacted] advised that the subject had
sent his letter of resignation to Tass News Agency, 50
Rockefeller Plaza, NYC, where he was employed as a teletype
operator.

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On 3/22/61 a pretext telephone call to Tass News
Agency was made by SA [redacted] using the guise of
[redacted] ascertained that the subject
resigned from Tass as of 2/28/61. This pretext further
determined that the subject continues to reside at 1198
Packfic Street, Brooklyn, NY.

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- Submit results in form suitable for dissemination.
- Entries contain no additional pertinent information identifiable with subject.

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(S) I. Subject resides at 1198 Pacific Street, Brooklyn, NY and during March, 1961 it was determined through [redacted] that the subject is self-employed as a novelist. Subject is of the Negro race and was born 9/15/02 in Thibodeaux, Louisiana. On 5/9/60, [redacted] advised that the subject had completed his book and that it would be released by the publishers on 5/11/60.

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(S) On 5/11/60, SA [redacted] made a pretext telephone call to the subject using the pretext of being [redacted] and ascertained that the publishing firm of Funk and Wagnalls, 153 East 28th Street, NYC, was releasing publication of the subject's book on this date. Subject advised that the book, "Our Lan'", deals in the main, with the current Negro question on integration.

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Mrs. James Theodore Ward
II. The subject is married to MARY S. WARD, a member of the white race. She is a housewife.

III. Subject was employed as a teletype operator at Tass News Agency, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, NYC, from 9/30/57 to 2/28/61.

IV. Information available to the NYO reflects that the subject has been a member of or associated with the Communist Party (CP) from 1941 to 1951. According to an anonymous source, one JAMES WARD was described as being well-known around Mexican CP Headquarters during the early 1940s and was reported to be active in organizing members of the Negro race. Informants report that subject was a member of the Sixth Ward Club of the CP in 1943 and in 1945.

A NY informant advised in 1946 that the subject was a CP member who stopped attending "Units" in 1940 in order to do boarder cultural work. It was also reported in 1947 and 1948 by reliable informants that the subject was a member of the CP, had attended meetings of and recruited for the CP.

An informant advised in 1953 that between 1949 and 1951 the subject occasionally went to CP Headquarters in NYC in connection with his plays. The informant believed that he had gone to the CP Headquarters in order to obtain

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their approval and assistance in connection with his plays. Information available to the NYO also reflects that the subject was a contributor to "Masses and Mainstream" in 1948; was one of the instructors at the Jefferson School of Social Science, 1950; a member of the Civil Rights Congress, 1952; and chaired the first day of the National Negro Labor Council convention in 1954.

On 4/21/58, SA [redacted] reviewed file number 18253 at the NY County Clerk's Office which revealed a Certificate of Incorporation filed on 9/4/46 for Mainstream Associates, Inc. This certificate was signed by the three directors as well as one JAMES THEODORE WARD, no address given.

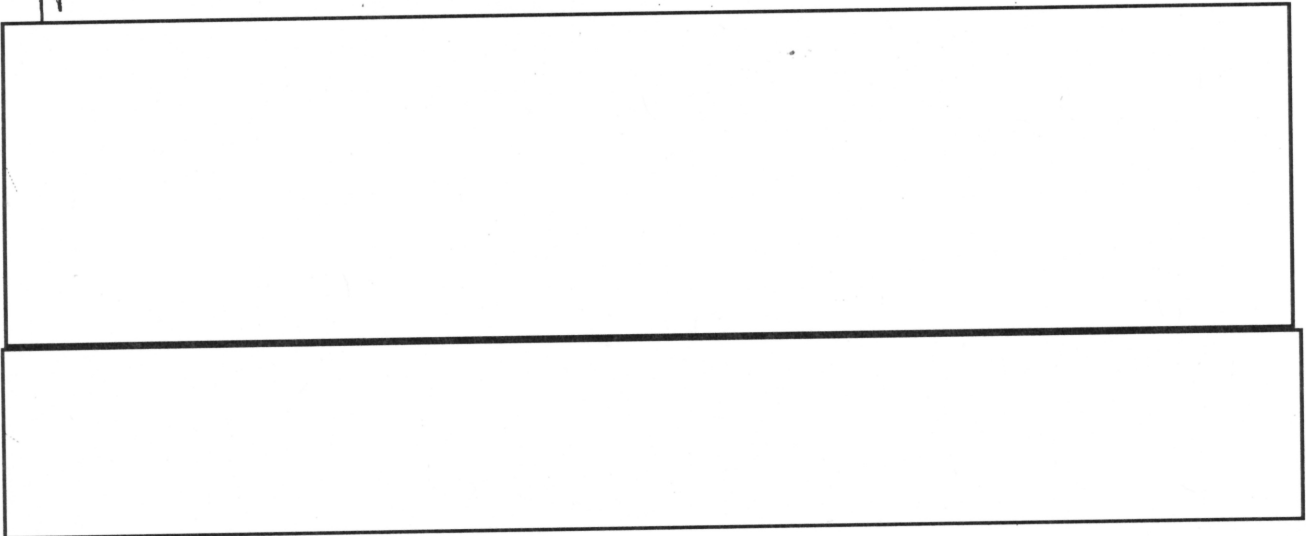
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V. There is no information available which reflects that the subject's wife or relatives have been engaged in CP activity.

VI. The subject possesses informant potential in view of his past employment at Tass News Agency as well as his association with and membership in the CP and Communist inspired organizations.

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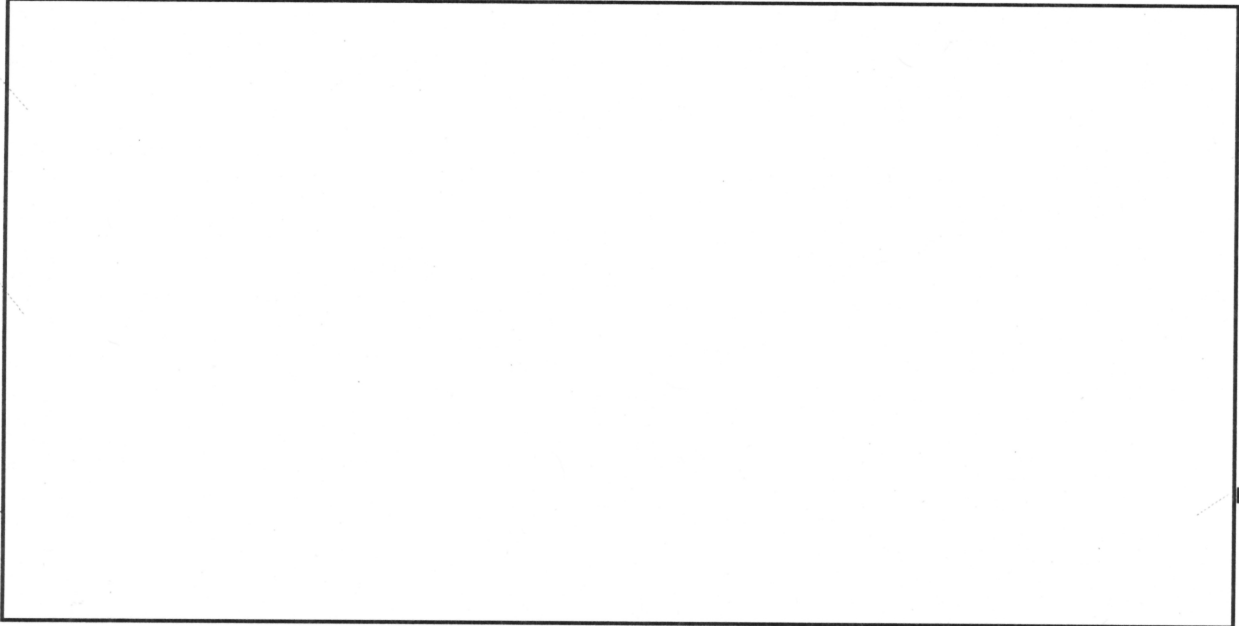
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To: SAC, Los Angeles
2 - New York (100-61965)

From: Director, FBI (100-316008) - 20
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JAMES THEODORE WARD
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ReNYlet 5-31-61.

It should be noted that subject forwarded 2 pieces of correspondence to the Tass News Agency both postmarked 4-22-61 at LA. The reason for such communications is not known. LA should conduct inquiry to determine subject's activities in California. Unless information is developed indicating he will remain in the LA territory for an extended period of time or on a permanent basis, the interview of subject should be held in abeyance and should be handled by the NYO upon his return to NY.

LA should conduct investigation noted above and furnish information to the Bureau and office of origin.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-316008) DATE: 5/31/61
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-61965)
SUBJECT: JAMES THEODORE WARD aka
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ReNYlet to Bureau dated 4/21/61 requesting Bureau authority to interview subject. Authority granted 5/8/61.

On 5/17 and 19/61 efforts to interview the subject were made by the NYO with negative results. On 5/22/61 SA [redacted], made a pretext telephone call to the subject's residence, using the guise of [redacted]

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A person who identified herself as the subject's wife advised that her husband is presently in California on business and that she does not expect him to return in the immediate future. She also advised that her husband has not yet been able to determine the date he will return to NY.

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(S) It is noted that [redacted] has advised in the past that the subject has a brother who resides in Los Angeles, California, and that this brother has been seriously ill.

(S) On a separate occasion [redacted] advised that the subject intended to go to California to settle an estate and it is believed that this may have some connection with his brother's reported illness.

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On 4/25/61 [redacted] US Post Office, Radio City Station, 322 W. 52nd St., NYC, made available information to SA [redacted], which disclosed that two pieces of correspondence, both postmarked 4/22/61 at Los Angeles, Calif., had been sent to Tass News Agency, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, NYC. The sender's name and address was shown as TED WARD, 8753 Prince Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

It is noted that [redacted] has furnished reliable information in the past and his identity should be concealed.

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Tass News Agency is the official Soviet Government news-gathering organization, with headquarters in Moscow, USSR, and branches throughout the world.

In view of the apparent indefinite stay by the subject in California, Los Angeles is requested to interview the subject in accordance with existing instructions concerning interviews of security subjects. For the assistance of Los Angeles one copy of the reports of SA [redacted] dated 2/18/58 and 4/10/58, at New York, in captioned matter, as well as a Photostat of referenced NY letter requesting interview of the subject, are being enclosed.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-316008)

DATE: 7/11/61

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-10840)

SUBJECT: JAMES THEODORE WARD, aka
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advised on 7/10/61 that approximately three weeks ago JAMES WARD returned to his residence in New York. He had been in the Los Angeles area for approximately six months handling the estate matters of his deceased brother.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-316008)

DATE: 7/28/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-61965)

SUBJECT: JAMES THEODORE WARD
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Re Bulet, 6/14/61; LA let, 7/11/61.

On 7/27/61 a pretext credit call to captioned subject revealed that he has resumed his residence at 1198 Pacific St., Brooklyn, New York, and that he continues to be self employed as a writer.

On the basis of the above New York will interview the subject within 30 days of the date of instant letter.

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-61965)
SUBJECT: JAMES THEODORE WARD, aka.
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DATE: 8/9/61

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Re NY let to Bureau, 7/28/61.

On 8/8/61, JAMES THEODORE WARD was interviewed by
SAS [redacted] and [redacted] WARD
refused to discuss his former activities in what he described
as the "progressive" movement. WARD did furnish general
information concerning business operations at Tass News Agency
while he was employed there.

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Synopsis

REFERENCES:

NYrep of SA dated 4/10/58,
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NYlet to Bureau, 4/21/61, requesting Bureau
authority for interview with subject. Approval
received, 5/8/61.
NYlet to Bureau, 8/9/61.

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The pretext telephone call to the subject's
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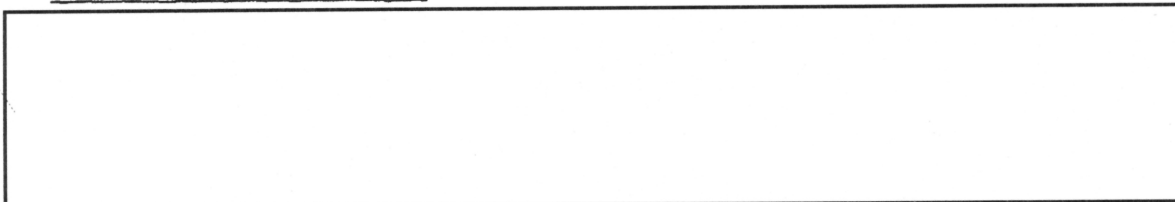
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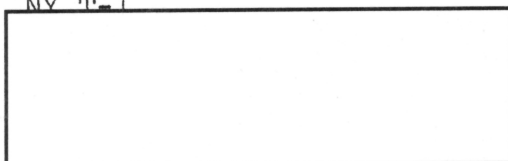
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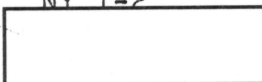
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1. Subject's name is being recommended for inclusion in Section A or B of the Reserve Index.
2. Subject's name is included in Section A or B of the Reserve Index.
3. The data appearing on the Reserve Index Card are current.
4. Changes on the Section A Reserve Index Card are necessary and Form FD-122a has been submitted to the Bureau.
5. A suitable photograph is is not available.
6. Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
7. Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
8. This report is classified Confidential because (state reason) information received from NY T-1 and NY T-2,

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9. Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) Interview set forth in instant report.

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

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Report of:

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Office: New York, New York

Date:

8/24/61

Field Office File No.: 100-61965

Bureau File No.: 100-316008

Title:

JAMES THEODORE WARD

Character:

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Synopsis:

Subject resides 1198 Pacific Street, Brooklyn,
NY. Subject employed as a teletype operator
for Tass News Agency, NYC, from 1957 until 1961.
Subject interviewed. 8/8/61. Subject advised
he did not [Redacted]

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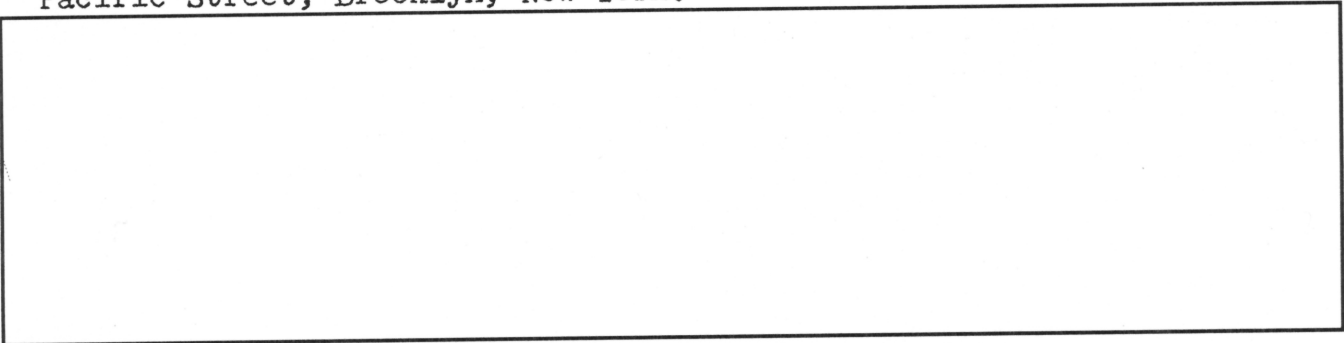
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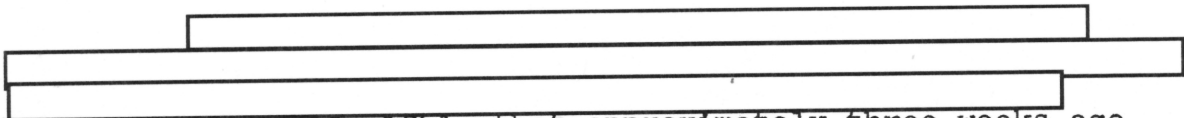
The 1960-61 New York Telephone Directory for the Borough of Brooklyn, New York, lists THEODORE WARD as having telephone number IN 7-9296 and residing at 1198 Pacific Street, Brooklyn, New York.

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On May 22, 1961, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) made a pretext telephone call to the subject's residence and ascertained that the subject was at that time in California on business and that he was not expected to return to New York City in the immediate future.



advised on July 10, 1961, that approximately three weeks ago, JAMES WARD returned to his residence in New York City. According to SCOTT, WARD had been in the Los Angeles area for approximately six months handling the estate matters of his deceased brother.

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Employment

On January 13, 1958, [redacted] Registration Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., furnished Special Agent [redacted] information from a supplemental registration statement, filed on October 21, 1957, by Tass News Agency (TNA) for the period

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ending September 30, 1957. This information reflected that TED WARD, 1198 Pacific Street, Brooklyn, New York, was employed at TNA, New York City, as a teletypist.

On March 3, 1961, NY T-2 advised that the subject had resigned his position at TNA, New York City.

Interview of Subject

On August 8, 1961, subject was interviewed by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted]

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At the outset of the interview, subject was advised of the FBI's jurisdiction over matters pertaining to the internal security of the United States. Subject stated that he is aware of the FBI's responsibilities, however, he did not desire to name any of the organizations with which he has been associated and did not desire to discuss either his activities or the activities of any other person in what he termed the "Progressive" Movement.

Subject stated that he considers himself to be a member of the "Progressive" Movement in that he is interested in improving the standards of the Negro race. He stated that all of his activities have been motivated by his interest in this cause.

The subject was then asked if he would furnish information concerning his former employment as a teletype operator at TNA. Subject agreed to furnish any information he had concerning TNA and persons employed therewith. Subject stated that he is a "writer" by profession and that due to financial conditions he had to seek employment in order to support his family. Subject stated that in 1957, he obtained employment at TNA as a teletype operator. He stated that he learned of this position through a friend of his employed

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at the Polish Press, which is located in the same building as TNA. Subject stated that he was employed by TNA from late 1957 until the early part of 1961, at which time he resigned his position in order to settle his deceased brother's estate in California. Subject advised that at present he is awaiting the return to the United States of the Chief Editor of Tass, GENNADI A. SHISHKIN, from Russia at which time he plans to contact him regarding being rehired by TNA. Subject advised that he expects SHISHKIN to return to the United States during the late part of August, 1961.

Subject advised that upon being hired by TNA in 1957, he was told by HARRY FISHER, Managing Editor, of TNA that TNA has an office rule that no employees were to engage in any political activities while employed at TNA. Subject stated that to his knowledge this rule is strictly adhered to.

Subject advised that his position at TNA consisted of transmitting material on the teletype machine to the USSR in both the English and Russian languages and that this material was furnished him for transmittal by the Soviet correspondents and American employees at TNA. He stated that the Soviet correspondents are polite and cordial, however, they never socialize with any of the American employees. He added that usually there was so much work for him to do that he had little time to get acquainted with any of these persons. He advised that on one occasion he visited the home of [redacted] a fellow teletype operator at TNA and has invited [redacted] to his home on several occasions, however, [redacted] has never visited his home. Subject stated that most of the American TNA employees appear to remain to themselves and have little or no contact with the Soviet employees outside business hours.

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Subject stated that operations at TNA are similar to those of any other news agency in that their employees are divided into various divisions such as the Commercial Division, World News Division and others. Subject advised that TNA gathers most of its material from the newspapers and from the United and Associated Press Services. He added that TNA

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operates two consecutive shifts which run up to midnight and that a teletype operator is kept on standby duty until the following morning shift comes on.

Subject stated that since his resignation from TNA, he has been self-employed as a writer and recently had his book entitled, "Our Lan'" published. He added that this book deals with the Negro question on integration.

During the course of the interview, the subject volunteered that he is loyal to the United States form of Government and would fight to defend the United States against Soviet Russia or any other nation.

Description

The following physical description of the subject was obtained from the records of the Board of Elections, New York City, NY T-2 and through interrogation and observation of the subject during interviews by Special Agents of the FBI on March 28, 1958, and August 8, 1961:

Name:	JAMES THEODORE WARD also known as Ted Ward, The-dore Ward, James Ward
Sex:	Male
Race:	Negro
Date of Birth:	September 15, 1902
Place of Birth:	Thibodeaux, Louisiana
Height:	Five feet six inches - five feet seven inches
Weight:	150-160 pounds
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Black, cut short, graying
Complexion:	Dark
Characteristics:	Neat dresser, mustache

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Scars:

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Occupation:

Writer

Former Employment:

Teletype operator

TNA

50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York

City

Marital Status:

Married

Wife:

MARY S. ~~WARD~~

1198 Pacific Street

Brooklyn, New York

MRS. JAMES THEODORE ~~WARD~~

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

August 24, 1961

Title James Theodore Ward

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Character Internal Security - R

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above at New York.

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

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

MADE

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-316008)

DATE: 10/22/62

for FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-61965) (P*)

SUBJECT: JAMES THEODORE WARD aka
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ReBulet dated 12/12/56, captioned "COMMUNIST PUBLICATIONS-AUTHOR IDENTIFICATION; IS - C", which advised that a review of each issue of "Mainstream" should be made with a view toward effecting probably identification of authors.

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The February and March, 1962, issue of "Mainstream" contains a one act play entitled "Challenge", authored by the subject. The September, 1962 issue contains a poem written by the subject who is described as a playwright from Brooklyn, NY.

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On 10/18/62, a pretext telephone call was made by SA to the subject's residence, 1198 Pacific St., Bklyn, NY (telephone #IN 7-9296) at which time it was determined that the subject was currently residing thereat and was engaged as a self-employed writer from his residence.

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A review of the subject's case file at the NYO reflects no pertinent unreported subversive information contained therein.

This case has been evaluated in the light of Bureau instructions regarding the Security Index criteria and does not meet these standards.

The subject's name is currently on the RI-B of the NYO. In view of his occupation as that of a writer, an FD-122A is being submitted recommending that WARD be placed on the RI-A.

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The subject's case file will be placed in a P* status, awaiting Bureau approval of the above.

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It is recommended that the subject be included in the Reserve Index, Section A, in view of the information contained in the February and March, 1962, issue of "Mainstream" which contains a one act play entitled "Challenge" authored by the subject and also in the September, 1962 issue of "Mainstream" there contains a poem written by the subject, who is described as a playwright from Brooklyn, NY.

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