

WFO 101-2190  
WILLIAM PICKENS  
EXHIBIT "I"

As a result of a report of the Dies Committee made by Congressman Dies on the floor of the House and reported in the Congressional Record of February 1, 1943, an interview was held with Mr. William Pickens who was listed by the Dies Committee as being a member or sponsor of certain organizations which are purported to be un-American, by Mr. James A. Jordan, Jr., Special Agent, Intelligence Unit, and Mr. Charles W. Adams, Assistant to the Executive Director, War Savings Staff.

The transcript of the interview is as follows:

- Mr. Adams: Q. Mr. Pickens, what we want to talk to you about, you probably have guessed, is the Dies Committee Report.
- Mr. Pickens: A. I had an idea, but I did not know.
- Mr. Adams: Q. Probably the best way to proceed would be for Mr. Jordan to go back to his original report and check with you the list that the Dies Committee states you are connected with. Mr. Jordan also had at that time a list of law-suits which you wrote him a letter about.
- Mr. Pickens: A. I know I wrote Mr. Jordan a letter.
- Mr. Adams: Q. You wrote him a letter saying that you were not the William Pickens included in this list.
- Mr. Pickens: A. I was not that William Pickens, I was never sued in my life, except once in an auto accident in California. I was completely exonerated.
- Mr. Jordan: Q. Do you remember my first interview on September 30, 1941?
- Mr. Pickens: A. I remember the interview very well. I did not remember the date.
- Mr. Jordan: Q. Do you remember a list of certain organizations of which you were a member and for which you spoke?
- Mr. Pickens: A. I remember that you had such a list. I was a member of very few if any of them, long ago, and had spoken at mass meetings of some.
- Mr. Jordan: Q. Here is a copy of that list. I am going over this fully. Did you at that time deny making the speeches referred to in that list?
- Mr. Pickens: A. No, Sir.

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- Mr. Jordan: Q. Did you make a speech at the American Rescue Ship Mission in Manhattan Center on December 1, 1940?
- Mr. Pickens: A. After hearing that there was some question about the Rescue Ship Movement and use of its funds, I, with other liberal people, withdrew from the rally.
- Mr. Jordan: Q. In connection with this rally, to what extent did you participate?
- Mr. Pickens: A. I was just an invited speaker, because they knew that people liked to hear me on liberal social questions and democracy.
- Mr. Jordan: Q. You delivered one speech?
- Mr. Pickens: A. If I spoke at all it was only one brief speech.
- Mr. Jordan: Q. Were you a member?
- Mr. Pickens: A. Not a member. I was a speaker invited because I had just been in Spain.
- Mr. Jordan: Q. Were you a member of the New York Tom Mooney Committee?
- Mr. Pickens: A. I do not think I was ever a member of the Thomas Mooney Committee, but I remember nearly 20 years ago, when I read that all the eleven living members of the jury that had convicted him wanted him released, I made a poor man's contribution and hoped for his release.
- Mr. Jordan: Q. Then you were not a member of the Tom Mooney Committee?
- Mr. Pickens: A. I was never a member of the Committee, and do not recall ever being asked to become a member of the Tom Mooney Committee.
- Mr. Adams: Q. Did you know that the Tom Mooney Committee was supposedly made up of Communists?
- Mr. Pickens: A. I knew that some members of the Committee were not Communists, and I was indifferent to politics in the matter.
- Mr. Jordan: Q. What was your connection with the Greater New York Emergency Conference on Inalienable Rights? You are listed as a sponsor.
- Mr. Pickens: A. "Inalienable Rights" sounds so much like what I was taught in my school histories that if I was ever asked to sign as a sponsor for a meeting to discuss them, I might have done so. I certainly do not remember ever attending such a meeting.



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- Mr. Jordan: Q. Did you ever participate in an appeal on behalf of Sam Darcy with the National Federation of Constitutional Liberties?
- Mr. Pickens: A. I do not remember the National Federation of Constitutional Liberties and was never active in this organization.
- Mr. Jordan: Q. Did you sign the petition which appeared in the "Daily Worker" dated December 19, 1940, urging the release of Sam Darcy?
- Mr. Pickens: A. In December 1940, the Daily Worker had been "cussing" me out for nearly ten years. I would be signing nothing for them then. However, I may have signed the petition urging the release of Sam Darcy which was published in the Daily Worker, but this petition was signed by me only because I was interested in Sam Darcy as an individual and had no relationship to politics. As a matter of fact, I do not even know whether Darcy ever was or is today a Communist.
- Mr. Adams: Q. Sam Darcy, as I understand it, was purported to be a Communist member of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties.
- Mr. Pickens: A. I do not know of that organization, but have a faint memory of the name "Darcy". I read the papers.
- Mr. Adams: Q. If anyone requested you to make a statement or to sign a petition or any other document, would you as a matter of fact inquire to find out if the individual or the organization was involved in communistic work?
- Mr. Pickens: A. I often inquired and often refused to sign documents or statements because I suspected the radicalism or communism of the people submitting them. However, I never asked about the politics of an audience which I was invited to address, but only about the subject which they wanted me to discuss. Our organization was always asking for speakers.
- Mr. Adams: Q. Were you, as a matter of fact, ever a Communist?
- Mr. Pickens: A. I never was a Communist. I never had an idea that I ever could be a Communist.
- Mr. Jordan: Q. You were listed as a member of the American Friends of Spanish Democracy.
- Mr. Pickens: A. In 1938 I went to Spain, as an observing tourist, on a regular American passport, and as an observer for some New York medical and ambulance committee. I saw something

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of the Civil War damage. When I returned, all sorts of organizations asked me to tell what I saw. Perhaps I also gave my dollar in collections, but I never was a member of any active committee. I may have been listed as a member of the committee solely because I gave a dollar toward their cause.

Mr. Jordan: Q. Were you connected with the publication entitled "Fight?"

Mr. Pickens: A. I never was connected with the publication called "Fight", but I recall seeing one or two issues of it. I had not the time to read it. I may have been listed as Vice-Chairman but not with my consent.

Mr. Jordan: Q. You were listed as Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Pickens: A. I do not recall being asked to be Vice-Chairman of "Fight". They would not ask me if it were communistic. The Communists had no use for my association after "The Scottsboro Case."

Mr. Jordan: Q. Were you a member of the Council for Pan-American Democracy?

Mr. Pickens: A. I was in the Council for Pan-American Democracy. The aim seemed good in the face of European Facism.

Mr. Adams: Q. Did you take any part in the programs or organization?

Mr. Pickens: A. I conferred and argued at meetings of their Executive Committee, but they always selected others to speak at their large meetings.

Mr. Adams: Q. Did you contribute any articles or make speeches for these organizations?

Mr. Pickens: A. I was Field Secretary for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People having more to do with gathering funds and memberships than other officers. These other organizations offered us opportunities for getting our wares before the public and I may have spoken before many of these organizations. Politics would not enter into it. I never pretended to be a Communist, they knew it.

Mr. Jordan: Q. You are listed as a sponsor of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born.

Mr. Pickens: A. The Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born was a very normal and sane organization for the protection of Negro-Americans and helping them to help in his organizations.

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- Mr. Jordan: Q. You are listed as sponsor of the Citizens Rally on April 13, 1940, held by the American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom.
- Mr. Pickens: A. I do not remember ever having attended a meeting or a committee "For Democracy and Intellectual Freedom" but the aim sounds so good that I might have signed as a perfunctory "sponsor" for such a meeting.
- Mr. Jordan: Q. Do you remember anything about this organization?
- Mr. Pickens: A. I remember nothing about such an organization, except the name.
- Mr. Jordan: Q. You are listed as a guest of honor at the meeting of the New York Conference for Inalienable Rights held July 29, 1940, and the notice appeared in the Daily Worker on July 28, 1940.
- Mr. Pickens: A. I do not read the Daily Worker so I never say anything there. I cannot say "yes" or "no". I go to so many things. It may have been a dinner conference at which I was only a diner and listener.
- Mr. Jordan: Q. Are you a member of the American Friends of Spanish People?
- Mr. Pickens: A. I went to Europe as a tourist in 1938. While in Europe the Medical Bureau Committee requested that I go to Spain as an observer of their work. I went at my own expense and the Committee secured for me a visa from the State Department. When I returned from Europe there were many meetings held for the needy Spanish people. They always passed the hat for donations and I always donated. Perhaps they call my donations a membership.
- Mr. Jordan: Q. Do you remember contributing to the "New Masses" publication?
- Mr. Pickens: A. I remember writing, at the personal request of the editor of New Masses, whom I had seen a moment in Spain, an article a time or two, which he published, and (also at his request) an article a time or two which he refused to publish.
- Mr. Jordan: Q. Do you remember the article, "Why the Negro Must be Anti-Fascist?"
- Mr. Pickens: A. I remember quite well "Why the Negro Must Be Anti-Fascist". It was a good article when Fascism began to threaten the world.
- Mr. Jordan: Q. Do you remember the United States Congress Against War?
- Mr. Pickens: A. I remember a Congress of the League Against War and Fascism.

- Mr. Jordan: Q. Were you a member of the American League Against War and Facism?
- Mr. Pickens: A. I was a member at its first meeting, but later Harry Laidler, Norman Thomas, Mary Fox, and many other non-Communists dropped out when the Communists (a few weeks after the first meeting) manifested a desire to make the League Communist.
- Mr. Adams: Q. Did you in that organization, or any organization, try to prohibit arms shipped to Europe?
- Mr. Pickens: A. I had no interest or information about arms shipments to Europe. I was interested only in charity money for the poor people I had seen struggling there (in Spain).
- Mr. Jordan: Q. Were you a signer of a letter to the President published in the "New Masses", published April 2, 1940.
- Mr. Pickens: A. I have written and signed many letters to the President of the United States; but do not recall the specific one you mention.
- Mr. Adams: Q. I understand the letter was to get one Mexican by the name of Constanta Lemana into this country to speak.
- Mr. Pickens: A. I remember signing some letters, a time or two in the past, to try to get some person permission to visit the United States, as I myself had to get such aid when visiting foreign countries. I remember having been interested to get a Spanish woman leader in to lecture. The petition was not granted.
- Mr. Adams: Q. The woman was refused a visa.
- Mr. Pickens: A. It seemed, and seems, normal and right for a citizen to ask the President for such privileges, for himself or for others.
- Mr. Adams: Q. Did you know that this person was a Communist?
- Mr. Pickens: A. I did not know what political party this woman belonged to. I knew only that she was a bright leader among Spanish Republicans when I was in Barcelona, and did all in her power to get me the privilege of seeing the inside workings of a city government under siege.
- Mr. Jordan: Q. You were listed as speaker for Public Rally under auspices of the New York Chapter of the Spanish Aid Committee.
- Mr. Pickens: A. I spoke at several public rallies for Spanish People's Aid. I was sometimes listed as speaker, where I did not appear. The rallies were held in New York City, New York, and in other cities.

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Mr. Jordan: Q. Do you have any connection with that Committee?

Mr. Pickens: A. I was never a member of the Committee, but I favored its effort to help, medically and by ambulances, the Spanish people.

Mr. Jordan: Q. Since your appointment to the War Savings Staff, what participation have you made in any other organization, either as a speaker or writer.

Mr. Pickens: A. I am a life member of the League for Industrial Democracy. I am also a member of the Urban League, Civil Liberties Union, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and social fraternities. I never cared for radical organizations, with whose work I have no time to check and interest myself in.

Mr. Jordan: Q. Are you in sympathy with any programs the Communists promote?

Mr. Pickens: A. Frankly, I have no objections to what Russians do in Russia, but am opposed to their running this country. I like democracy better after observing Communism a bit. This country strikes me as being better without Communism in control of government. I do not know much about their aims. Some of the aims may be very good.

Mr. Adams: Q. Were you a member of the national committee of any labor defense?

Mr. Pickens: A. I was a member of the International Labor Defense Committee, when it started, advertising itself as "non-partisan", and asking me and others to join,-- "to protect the rights of the persecuted workman," regardless of race or creed or nationality. After attending about two meetings of the Committee, I observed that the Communist brethren were running the show, and I simply dropped out, perhaps to their relief, and made no comment or protest.

Mr. Adams: Q. Did you appear on a program with Congressman Marcantonio some time during the past two or three years?

Mr. Pickens: A. I recall speaking on one program, for Spanish Refugees, on which the Honorable Mr. Marcantonio was the principal speaker. The meeting was held in the same building where the Youth Congress had met the preceding summer, and at which Mrs. Roosevelt and I both spoke on different program hours.

Mr. Adams: Q. Mr. Pickens, these are all the questions I have to ask. Is there anything further you would like to say?



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Mr. Pickens: A. Yes. I have never yet been offered membership in the Communist Party. I have seen people of all political persuasions, from Honolulu to Warsaw, and from Seattle to Vienna, but no Communist ever yet asked me to join his party. They evidently did not deem me fit to do so.

One thing which brought me into nominal membership with many liberal and lawful organizations, was the fact that I was an officer of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and we were continually asking others to join, and pay their dollar, and then forget it if they wished. Naturally we returned the compliment when they asked us to join, if they were not too radical and if we had the dollar. I have been a member of meetings and organizations in which there was some Communist member, sometimes to my knowledge, oftener perhaps without my knowledge.

My intellectual curiosity, as the Director of my Division calls it, since I left Yale University, has brought me into many contacts, but has never yet made me a Communist. There is no doubt in my mind that if I had lived for 60 more years, without ever seeing the inside of a Treasury office, I could never have become a Communist. It was my own choice. If I could have agreed with them, I would long ago have joined them. But I am a democrat, and will always be so. It is the privilege of an American.

When the League Against War and Facism was organized, I was a member of the organizing committee, which started with a "Congress Against War and Facism." I went in as a member of the League for Industrial Democracy, with Norman Thomas, Harry Laidler, Mary Fox, and at their suggestion and request. It was a great Congress,-- men from ocean to ocean and from the gulf to the lakes. It was depression time, and many had hitchhiked to New York.

The Congress was intended by all of us to be strictly "non-partisan" and by no means Communist. But a few weeks after our great meeting, I (being in Chicago at the time) received a telegram from the Secretary of the League of International Democracy, representing Thomas, Laidler, et al., that they were resigning because the Communists were talking too much power and position in the movement,-- and saying frankly that since I went into it under their influence, and as a member of the League of International Democracy only, they knew that I would also want to resign. I wired Miss Fox my resignation to go along with hers and the other League of International Democracy people.

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That ended that. The League later changed its name to The League For Peace and Democracy, but I never had anything more to do with it. Earl Browder and The Communists were perhaps in charge of it.

The foregoing statement consisting of nine (9) pages was made of my own free will and accord without any coercion or intimidation on the part of anyone, and is signed under oath as being true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

William Pickens  
(Signed)

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 4th day of February, 1943,  
in Washington, D. C.

James B. Jordan, Jr.  
Special Agent and Deputy Collector  
of Internal Revenue

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RE:

**WILLIAM PICKERS**  
Director, Interracial Section  
U. S. Savings Bonds Division  
Treasury Department  
New York, New York  
**LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES**

Dear Sir:

You are instructed to conduct a full field investigation ( ) a preliminary inquiry ( ) concerning the above named individual. This investigation is to be assigned immediately and the results mailed to reach the Bureau by \_\_\_\_\_.

May 29, 1948

Attached for your assistance is a photostatic copy of the Request for Report on Loyalty Data furnished to the Bureau on this individual.

The Bureau files contain the following information regarding this person:

The report of Special Agent Logan J. Long dated April 14, 1942, at Washington, D. C., Washington Field Office file 100-2190, entitled "William H. Pickers, Internal Security - Hatch Act," copied to which are designated for the New York Office, reflects that the applicant has been reported to have actively served in the Communist movement and to have engaged in activities detrimental to the best interests of the United States. Investigation disclosed that employee's name has appeared in connection with numerous organizations along with members of the Communist Party and that he has associated frequently with members of the Communist Party.

Employee's name appears as a sponsor for the National Emergency Conference for Democratic Rights, which Conference later merged into the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, under which group employee's name has appeared as a signer of a petition for the appeal of Durooy, a Communist.

Very truly yours,  
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The employee's name appeared as vice-chairman of the American League against War and Fascism and he was an adult consultant at one time for the American Youth Conference.

It should be noted that each of the three groups mentioned above have been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The American Committee for the Protection for the Foreign Born was cited as a Communist front organization by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 79th Congress, on March 29, 1944. In the memorandum from Mr. T. Vincent Quinn, Assistant Attorney General dated March 1, 1948, it was stated that where there is any substantial evidence that an organization may fall within the purview of the President's Executive Order 9835, an investigation should be initiated. In this memorandum Mr. Quinn mentioned the American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born as being one of these organizations.

In addition to the above organizations, employee has associated with a large number of groups which have been cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

The report of Special Agent W. W. Fisher dated May 13, 1940, at New York City, New York file 61-269, entitled "Japanese Propaganda Activities in the United States; [redacted] Confidential Informant [redacted] Informant," reflects an interview with [redacted]

[redacted] The informant stated that "Japanese propaganda work among negroes is headed by a person named [redacted] Another fountainhead for Japanese views is William Pickens, field secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People."

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**REQUEST FOR REPORT ON LOYALTY INVESTIGATION**

THIS FORM TO BE USED FOR INCUMBENT EMPLOYEES AND EXCEPTED EMPLOYEES WHERE INVESTIGATION IS CONDUCTED BY AGENCY (Part VI—Executive Order 9835)

To: The Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington 25, D. C.  
The following information is furnished for identification purposes on the person named below. Kindly furnish a report on any derogatory loyalty information contained in your files. (The fingerprints of this person are attached.)

1. FULL NAME  
(Initials and abbreviations of full name are not acceptable)  
**Pickens** (Surname) **William** (Given name) (Middle or other names)

2. ALIASES AND NICKNAMES  
**None**

3. DATE OF THIS REQUEST  
**October 22, 1947**

4. SPECIAL NUMBERS KNOWN TO REQUESTING AGENCY (FBI number or FBI file number, passport number, Army or Navy serial number, seaman's certificate of identification, alien registration number, Social Security number, etc. Specify which)  
**Social Security No. 068-07-8711**

5. PLACE OF BIRTH  
**Anderson County, South Carolina**

6. DATE OF BIRTH  
**Jan. 15, 1881**

7. TITLE OF POSITION, OCCUPATION OR PROFESSION  
**Director, Interracial Section U.S. Savings Bonds Div., Treas.**

8. SEX  
 MALE  
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9. MARITAL STATUS  
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 MARRIED

10. IF MARRIED, GIVE SPOUSE'S FULL NAME, AND DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH  
**Minnie Cooper McAlpine (Pickens), York, Ala. Apr. 17, 1880**

11. ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHICH AFFILIATED OTHER THAN RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS OR THOSE WHICH SHOW RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS  
**Phi Beta Kappa Society; Phi Beta Kappa Associates; Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Associated Negro Press; National Urban League; National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.**

12. DATES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS

1933-1947: Permanent--260 West 139th St., New York 30, New York  
Temporary: May, 1941 to Feb., 1942: 1203 Kenyon St. N.W., Washington, D.C.  
Temporary: Feb. 15, 1942 to present: 400 T St., N.W., Washington 1, D.C.

13. DATES, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF EMPLOYERS FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS

1920-1942: Nat. Assn. for Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Ave., New York City; now: 20 West 40th St., New York City

For two months in 1938 (June and July) -- U.S. Office of Education, Forum Speaker, Columbia, S.C.

1941 to 1947 -- Savings Bonds Division, U.S. Treasury Department, Washington 25, D.C.

14. THIS AGENCY HAS LOYALTY INFORMATION REPORT(S) FURNISHED BY THE AGENCIES INDICATED

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16. NAME AND ADDRESS OF REQUESTING AGENCY  
**Treasury Department**  
**Washington 25, D.C.**

17. REPORT OF DEROGATORY INFORMATION DEVELOPED

Date: 4/29/48

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FILES OF THIS BUREAU REVEAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS EMPLOYEE BRINGING THE EMPLOYEE WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF EXECUTIVE ORDER #9835. INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED.

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FBI, Washington, D. C.

(Name of Reporting Agency)

INSTRUCTIONS ON PREPARATION OF STANDARD FORM 84

1. This form (Standard Form 84) is promulgated by the United States Civil Service Commission at the request of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of carrying out the responsibilities with respect to incumbent employees under Part VI of Executive Order 9835.
2. A separate form (Standard Form 85) will be used for applicants or persons appointed after September 30, 1947, as provided in Part I of Executive Order 9835, except for excepted employees where investigation is conducted by the agency.
3. The employee's fingerprint chart, Standard Form 86, must be submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation with the original and two copies of this form. The third carbon copy of the form should be retained by the agency.
4. If additional space is needed in filling in Items 12 and 13, use a separate sheet of paper, number the item to correspond with the item number on this form.
5. If the requesting agency has previously received loyalty information from any Government agency (including the Federal Bureau of Investigation) concerning the employee named in this form, the name of the agency which furnished the information and the date of the report should be shown in Item 14.
6. Item 15 is reserved for the use of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
7. Whenever derogatory information is developed, the report will be covered in Item 17 above.
8. For further details regarding the use of this form see the Federal Personnel Manual.



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June 7, 1948

Director, FBI

WILLIAM PICKENS  
Director, Interracial Section  
U. S. Savings Bonds Division  
Treasury Department  
New York, New York  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

In compliance with your request of June 1, 1948, there is enclosed herewith three photostatic copies of various pages of issues of the Daily Worker:

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : S. J. TRACY *STJ*

FROM : D. M. LADD *Df* *5/5 files*

SUBJECT: WILLIAM PICKENS  
 Director, Interracial Section  
 U. S. Savings Bonds Division  
 Treasury Department  
 New York, New York  
 LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

DATE: April 29, 1948

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Please search the name of the above individual through the records of the Identification Division and forward the results, in duplicate, to the Foreign and Domestic Coordination Unit, Room 4519, Department of Justice Building, Washington, D. C.

The following identifying data are listed for your assistance:

Maiden name, if married: —

Date and place of birth: January 15, 1881, Anderson County, South Carolina

Department and Agency for whom employed: U. S. Treasury Department

Previous Government employment: —

Was case opened on Form 84 or Form 85: 84

If so, date form received: October 28, 1947

Other pertinent identifying data: (Including Military service numbers and Alien Registration numbers)

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ADDENDUM: 5-26-48 (j1) Based upon information furnished a record, FBI #6001677, is attached which may be identical with the above subject.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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The following is the record of FBI number 6002677

J. E. Hoover  
Director.

| CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS | NAME AND NUMBER   | ARRESTED OR RECEIVED                   | CHARGE  | DISPOSITION     |
|-----------------------------|---|--|---|-----------------|
| FD. Columbia, S. C.         | William Pickens<br>#22408   | 5-8-42                                 | drunk   | \$5.50 - 5 days |
| C.S. Court.<br>Wash., D. C. | William Pickens<br>residence: 171 1/2<br>Wheat, Columbia,<br>S. C.<br>born: 5-10-81 | F. P.<br>12-1-43<br>Columbia,<br>S. C. | position: porter<br>Rationing Board,<br>Richland County,<br>Columbia, S. C. |                 |

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD  
SUBJECT: WILLIAM PICKENS  
Director, Interracial Section  
U. S. Savings Bonds Division  
Treasury Department  
New York, New York  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

DATE: May 26, 1948

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The files of the Intelligence Unit, Treasury Department, reflect that investigation was conducted by that Unit during 1941 in New York City and Washington, D. C.

A photostatic copy of the report of Special Agent BERNARD V. PFEIFFER, Treasury Department, dated July 10, 1941 at New York, New York, is enclosed for any assistance it may be to New York in their investigation of this case.

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NEWARK URGENT

WILLIAM PICKENS, DIRECTOR, INTERRACIAL SECTION, US SAVINGS BONDS DIVISION, TREASURY DEPARTMENT, NY, NY, LGE. EMPLOYEE NOW SIXTY SEVEN YEARS OF AGE. FROM NINETEEN TWENTY TO NINETEEN FORTY TWO HE WAS FIELD SECRETARY AND LATER DIRECTOR OF BRANCHES OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE. EMPLOYED BY THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON, DC SINCE NINETEEN FORTY ONE. EMPLOYEE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF NUMEROUS COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATIONS AND WAS VICE CHAIRMAN OF AMERICAN LEAGUE AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM. NYC HATCH ACT FILE ON EMPLOYEE CONTAINS A SERIAL WITH INFORMATION ON EMPLOYEE; THE SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION WAS LISTED AS

[REDACTED]

THIS SERIAL MENTIONS THAT EMPLOYEE IS A PLEDGED COMMUNIST WORKING AMONG THE SOCIALISTS AND STATES HE REGULARLY PUBLISHED ARTICLES IN THE "DAILY WORKER." NO FURTHER INDICATION AS TO HOW THIS INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED OR OF THE RELIABILITY OF THIS INFORMATION. REQUEST A RECONTACT WITH E. V. CONRAD AND SUTEL THIS OFFICE ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION OBTAINED IN ADDITION TO SUBMITTING REPORT. BUDED MAY TWENTY NINTH NEXT.

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WILLIAM PICKENS, TREASURY, LGE. J. B. MATTHEWS, FORMER CHIEF INVESTIGATOR OF DIES COMMITTEE IS NOW RESIDING IN NYC. WAS CHAIRMAN OF LEAGUE AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM AT TIME EMPLOYEE WAS VICE CHAIRMAN OF THAT ORGANIZATION. BUREAU AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW MATTHEWS. SUTEL IF GRANTED. BUREAU IS ALSO ADVISED THAT TWO PERTINENT WITNESSES WILL BE UNAVAILABLE UNTIL APPROXIMATELY JUNE TWO NEXT. REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

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SAC, NEW YORK

JUNE 1, 1948

WILLIAM PICKENS, TREASURY, LOB. REURTEL MAY TWENTY EIGHT LAST. AUTHORIZATION GRANTED TO INTERVIEW J. B. MATTHEWS, FORMER CHIEF INVESTIGATOR OF DIES COMMITTEE, CONCERNING CAPTIONED EMPLOYEE.

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WILLIAM PICKENS, DIRECTOR, INTERRACIAL SECTION, U S SAVINGS BONDS  
CIV., TREASURY DEPT. NEW YORK , NY. LGE. REURTEL TO NEWARK DATED  
MAY TWENTYNINE LAST. E. V. CONRAD STATES NEVER HEARD OF WILLIAMS  
PICKENS AND NEVER PREVIOUSLY INTERVIEWED BY FBI AGENTS. SUTEL THIS  
OFFICE ANY ADDITIONAL INFO. REPORT BEING HELD. BUDED PAST.....

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WILLIAM PICKENS, TREASURY DEPT., LGE. UNLESS NEW YORK HAS ALREADY DONE SO,  
SUGGESTED THAT OFFICE INTERVIEW J. B. MATTHEWS, THREE ONE ONE WEST FIFTY SIXTH  
ST., NY, WHO FURNISHED DEROGATORY INFORMATION REFLECTED IN REPORT OF SA LOGAN  
J. LANE DATED APRIL FOURTEEN, FORTY TWO, AT WASH., D. C., ENTITLED WILLIAM  
H. PICKENS, INTERNAL SECURITY, HATCH ACT.

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WILLIAM PICKENS, DIRECTOR, INTERRACIAL SECTION, US. SAVINGS BONDS DIVISION, TREASURY DEPT., NY, NY, LGE.. RE NY TEL TO NEWARK MAY TWENTYNINE TWENTYNINE LAST. E. V. CONRAD STATES NEVER HEARD OF WILLIAM PICKENS NEVER PREVIOUSLY INTERVIEWED BY FBI AGENTS. EVIDENTLY CASE OF MISIDENTITY IN NY FIELD. UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY, NO REPORT BEING SUBMITTED. BUDED PAST. RUC.....H

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WASHINGTON FIELD ROUTINE

WILLIAM PICKENS, TREASURY, LGE. REPORT OF SA LOGAN J. LAIRD DATED APRIL FOURTEENTH, NINETEEN FORTY TWO AT WASHINGTON IN CASE ENTITLED WILLIAM H. PICKENS, INTERNAL SECURITY DASH HATCH ACT, REFLECTS VARIOUS WRITINGS OF EMPLOYEE. ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION CONCERNING THESE WRITINGS AND OTHER WRITINGS REFLECTED IN READERS' GUIDE TO PERIODICAL LITERATURE SHOULD BE REPORTED BY THE WFO. BUDED PAST.

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WILLIAM PICKENS, TREASURY, LGE. REURTEL JUNE THREE LAST. NO FURTHER  
INFO AVAILABLE IN NYC FILE REGARDING INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED.

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WILLIAM PICKENS, DIRECTOR, INTERRACIAL SECTION, U. S. SAVINGS BONDS  
DIVISION, TREASURY DEPT, NEW YORK, N. Y., LGE. REBULET APRIL TWENTY  
NINTH LAST. EMPLOYER SIXTY SEVEN YEARS OF AGE. FROM NINETEEN TWENTY  
TO FORTY TWO HE WAS FIELD SECRETARY AND LATER DIRECTOR OF BRANCHES OF  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE. EMPLOYED  
BY TRASURY DEPT. IN WASHINGTON, D. C. SINCE NINETEEN FORTY ONE.  
EMPLOYEE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF NUMEROUS COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATIONS  
AND FORMERLY WAS VICE CHAIRMAN OF AMERICAN LEAGUE AGAINST WAR AND  
FASCISM. INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT EMPLOYEE FORMERLY WROTE ARTICLES  
FOR ASSOCIATED NEGRO PRESS WHICH WERE DISTRIBUTED TO VARIOUS NEGRO  
NEWSPAPERS IN U. S. HEADQUARTERS OF ASSOCIATED NEGRO PRESS IN CHICAGO.  
REQUEST APPROPRIATE CONTACT WITH AUTHORITIES THERE AND REVIEW AVAILABLE  
WRITINGS RELEASED BY THAT PRESS. BUDED PAST.

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>CHICAGO</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>6/12/48</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>6/11/48</b>   | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>EDWIN W. FLINT</b><br>EWF:LS           |
| TITLE<br><b>WILLIAM PICKENS, Director<br/>Inter-Racial Section, U.S. Savings Bonds<br/>Division, Treasury Department<br/>New York, New York</b>   |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES</b> |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS</b> , editor, "Associated Negro Press," states he has known <b>PICKENS</b> for 13 years through <b>PICKENS'</b> activities in the NAACP. <b>DAVIS</b> states <b>PICKENS</b> is loyal American in his opinion. <b>DAVIS</b> states "Associated Negro Press" has only 3 articles written by <b>PICKENS</b> concerning a trip to Hawaii. Articles summarized. Information concerning <b>FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS</b> set forth. |                                  |   |   |
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| REFERENCE: New York teletype to Chicago dated 6/9/48.   |                                  |   |   |
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| COPIES OF THIS REPORT<br>6 - Bureau (AMSD)<br>2 - Chicago<br><b>60 AUG 24 1948</b>  |                                  | <b>EBI 121 4978</b><br><b>RECORDED - 52</b><br><b>INDEXED - 52</b><br><b>63 AUG 11 1948</b> |   |

WILLIAM PICKENS  
Director  
Inter-Racial Section  
U.S. Savings Bonds Division  
Treasury Department  
New York, New York  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES  
June 12, 1948  
Chicago, Illinois

III. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

Mr. FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, Editor of the "Associated Negro Press," 3507 South Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised that he had held this position for the past thirteen years and that during that period of time he has been acquainted with WILLIAM PICKENS. He stated that PICKENS had become nationally known as a field representative of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and has been a frequent contributor of articles published by the "Associated Negro Press." He stated that during World War II PICKENS was a representative of the Treasury Department, Division of War Bond Purchases.

DAVIS stated that he would never question PICKENS' loyalty to the United States and has no information that PICKENS was ever a member of the Communist Party or any other organization, other than the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

DAVIS stated PICKENS was one of the persons who was most instrumental in developing Negro support for the war effort. He stated that PICKENS broke relations with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People during World War II because of his praise of the Tuskegee Air Force School and Fort Huachua, in Arizona, which camps practiced segregation of Negroes. DAVIS stated that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People bitterly opposed such segregation, but that PICKENS maintained that such action was necessary in winning the war, inasmuch as the war effort was the primary issue.

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DAVIS stated that it was not the practice of the "Associated Negro Press" to keep articles from its various contributors unless some future news value could be foreseen in the writings. He stated that there were only three columns available written by PICKENS, which pertained to a trip made by PICKENS to Hawaii in behalf of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in 1936. These articles are: "Hawaii", by WILLIAM PICKENS, dated August 5, 1936; "Under the Banyan Tree", by WILLIAM PICKENS,

dated August 10, 1936; and "Military Morals in Hawaii", by WILLIAM PICKENS, date not shown. The above three articles dealt with PICKENS' observations on Hawaii during a visit there and relations between the Japanese, Chinese, Hawaiians and Negroes in that territory. The articles contained no information bearing on PICKENS' observation of the governmental policies in Hawaii or basing any criticism on the American type of administration there.

[redacted] a reliable confidential informant, who will not furnish a signed statement and who will not appear before a Loyalty Hearing Board as a witness, advised that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, in May, 1945, was a member of the Dorie Miller Communist Political Association Club, District #8, Chicago, Illinois. The Communist Party, USA, formerly the Communist Political Association, is an organization which was declared by the Attorney General on November 24, 1947 as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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Chicago T-1, a reliable confidential informant, who declined to furnish a signed statement and stated that he would not appear as a witness before a Loyalty Hearing Board, advised that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, 3558 Vincennes, Chicago, Illinois, a newspaper man, was a member of the 2d Ward Club, Communist Political Association, in 1945 and had been a member since November, 1944.

[redacted] a reliable confidential informant, who declined to furnish a signed statement and said that he would not appear as a witness before a Loyalty Hearing Board, advised that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS has been editor of the "Chicago Star" since it commenced publication in Chicago, Illinois on July 4, 1946. This informant stated that the "Chicago Star" is a weekly newspaper controlled and dominated by the Communist Party, District #8, Chicago, Illinois.

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The offices of the "Associated Negro Press", 3507 South Park Avenue, were contacted by SAA [redacted] in an effort to review the writings of WILLIAM PICKENS. Agent [redacted] was referred to FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS of this organization as the person being able to furnish the desired information.

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Chicago T-1 is a search of the records at the headquarters of the CP, District #8, 208 North Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois, on April 26, 1946 and May 22, 1945, by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted]

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WILLIAM PICKENS  
Director  
Inter-Racial Section  
U.S. Savings Bonds Division  
Treasury Department  
New York, New York  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Report of: Special Agent  
Dated : June 12, 1948 at  
Chicago, Illinois

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

WILLIAM PICKENS born 1/15/81, Anderson County, South Carolina. Education and employment history set out. Employed Treasury Department since 5/15/41. Investigation based on connection with N.F.C.L., A.Y.C. and A.L.A.W. & F. Neighbors and fellow employees believe PICKENS to be loyal. T-2 states PICKENS was on Civil Rights Committee of S.C.H.W. in Washington during winter of 1947. Copies of hearing and other material contained in files of T-4 submitted. Copy of hearing contained in personal file enclosed. HCUA records reflect PICKENS to be associated with many organizations cited by HCUA and Attorney General. Copies of hearing afforded by HCUA submitted. Hatch Act statement of employee set out. Records of T-5 not pertinent. No credit record. Information from files of Special Investigations Squad, Metropolitan Police Department, set out.

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WILLIAM PICKENS  
Director, Interracial Section  
U. S. Savings Bonds Division  
Treasury Department  
Washington, D. C.  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

June 17, 1948  
Washington, D. C.

I. PERSONAL HISTORY

The personnel file of WILLIAM PICKENS at the Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., and "Who's Who in America" for 1948-49 contain the following information concerning Mr. PICKENS:

He was born January 15, 1881, in Anderson County, South Carolina, the son of JACOB and FANNIE (PORTER) PICKENS. He graduated from the Union High School, Little Rock, Arkansas, as valedictorian of his class; he received an A.B. degree from Talladega College, Alabama, in 1902; an A.B. degree from Yale University in 1904; a diploma from the British Esperanto Association in 1906; an A.M. degree from Fisk University, Tennessee, in 1908; a Litt. D. degree from Selma University, Alabama, in 1915; and a LL. D degree from Wiley University, Marshall, Texas, in 1918.

He married MINNIE COOPER McALPINE, August 10, 1905, and they have the following children:

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He is a member of the Memorial American Negro Academy, Phi Beta Kappa (Yale), Phi Beta Kappa Association, Omega Psi Phi; is an ex-president of the Alabama State Teachers Association; is a member of the Masonic, Knights of Pythias and Odd Fellow Lodges; and is the author of the following named books:

Abraham Lincoln, Man and Statesman, 1909;  
The Heir of Slaves, 1910 (autobiography);  
Frederick Douglass and the Spirit of Freedom, 1912;  
Fifty Years of Emancipation, 1913;  
The Ultimate Effects of Segregation and Discrimination, 1915;  
The New Negro, 1916 (a collection of essays);  
The Negro in the Light of the Great War, three editions, 1919;  
The Vengeance of the Gods, 1921, (a collection of short stories);

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Bursting Bonds, 1923 (autobiography);  
American Aesop, 1926 (A collection of after-dinner stories).

PICKENS visited Europe in 1913, 1926-1927, 1929, 1932 and 1938. He lectured in England, Scotland, Germany, Poland and Russia in 1926-1927; lectured in Geneva, Vienna and Germany in 1932.

"Who's Who in America" for 1948-1949 and the personnel file of the employee at the Treasury Department contains the following information concerning his employment history:

From 1904 to 1914 he was a Language Professor at Talladega College; in 1914 and 1915 he was Professor of Greek and Sociology at Wiley University; from 1915 to 1918 he was Dean of Morgan College, Baltimore, Maryland; and from 1918 to 1920 he was Vice President of the latter institution. From 1920 to 1941 he was Field Secretary and Director of Branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. On May 15, 1941, he entered on duty as a Principal Defense Securities Promotion Specialist, Defense Savings Staff, Office of the Secretary, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C. He has been employed by the Treasury Department since that time and at present his Civil Service Classification is Information and Editorial Specialist (General); however, he is the Director of the Interracial Section, U. S. Savings Bonds Division, Treasury Department, with headquarters at Washington, D. C., and in that capacity exercises supervision over one office employee and all the volunteer workers in the field. The above-mentioned sources reflect that he was a Forum Leader of Federal Forum Projects, Department of Interior, part time during 1937 and 1938. He is also a contributing editor of the Associated Negro Press of the United States. Mr. PICKENS resides at 400 T Street, NW, Washington, D. C., and also maintains a residence at 260 West 199th Street, New York, New York.

## II. BASIS FOR THE INVESTIGATION

On December 19, 1940, the Daily Worker, an East Coast Communist Newspaper, carried an article devoted to an appeal to Governor OLSON of California to dismiss charges against SAM ADAMS/DARCY, described in the article as a Communist leader. This appeal appeared on Page 5 of the Daily Worker of that date and was said to have been sponsored by the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties. One of the signers of this appeal was WILLIAM PICKENS of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, New York, New York. Photostatic copies of this article are enclosed with this report as Exhibit A. The National Federation for Constitutional Liberties has been declared by the Attorney General of the United States to be an organization which comes within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Washington T-1, a reliable informant who declined to furnish a signed statement or appear before a Loyalty Hearing Board, advised that at the convention of the American Youth Congress held in New York from July 1 to July 5, 1939, WILLIAM PICKENS of the National Association for the Ad-

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vancement of Colored People was an adult consultant at a panel discussion on the subject of "interfaith and interracial understanding". The American Youth Congress has been declared by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

According to a book entitled "The Odyssey of a Fellow-Traveler" written by J. B. MATTHEWS, former chairman of the American League Against War and Fascism, WILLIAM PICKENS was one of the Vice Chairmen of that organization. The American League Against War and Fascism has been declared by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

### III. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

Washington T-1 has no further information to offer concerning the employee.

Mr. LAURENCE M. OLNEY, Field Director and Associate National Director of the United States Savings Bond Division, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., advised that he has known the employee very well since 1941. Mr. OLNEY stated that he was aware of the fact that Mr. PICKENS had been involved in some difficulty because of alleged affiliation with certain organizations, the names of which Mr. OLNEY did not know, however, Mr. OLNEY stated that as far as he is concerned, he has seen nothing whatever which would indicate disloyalty on the part of Mr. PICKENS. Mr. OLNEY stated that he has had many discussions with the employee, has heard him speak, and has reviewed material which has been submitted by the employee in connection with his speech making activities, and during all this time he has had no reason to doubt the loyalty of the employee. Mr. OLNEY went on to say that Mr. PICKENS' work requires him to go into the South quite frequently and deliver speeches in that section of the country and that he has received nothing but favorable comment concerning Mr. PICKENS' activities along that line. Mr. OLNEY concluded by reiterating that there is no question in his mind concerning the loyalty of Mr. PICKENS to the Government of the United States.

Mr. HAROLD B. MASTER, Director of Special Field Activities, U. S. Savings Bond Division, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., stated that he has known the employee since the latter became employed by the Treasury Department and has been very closely associated with him since 1946. Mr. MASTER stated that the employee is very cautious about his associations and seems to be solely interested in the advancement of his race. Mr. MASTER described Mr. PICKENS as being loyal, sincere and straightforward. He stated that to his knowledge, the only organizations with which Mr. PICKENS is associated are the Negro YMCA and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He stated that to his knowledge, Mr. PICKENS is not a member of, or affiliated with, any organizations about which there

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could be any question. Mr. MASTER stated that Mr. PICKENS works directly under him, and he has never observed Mr. PICKENS become involved in any controversial issues whatsoever. Mr. MASTER concluded by saying that in his opinion, Mr. PICKENS is entirely loyal to the United States.

Miss JHANITA M. JONES, Personnel Director, U. S. Savings Bond Division, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., advised that she has been the Personnel Director of this Division during the time Mr. PICKENS has been employed by the Treasury Department. She stated that she has not heard him make any statements which could be construed as disloyal and has never observed any actions on his part which would indicate that he was anything but a loyal citizen of this country. She stated that he is in charge of the whole Negro bond program of the Treasury Department and in that capacity has performed his work in a highly satisfactory manner.

Mr. M. L. HARNEY, Acting Chief Coordinator, Treasury Department Enforcement Agencies, Washington, D. C., advised that he became quite well acquainted with the employee during the time that the Committee on un-American Activities of the House of Representatives had accused Mr. PICKENS of being associated with numerous Communist front organizations. Mr. HARNEY stated that he had occasion to discuss this situation with Mr. PICKENS several times and that he had concluded that Mr. PICKENS, as an official of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, had become involved with these organizations because of his desire to further the program of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Mr. HARNEY went on to say that in his opinion, all of the activities of the employee in this regard were the result of his desire to promote the advancement of his race and that he welcomed any and all opportunities to present the program of the NAACP wherever and whenever he was allowed to speak. He stated that as a result of the discussions which he has had with Mr. PICKENS, he is of the opinion that the employee considers that the advancement of the negro race must come about by the process of evolution and will never be secured by any revolutionary activities. Mr. HARNEY stated that although he was aware of Mr. PICKENS' association with numerous organizations which had been cited by the House Committee on un-American Activities, he was of the opinion that Mr. PICKENS is a person who is absolutely loyal and patriotic.

Mr. and Mrs. CLARENCE A. BRADFORD, 1203 Kenyon Street, NW, Washington, D. C., retired Post Office employee and retired public school teacher, respectively, stated that they have known Mr. PICKENS for the past twenty or twenty-five years and that when he came to Washington to work for the Treasury Department, he occupied a room in their home for approximately two years. They both were emphatic in their belief that Mr. PICKENS is absolutely loyal to the United States Government and stated that he has never

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exhibited any tendencies whatever which could be construed as reflecting unfavorably upon his loyalty. They both advised that they know of no organizations of which Mr. PICKENS is a member except the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. They said that during the time he has been working for the Treasury Department, he has been engaged solely in selling war and savings bonds for the United States Government and that they know of no one who could be considered more loyal and patriotic to the United States.

Mr. E. HAYWARD HORD, 400 T Street, NW, Washington, D. C., who is captain of the third floor dining room, Harvey's Restaurant, stated that he has known Mr. PICKENS since the latter has resided at 400 T Street, NW. He stated that due to the fact that Mr. PICKENS' work takes him out of town a great deal and the irregular hours of his, Mr. HORD'S, employment, he has had very little opportunity to become well acquainted with Dr. PICKENS, however, he has observed and heard of nothing which would reflect unfavorably upon his loyalty to this country.

Rev. ROBERT A. MCGAHA, 403 T Street, NW, a retired Treasury Department employee, advised that he is not well acquainted with the employee but is aware that he is connected with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He stated that he has seen and heard of nothing which would raise any question in his mind concerning the loyalty of Mr. PICKENS.

Mr. A. H. BROWN, JR., photographer, 405 T Street, NW, Washington, D. C., advised that he has known Dr. PICKENS for the past twenty or twenty-five years. He stated that he knows of no organizations of which Dr. PICKENS is a member except the NAACP and that during all the time he has known Dr. PICKENS, there has been no question in his mind concerning his loyalty.

Rev. GEORGE O. BULLOCK, 408 T Street, NW, Washington, D. C., has known of Dr. PICKENS for twenty years and has known him personally for the past six years. Rev. BULLOCK stated that he has heard Dr. PICKENS address many groups and has never heard him express any ideas which could be construed as disloyal. Rev. BULLOCK stated that in his opinion, there could be no question concerning the loyalty of employee.

Washington T-2, a Communist Party member who, over a long period of time, has furnished reliable information, advised that during the winter of 1947 Dean PICKENS was a member of the Civil Rights Committee of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare at a meeting held at the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA, Washington, D. C. It should be noted that employee's personal file at the Treasury Department contains references to him as "Dean" PICKENS. A photograph of the employee, which appeared in the Daily Worker on February 9, 1943, was exhibited to Washington T-2 who identified him as the Dean PICKENS who was a member of the Civil Rights Committee of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare. The Committee on un-American Activities, House of Representatives,

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in its report of March 29, 1944, cited the Southern Conference for Human Welfare as a Communist front organization. Washington T-2 stated that the Southern Conference for Human Welfare in Washington, D. C., is thoroughly infiltrated by the Communist Party and that the Communist Party controls it to a considerable extent.

Washington T-3, a member of the Communist Party who has furnished reliable information over a long period of time, advised that the Southern Conference for Human Welfare in Washington is dominated by the Communist Party; that its functionaries are advised by, and generally follow the advice and direction of, the Communist Party leaders, and that most members of the White Collar group of the Communist Party are active members of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare and tend to control its policies because they are active in meetings.

Both T-2 and T-3 declined to furnish signed statements or appear before a Loyalty Hearing Board.

The files of the Passport Division, State Department, reflect the following information concerning the employee:

He was first issued a passport by the State Department on January 28, 1913. On September 9, 1926, Passport No. 284747 was issued to WILLIAM PICKENS for a proposed six-month trip to all countries for travel and education. In his application for this passport, Mr. PICKENS stated that he had taken a three month tour of Europe during the summer of 1913. In November, 1927, Mr. PICKENS inquired of the State Department as to whether he would need a new passport for an intended trip abroad and was advised that his 1926 passport was valid until September 9, 1928. On March 19, 1929, passport #686521 was issued to Mr. PICKENS for a proposed two-month trip to France and Germany and perhaps England and Switzerland for study. This passport was renewed at New York City on June 1, 1932, for an additional two years inasmuch as Mr. PICKENS intended to travel to France for a visit. Passport No. 576934 was issued to WILLIAM PICKENS on February 20, 1933, for a proposed two month trip to England, France, Switzerland, Austria, etc. for the purpose of going on a tour and for educational work. Passport No. 561-168 was issued to the employee on June 27, 1938, for his proposed two-month trip to France, England, Switzerland for a tour and rest.

By letter dated August 3, 1938, OSCAR FISHTKIN, Personnel Manager, Medical Bureau and North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, 381-4th Avenue, New York City, advised the State Department that Mr. PICKENS of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People had been authorized by that Committee to make a brief study of the work of the Committee's organization in Spain and requested that the passport of Mr. PICKENS be amended to be valid for travel to Spain. At that time the State

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Department replied that it was too late to amend the passport. By letter dated August 13, 1938, HERMAN F. REISSIG, Executive Secretary of the above mentioned committee, advised that Mr. PICKENS had intimate connections with their work and further stated that the Negro Committee to Aid Spain was planning a conference to consider ways and means of increasing support of American relief work in Spain and that the committee had delegated Mr. PICKENS the task of making a first-hand report on the needs in Spain. The State Department then authorized the American Embassy at Paris, France, to validate the passport of Mr. PICKENS for travel to Spain as a relief worker.

The files of Washington T-4, a Government Agency which conducts personnel and intelligence investigations, contained copies of articles written by the employee. Photostatic copies of those pertaining to his foreign travel are enclosed with this report as Exhibits B, C, D and E.

The files of T-4, mentioned above, also contained a copy of a statement, "I Am Not, Never Have Been, and Never Can Be a Communist", prepared by WILLIAM PICKENS and dated February, 1943. Photostatic copies of this article are enclosed with this report as Exhibit F.

The "report" referred to on Page 2 of Exhibit F concerning his trip to Frankfort, Germany, is Exhibit D mentioned above as being enclosed with this report. On Page 3 of Exhibit F Mr. PICKENS refers to an editorial entitled, "Communist Aid Deplored". Photostatic copies of this article are being enclosed as Exhibit F-0. On Page 4 of Exhibit F Mr. PICKENS refers to an article entitled, "I.L.D. Tells 2,000 Mile Lie". Photostatic copies of this article are being enclosed as Exhibit F-1. On Page 7 of Exhibit F Mr. PICKENS refers to an article entitled, "The Fight Against Fascism". Photostatic copies of this article are enclosed as Exhibit B mentioned above.

The next article referred to by Mr. PICKENS on Page 7 of Exhibit F is entitled, "The American Negroes Interest is Anti-Fascism". Photostatic copies of this article are enclosed as Exhibit F-2.

On Pages 10 and 11 of Exhibit F Mr. PICKENS refers to the following named articles and editorials:

"I Am an American; One Year of the Second World War; British Battles for Civilization; God Save America; Again the American Youth Congress; The War - Great Britain and France; That Lend-Lease-Give Bill; The President Makes a Great Speech Against Italy's Jump into the War; Short of War - What? But the Southerners in Congress are For It; If we Don't Have War; Peace, Peace to the Peace Societies".

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Photostatic copies of the above listed material are being enclosed as Exhibits F-3 through F-14.

On Page 11 of Exhibit F Mr. PICKENS refers to his article on Trotsky's murder. Photostatic copies of this article are enclosed as Exhibit F-15. A Photostatic copy of his article entitled, "Senses Against Wishes", referred to on Page 11 of Exhibit F ~~are~~ enclosed as Exhibit F-16.

In the penultimate paragraph on Page 12 of Exhibit F Mr. PICKENS refers to papers showing that the "intercircle" of the organization for which he worked had accused him of "being too loyal to my country" and "let me out for that extreme". A Photostatic copy of these papers entitled, "Fort Huachuca and 99th Pursuit Squadron", ~~are~~ enclosed as Exhibit F-17.

The files of T-4 also contained copies of two other articles written by the employee entitled, "Anti-Alien and Anti-Minority Legislation" and "A Useless and Excuseless Right". Photostatic copies of these articles ~~are~~ enclosed as Exhibits G and H, respectively. OK

The files of T-4 also contain a copy of a hearing which was afforded the employee. This hearing, of which photostatic copies ~~are~~ being enclosed with this report as Exhibit I, is dated February 4, 1943.

The personnel file of the employee reflects that he was afforded a hearing, photostatic copies of which ~~are~~ enclosed as Exhibit J.

In the report of the hearings of the Special Committee on un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 78th Congress, Second Session, Appendix IX, the following information concerning the employee is to be found:

On Page 311 is a reprint of a letterhead dated April 11, 1928, reflecting that WILLIAM PICKENS was a member of the National Committee of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League. According to the records of this Committee, this organization functioned from 1925 to 1933 and was supplanted by the American League Against War and Fascism. Contained in the files of this Committee is a photostatic copy of a report of the Central Executive Committee to the Fourth National Conference of the Workers (Communist) Party of America held in Chicago, August 21 to August 30, 1925, which contains a statement that the Workers Party of America has made anti-imperialist work one of its basic activities, the most important step in this connection being the successful organization of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League; that the Workers Party was largely instrumental in the establishment of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League which was endorsed by the Comintern and the Profintern.

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The All-America Anti-Imperialist League was cited by the House Committee on un-American Activities on March 29, 1944, as a Communist front organization. The American League Against War and Fascism has been declared by the Attorney General to be an organization within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

On Page 351 appears an undated letterhead listing WILLIAM PICKENS, NAACP, as a sponsor of "National 'Americans All' Week", October 21-28, 1941, held under the auspices of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born has been declared by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

On Page 381 appears a reprint of a letterhead dated February 21, 1938, which reflects WILLIAM PICKENS to be a member of the "American Friends of Spanish Democracy" committee. The American Friends of Spanish Democracy was cited by the House Committee on un-American Activities on March 29, 1944, as a Communist front organization.

On Page 1643 there appears information from the "Labor Defender" of October, 1935, Page 9, in which WILLIAM PICKENS of New York is listed as a signer of a petition for the freedom of ANGELO HERNDON who is described as a "Negro Communist" on Page 1642 of Appendix IX. The HERNDON Petition Committee is described as an adjunct of the International Labor Defense. The International Labor Defense has been declared to be an organization within the purview of Executive Order 9835 by the Attorney General of the United States.

On Page 984 of Appendix IX, WILLIAM PICKENS, New York, is listed as a member of the Advisory Committee of the League for Mutual Aid. The League for Mutual Aid was cited as a Communist front organization by the House Committee on un-American Activities in its report of March 29, 1944.

On Page 1210 of this Volume there appears a reprint of Volume 1, No. 4, legislative letter of the National Emergency Conference for Democratic Rights. This letter reflects WILLIAM PICKENS as a member of the Board of Sponsors and is dated February 15, 1940. The National Emergency Conference for Democratic Rights was cited by the House Committee on un-American Activities on March 29, 1942, and March 29, 1944, as a Communist front organization.

On Page 1347 there appears information reflecting that in the "Daily Worker" for February 8, 1939, Page 2, WILLIAM PICKENS of the NAACP is listed as a signer of a letter circulated by the Negro Peoples' Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy urging Congress, the State Department and the President to lift the embargo against Spain. The Negro Peoples' Committee to Aid Spanish

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Democracy was cited by the House Committee on un-American Activities on March 29, 1944, as a Communist front organization. A Photostatic copies of Page 2 of the Daily Worker for February 8, 1939, are enclosed as Exhibit K.

Page 1372 of this volume contains a reprint of an undated letterhead of the New York Tom Mooney Committee in which WILLIAM PICKENS is listed as a sponsor of that committee. The New York Tom Mooney Committee was cited as a Communist front organization by the House Committee on un-American Activities on March 29, 1944.

In the report of hearings of the Special Committee on un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 77th Congress, First Session, Appendix V, there appears on Page 1678 information reflecting that in the Daily Worker for November 17, 1939, WILLIAM PICKENS, NAACP leader, spoke at a banquet - reception held in honor of JACQUES ROUMAIN, "noted Haitian poet and writer", at the 137th Street INCA. This banquet - reception was said to be held under the auspices of the League of American Writers (New York Chapter). A Photostatic copies of Page 2 of the Daily Worker for November 17, 1939, are being enclosed with this report as Exhibit L. The League of American Writers has been declared by the Attorney General to be an organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

On Page 48 of Report 1311 of the Special Committee on un-American Activities, House of Representatives, dated March 29, 1944, WILLIAM PICKENS is listed as National Vice Chairman of the American League Against War and Fascism.

The records of Washington T-4 contain a written statement of WILLIAM PICKENS entitled, "Actual Contacts", which was prepared by Mr. PICKENS in reply to the information in the possession of the House Committee on un-American Activities concerning the organizations with which he was connected. A Photostatic copies of this statement are being enclosed as Exhibit M.

On April 2, 1943, WILLIAM PICKENS was afforded a hearing by the sub-committee of the special committee to investigate un-American activities and photostatic copies of this hearing are enclosed as Exhibit N.

On Page 3326 of the above mentioned hearing it is noted that there is listed a letter from WILLIAM PICKENS to the editor of the Republican marked "PICKENS Exhibit 1". A photostatic copy of this letter to the editor entitled, "Communist Aid Deplored", by WILLIAM PICKENS, Field Secretary, NAACP, dated November 18, 1933, is contained in the file of exhibits maintained by the House Committee on un-American Activities. A photostatic copy of this article has been enclosed with this report as Exhibit F-0.

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