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[redacted] advised that he has seen the appointee only on very limited occasions since the appointee left the University of Chicago and stated that the appointee had only recently returned from Ghana where he had spent two years at the University of Ghana.

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[redacted] described the appointee as a first-rate scholar and an outstanding Negro leader. He said that the appointee is one of the best informed regarding dealings with the African Nation. He said that he considers the appointee to be a person of good character, reputation, and associates. He said that there is no question but that the appointee is a loyal American and he believes that he would be very useful in a position with the Government.

On January 29, 1962, [redacted]

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he recalls the appointee as a student at the University of Chicago, but stated that he never had close association with him. He said that the appointee and HORACE CAYTON had written the book "Black Metropolis". He said that both the appointee and CAYTON had been research associates for [redacted] and as such had worked on a project regarding the Negro race. He said that he considers their book to have been a good study of the Negro race.

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[redacted] advised that he considers the appointee to be an able and competent person and stated that he has never been aware of anything of a derogatory nature concerning him. He advised that he is not aware of any information which would preclude the appointee's consideration for a position of trust.

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On January 30, 1962, [redacted]

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he has had very little association with the appointee but knows him through reputation. He said that he had some contact with the appointee some years ago, when the University of Chicago was attempting to have certain property in the southwest Hyde Park area condemned as it was felt that this was a "slum" area. He said that the appointee was one of a group of residents who felt that the University of Chicago was discriminating against the Negroes residing in this area.

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[redacted] advised that the appointee is well qualified in his field and that he would highly recommend him for work abroad but based on the above would have some question as to the way the appointee would represent the United States in race problems.

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[redacted] advised that he has never known of any information which would lead him to question the appointee's loyalty or to believe that he was other than loyal to the present form of Government.

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Employment

Associate Director
Illinois Community Condition
Urban Colored Population
State of Illinois

[redacted] whose additional comments appear elsewhere in this report, advised on January 29, 1962, that he recalls that ST. CLAIR DRAKE was employed by a commission set up by Former Governor HENRY HORNER to study conditions in the Negro community. He believes this was in the early 1940's but he does not recall the exact date. He commented that [redacted] served on the commission with DRAKE.

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On January 29, 1962, [redacted] advised that DRAKE was Associate Director of a study of community conditions in the Urban Colored Population of Illinois for a period of perhaps six months to a year around 1941. He said he had worked with DRAKE on the commission and had known him fairly well at that time but has had little contact with him since. Based on the period that he knew DRAKE he considers him to be a person of good character and reputable associates and he has no reason to doubt his loyalty to this country.

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Research Association
Carnegie Corporation
Chicago, Illinois

It was not possible to verify this employment from records but [redacted] of Roosevelt University whose additional comments appear elsewhere in this report, stated that this apparently pertained to work for the Carnegie Foundation, which he confirmed, as set forth elsewhere in this report.

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Director of Research
University of Chicago
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On January 24, 1962, [redacted] Institute for Juvenile Research, 907 South Wolcott, Chicago, Illinois, advised that she has no record of ST.

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CLAIR DRAKE as a former employee. She suggested talking to [redacted]

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On January 24, 1962, [redacted]

[redacted] Institute for Juvenile Research, stated that ST. CLAIR DRAKE worked on a project of which this institution was a co-sponsor during the late 1930's. As further verification he displayed a copy of a book entitled: "Churches and Voluntary Associations in the Chicago Negro Community" by ST. CLAIR DRAKE. It bears the identification "Report of Official Project 465-54-3-386, conducted under the auspices of the Work Projects Administration, Horace R. Cayton, Superintendent; Sponsors: Institute for Juvenile Research, [redacted]

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University of Chicago, W. P. A. District 3, December, 1940."

[redacted] said [redacted] who is no longer with the Institute merely signed for the projects and would not have known DRAKE personally. [redacted] does not know the present whereabouts of CAYTON. He commented that the headquarters for the project had been in the University of Chicago and most of the work was performed in an office at the Good Shepherd Church on the South Side of Chicago.

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He said DRAKE later wrote "Black Metropolis", that CAYTON's name appears as co-author but actually DRAKE did most of the work on the book, which he described as a fine piece of work, and it established DRAKE as a scholar. He has had casual contact with DRAKE over the last twenty years, has heard him lecture at the Institute and has read many of his writings. He said DRAKE is objective and unbiased in his writings and he has never given any indication of Communist sympathies to his knowledge. He commented that as an intellectual who is a member of the minority race, DRAKE is subject to certain stresses which non-intellectuals of his race are not subject, due to the fact he is accepted fully as an equal in academic circles but never knows whether he will be accepted or rejected in social situations. He said he believes DRAKE to be the best adjusted intellectual of his race he has dealt with as DRAKE gives no indication

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of frustration or tension. He said DRAKE may take a definite stand at times in behalf of something he feels is for the good of his race, but it is done in a detached, objective way without personal bitterness.

On January 24, 1962, [redacted]

[redacted] and part-time member of the Roosevelt University faculty, advised he was not with the institute at the time DRAKE performed work on a project of which the institute was a co-sponsor but he is aware that DRAKE did work on the project. He said he has known DRAKE since the late 1940's through being a fellow faculty member at Roosevelt University.

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He stated that DRAKE is a solid citizen of good character and reputable associates, and he believes him to be a loyal American. He said he is familiar with most of DRAKE's writings and he recalls nothing in the writings indicating sympathy for Communism. He said, in fact, that DRAKE has exposed the inroads the Communist Party has made in the Negro community in some of his writings.

He said DRAKE is an uncomplicated person who has no grievances and is easy to get along with. He said DRAKE's academic interest originally centered around race relations but in recent years it has turned to Africa and the emerging independent nations of Africa. He said DRAKE is a first class sociologist and could be of great assistance to the United States Government as an employee.

He commented that DRAKE has served on the staff of Universities in both Liberia and Ghana and is extremely well informed on present day conditions in Africa. He said DRAKE's wife is also a scholar of considerable ability and she has assisted him in his research. He commented that although DRAKE's wife is not of the same race as DRAKE, their marriage has worked out very well due to the fact that he and his wife share an absorbing interest in sociological research. He said they have two children, approximately in their early teens.

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University of Chicago Press
5750 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

On January 25, 1962, [redacted]

[redacted] University of Chicago, 5801 South Ellis Avenue, advised SA [redacted] that she could locate no record pertaining to the appointee. She advised that it is the policy of the University to destroy records of employees who have not been in the employ of the University within the past ten years.

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On January 25, 1962, [redacted]

[redacted] University of Chicago Press, advised SA [redacted] that his office maintains no records which would cover employment by the appointee during any period in the early 1940s.

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[redacted] advised that he had contacted [redacted] and [redacted] both employees of the University of Chicago Press prior to 1940, and advised that neither could recall the appointee as a former employee.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI. (File 161-1681) DATE: 2/2/62

FROM : *HSL* SAC, NEW ORLEANS (File 161-87)

SUBJECT: JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE,
aka St. Clair Drake
PC - APPLICANT

Re Chicago teletype 1/31/62.

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 2/5/62

Reason for the delinquency: Retel requires additional investigation at Dillard University, New Orleans.

Date the report or necessary communication will reach the Bureau: 2/7/62

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FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS /161-87/ 2 P

*Mr. Callahan
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[REDACTED] INTERVIEW, NEW ORLEANS LETTER TO ATLANTA, MAY 13 FEB 27 1962
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Chicago, Illinois
February 2, 1962

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Title JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE

Character PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT

Reference is made to report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above at Chicago, Illinois.

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TITLE OF CASE JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE, aka St. Clair Drake		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div>	TYPED BY jk
		CHARACTER OF CASE PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT	

References

- Bureau letter to WFO 10/4/61.
- New Orleans airtel to Bureau 10/24/61.
- Bureau airtel to WFO 1/4/62.

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Informants

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[redacted] (See Bureau letter to
Philadelphia, 2/12/52, captioned [redacted]
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PH T-2 is [redacted]

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Title:

JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE

Character:

PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT

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Synopsis:

Applicant was employed by American Friends Service Committee, Philadelphia, Pa., as a volunteer summer helper from 1934 to 1935. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and in 1952, a Philadelphia newspaper carried an article which reflected that [REDACTED] had been ordered by the U. S. State Department to return to Kenya and Dr. ST. CLAIR DRAKE, a professor at Roosevelt College, had announced the formation of a committee to protect Kenya students in the United States. A 1950 issue of the Illinois edition of "The Worker," an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper, listed ST. CLAIR DRAKE as a sponsor of a conference held under the auspices of the Chicago Tenants Action Council. An informant advised this council was receiving the support of the Communist Party.

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Employment.At Philadelphia, Pa.

American Friends Service Committee
160 North 15th Street

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On February 1, 1962, [REDACTED]

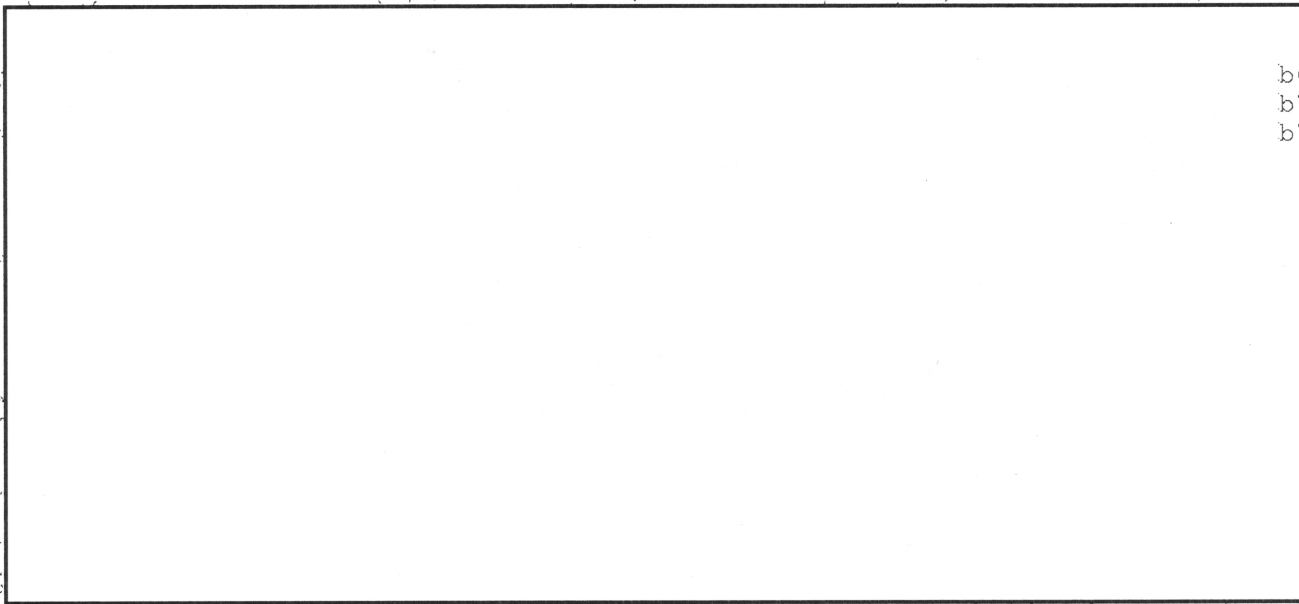
[REDACTED] advised a search of her records reflects a card for

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JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE. The card reflects he was employed as a volunteer summer helper from 1934 to 1935 and contains no other information. [redacted] said the organization did not acquire [redacted] until 1940, and she could locate no other record for the applicant. She said there are no persons she could suggest who might recall the applicant. (Application reflected employment with this organization from June 1931 to June 1932.)

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Miscellaneous



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The November 15, 1952, edition of the "Philadelphia Afro-American" newspaper, page 5, column 4, carried an article which reflected that [redacted] had been ordered by the U. S. State Department to return to Kenya. The article went on to state that as a result of this action, Dr. ST. CLAIR DRAKE, a professor at Roosevelt College, Chicago, Ill., had announced the formation of a committee to protect Kenya students in the United States.

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"Who's Who in America," Volume 31, 1960 - 61, lists employment for DRAKE, (JOHN GIBBS) ST. CLAIR, at Roosevelt College, Chicago, from 1946 to the present.

The April 23, 1950, issue of the Illinois edition of "The Worker," an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper, listed ST. CLAIR DRAKE, "author and editor," as one of the sponsors of a Save Rent Control Conference to be held on May 13, 1950, in Chicago under the auspices of the Chicago Tenants Action Council. On April 22, 1950, PH T-2 advised that the Chicago Tenants Council was receiving the support of the Communist Party.

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to EO10450.



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Reference Report of Special Agent [redacted]
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TITLE OF CASE JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE, aka St. Clair Drake		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY ncm
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IDENTITY OF INFORMANTS:

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Title:

JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE

Character:

PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT

Synopsis:

No birth record of applicant at Bureau of Vital Statistics, Richmond, Va. Applicant's attendance at Booker T. Washington High School, Staunton, Va. from September, 1924 until graduation June, 1927 verified as very satisfactory. These records reflect applicant born 1/2/11, place not shown. Available records reflect one ST. CLAIR DRAKE taught at Christiansburg Institute, Cambria, Virginia during the school years from September, 1932 through June 1935. No former fellow instructors available. [REDACTED] of High School recommends very highly. Acquaintances recommend applicant very highly and report nothing derogatory as to character, reputation or loyalty. Investigation reflects both of applicant's relatives deceased and no immediate relatives residing in Staunton, Va. area. Credit and arrest records checks on applicant negative. Applicant's mother had satisfactory credit record before her death at Staunton, Va.

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DETAILS:BIRTH

On January 5, 1962 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] State Bureau of Vital Statistics, Richmond, Virginia, advised IC [REDACTED] she was unable to locate any birth record in their files identifiable with the applicant.

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She further advised that prior to June, 1912, it was not mandatory to file your birth records with the State Bureau of Vital Statistics, and all such birth records on file prior to June, 1912, was done voluntarily by the person wishing to have his birth on record.

EDUCATION

[redacted] Booker T. Washington School, Staunton, Virginia, advised on January 12, 1962, that his records reflect that the applicant attended the High School from September, 1924 until graduation in June of 1927. He further advised that the applicant had transferred to their high school, after completing one year at Brushton High School in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He stated that as well as he could recall, the applicant's father died about this time and his Mother being from Staunton, Virginia decided to return to Staunton to live. [redacted] further stated that his files reflected that applicant maintained an "A" average while attending high school, and was Valedictorian of his graduating class. He mentioned that he was one year behind the applicant at the local high school, but was a close acquaintance during the last two years he attended Booker T. Washington High School. He also mentioned that he thought so much of applicant's ability and prestige that [redacted] address their Senior class at graduation exercises back in June of 1959. [redacted] said that he considered the applicant to be an outstanding person in every respect and was confident that he is thoroughly reliable and loyal. He said that he has never heard anything derogatory concerning him or any member of his family and that he would recommend him highly for a position of trust and confidence with the Federal Government. He added that applicant's date of birth was listed in their school files as January 2, 1911, place not indicated.

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Investigation at Cambria and Christiansburg, Virginia was conducted by SA [redacted]

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EMPLOYMENT

AT CAMBRIA, VIRGINIA

On January 31, 1962 [redacted] Christiansburg Institute, advised the only records available reflect that one ST. CLAIR DRAKE taught

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at Christiansburg Institute during the school years from September, 1932, through June, 1935. He instructed in courses in English, History, Sociology and Science. The exact dates were not indicated, nor were there any addresses for DRAKE in [] records.

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Further, [] advised these are the only available records and there is no one now teaching at Christiansburg Institute who taught during the pertinent period.

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[] explained that during the time DRAKE was employed no personnel folders were maintained on instructors, and since [] he has found the old records to be very incomplete.

ACQUAINTANCES

[] advised on January 12, 1962 that he has known the applicant for the past five years, having talked to him on the several occasions he has visited in the Staunton community during that period of time. He further advised that the applicant impresses him as being not only a very intelligent man, but one who possesses integrity, a sense of deep responsibility to those who employ him and a spirit of humbleness and modesty. He stated that he was very much impressed with applicant's devotion to his parents and feels that he is very conscientious and sincere in his beliefs as a good Christian and loyal American. He further stated that he knows absolutely nothing derogatory concerning the applicant and would recommend him highly for a position of trust and confidence with the Federal Government. He added that both of the applicant's parents have passed away and that he has no immediate relatives to his knowledge residing in the Staunton area.

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[] advised on January 13, 1962 that he has known the applicant since they attended high school together and considers him to be one of the finest persons he has ever known. He further advised that he []

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[] with the applicant for three years and realized at the time that the applicant was headed for

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great things. He stated that applicant has always proven to be a leader and was very much respected by his fellow students, teachers and professors in high school and college. He also stated that applicant is a man of excellent moral character and he has never known him to be involved in any difficulty at all. [redacted] [redacted] said that applicant was always very devoted to his parents and returned to Staunton to visit them whenever his duties or assignments would permit. He further said that he actually had never discussed politics with the applicant, but had no reason to believe that he wasn't a loyal American citizen. He added that he would recommend him highly for a position of trust and confidence on the basis of his association with him through the years.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Richmond Informants who are familiar with some members and activities of the Communist Party in Virginia advised the name of applicant is unknown to them and they have no information concerning him.

CREDIT RECORD CHECK

[redacted] Credit Bureau of Staunton, Virginia, advised on January 12, 1962, that she checked her files for the name of the applicant but could find no record. She stated that the only member of the applicant's family she had in file was his mother, Mrs. BESSIE DRAKE, now deceased, and her credit rating was satisfactory when last checked back in 1958.

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AT CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA

On January 31, 1962 [redacted] [redacted] Floyd-Montgomery Credit Bureau, advised there is no record for the applicant in the files of her Bureau.

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ARREST RECORD CHECK

[redacted] Staunton, Virginia Police Department, advised on January 12, 1962 that he checked his files for the name of the applicant and members of his family, but could find no record of arrest.

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AT CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA

On January 31, 1962
of the Montgomery County Court advised the records of
her office contain no record for a JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR
DRAKE or a ST CLAIR DRAKE.

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REPORTING OFFICE INDIANAPOLIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 2/2/62	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 1/29/62
TITLE OF CASE JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE, aka. St. Clair Drake		REPORT MADE BY [Redacted]	TYPED BY /SWM
		CHARACTER OF CASE PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT	

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CC TO: State (cu) [unclear] AF
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 BY: ADS/gb

REFERENCE: CG airtel to IP dated 1/23/62.

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This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL because information received from IP T-1 and IP T-2 could reasonably result in their identification and compromise their future effectiveness in furnishing information pertaining to the internal security of this country.

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Informants

Identity

Location

IP T-1 is [redacted]

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IP T-2 is [redacted]

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Field Office File No.: IP 161-210

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Title:

JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE

Character:

PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT

Synopsis:

Applicant addressed Anselm Women, Gary, Indiana, during May, 1961, and discussed his recent work in Africa. Stated he had been chosen as one of three individuals to originally work on the organization of the Peace Corps but that, in his opinion, the Corps will not accomplish its goals. Applicant introduced at this affair by [Redacted] who, according to IP T-2, has been in close association with leading CP members in Lake County, Indiana, since arriving in Gary, Indiana, in the early 1950's. [Redacted]

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DETAILS:

Confidential informant IP T-1 advised on May 22, 1961, that the annual dinner of the Anselm Women, Gary, Indiana, was held at the Flame Restaurant, Gary, on the evening of May 18, 1961.

Some fifty individuals attended this affair which featured Mr. ST. CLAIR DRAKE, of Chicago, Illinois, reportedly a member of the faculty at Roosevelt University, as the main speaker. He discussed his recent work in Africa indicated that he had been a teacher in Ghana. His discussion dealt with the problems of the new African nations, and he expressed the opinion that poverty, sickness, and lack of education were the primary sources of difficulty.

He related that he had been chosen one of three individuals to originally work on the organization of the Peace Corps but that it was his opinion that this organization will not accomplish its goals. He indicated that, in his opinion, it is necessary for workers in the African nations from the Peace Corps to live with and like the natives if they intend being successful, and he finds it difficult to believe that Americans are prepared to make such a contribution.

DRAKE was introduced at this affair by [redacted]

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Confidential informant IP T-2 in 1959 advised [redacted] since arriving in [redacted] in the early 1950's has been in close association with leading Communist Party members in Lake County, Indiana. 11/1959

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IP T-1 was recontacted on January 29, 1962, and advised he was not acquainted with the applicant other than in the above instance and could furnish no additional information concerning him.

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IP T-1 did not desire to furnish a signed statement and is unavailable for testimony before an administrative hearing board.

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Indianapolis, Indiana

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February 2, 1962

Title JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE

Character PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT

Reference Report of Special Agent [redacted] b6
[redacted] dated and captioned b7C
as above at Indianapolis.

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

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PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT

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Re New Orleans teletype to Director and Atlanta
2/2/62.

This case will be delinquent. Files Atlanta Division
being reviewed and report in dictation.

Report will be submitted by 2/6/62.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, BALTIMORE
FROM SAC, ATLANTA /161-108/ 1P

JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE, AKA, ST. CLAIR DRAKE, PEACE
CORPS DASH APPLICANT, BUDED FEBRUARY FIVE. RE NO TEL
FEBRUARY TWO LAST. CHICAGO BY TELETYPE TO NEW ORLEANS
ADVISED THAT ONE [REDACTED]

Mr. [Signature]
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[REDACTED] WHILE AT DILLARD UNIVERSITY NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE
TO NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN WOULD NOT RECOMMEND FOR SENITIVE
POSITION BECAUSE OF APPLICANT-S ASSOCIATION WITH LAWRENCE
D. REDDICK [REDACTED]

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CHARACTERIZATION OF REDDICK. REVIEW ATLANTA FILES RE
REDDICK SHOWS HE HAS NOT RESIDED THIS AREA SINCE FIFTY
FIVE, AND THAT ALL PERTINENT SERIALS FORWARDED MOBILE OFFICE
WHERE REDDICK WAS THEN ON FACULTY AT ALABAMA STATE COLLEGE,
MONTGOMERY, ALA. UNTIL JUNE NINETEEN SIXTY AND SINCE THEN
REPORTEDLY ON FACULTY AT COPPIN STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE,
BALTIMORE. MOBILE ADVISED THAT ALL PERTINENT SERIALS
FURNISHED BALTIMORE. BALTIMORE FURNISH CHARACTERIZATION
OF REDDICK FOR INCLUSION REPORTS. NEW ORLEANS [REDACTED]

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Field Office File No.: 161-1367

Bureau File No.: 161-1681

Title: JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE

Character: PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT

Synopsis:

No employment record at Peace Corps. Nothing additional AID. Associate commented favorably and recommended. No record in investigative files of Works Projects Administration. The name, Professor J. G. ST. CLAIR DRAKE, appears as sponsor for "Call to a Bill of Rights Conference". Pamphlet written by ST. CLAIR DRAKE refers to him as a member of the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America, which has been designated by the Attorney General of the U. S. pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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ENCLOSURES

(1) Photostat of Page 9 of "The Worker" for August 29, 1948, which includes the name ST. CLAIR DRAKE.

(2) Photostat of pamphlet "The Negro Veteran and the Church"; by ST. CLAIR DRAKE.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.EMPLOYMENTPeace Corps

On February 2, 1962, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Records and Reports Unit, Personnel Office, Peace Corps, advised SA [REDACTED] she had no personnel record of any past or present employment of the applicant by the Peace Corps.

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Agency for International Development

On February 1, 1962, [redacted] Security Division, Agency for International Development, advised SA [redacted] she had no additional information concerning the applicant.

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MISCELLANEOUS

On February 1, 1962, [redacted] School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, advised he has spent only a few hours with the applicant and has talked with him on approximately four occasions during the last 15 years. He said he is not closely acquainted with the applicant but since they are in the same line of work, that is, African Studies, he knows the applicant well by reputation.

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[redacted] said in his opinion the applicant is the American Negroes' number one scholar on African affairs. He said he has not associated with the applicant closely enough to know anything about the organizations to which he may belong. He said he has read some of the applicant's writings and it is his opinion they contain nothing that would reflect adversely on his loyalty to the United States. He said as far as the applicant's reputation is concerned, he has never heard anything to give him any reason to question this and based on his knowledge of the applicant knows of no reason not to recommend him for a position of trust with the government.

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[redacted] did mention the applicant married a girl of a different race which "does raise eyebrows in some circles". He said he is not personally acquainted with her and is unable to comment concerning her.

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On February 2, 1962, [redacted] Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State, advised SA [redacted] she had no record of a [redacted] as a present or past employee in the Bureau of African Affairs at the Department of State.

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There is no identifiable listing for a [redacted] in the current Washington Metropolitan Area Telephone Directory.

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On January 23, 1962, IC [redacted] caused a search to be made of the investigative files, Works Projects Administration, and no identifiable record was located for the applicant.

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The records of the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 84th Congress, Second Session, in its investigation of communist political subversion, contains Exhibit 62A which is a copy of "Call to a Bill of Rights Conference", at the Henry Hudson Hotel, New York City, July 16-17, 1949. Listed under the heading "Additional Sponsors" is the name "Prof. J. G. St. Clair Drake, Roosevelt College".

Exhibit 63A in the above-mentioned hearings is a copy of an article from the "New York Times", Sunday July 17, 1949, captioned "FBI is Main Target at Rights Session", subcaptioned "Fascism; American Style, his Theme at Opening of 2 Day Conference Hearing". The article states in part, "Denunciations of the FBI as an instrument in the establishment of 'fascism, American style' were made by speakers at the opening of a 2 day session of a Bill of Rights Conference attended by 700 persons yesterday at the Henry Hudson Hotel."

"The Worker", published August 29, 1948, Page 9, contains an article captioned "The First Line of Defense", Statement by Negro Americans to the President and Attorney General of the United States. Listed under the State of Illinois endorsing the above is the name ST. CLAIR DRAKE. A Photostat of this page is attached herewith and marked Exhibit 1.

"The Worker" is a Sunday edition of "The Daily Worker", an East Coast communist publication.

Attached herewith and marked Exhibit 2 is a Photostat of a pamphlet entitled, "The Negro Veteran and the Church", by ST. CLAIR DRAKE. Page 2 of this pamphlet shows ST. CLAIR DRAKE is a member of the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America. The United Negro and Allied Veterans of America has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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REPORTING OFFICE ATLANTA	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 2/5/62	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/2-5/62
TITLE OF CASE JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE aka St. Clair Drake		REPORT MADE BY [Redacted]	TYPED BY b6 mhs b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE PEACE CORRS. - APPLICANT	

REFERENCE: New Orleans tel 2/2/62.

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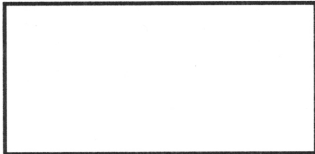
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One copy of this report is furnished New Orleans Office for information purposes only in view of contents of retel requesting Atlanta to report certain data reflected in files as it relates to LAWRENCE D. REDDICK.

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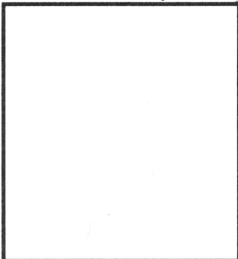
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The contents of the enclosed report are being set forth as a result of leads set out in New Orleans tel February 2, 1962.

It is noted none of the contents of this report refer directly to the applicant but relate to one LAWRENCE D. REDDICK, who is described as an associate of applicant and on whom the Baltimore Office is submitting a characterization.

It is believed the contents of this report more aptly are, or should be an addendum to a characterization being prepared by the Baltimore Office.

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Field Office File No.: 161-108

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Title: JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE
aka St. Clair Drake

Character: PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT

Synopsis: LAWRENCE D. REDDICK, described as an associate of DRAKE, reported as serving on Resolutions Committee at South-Wide Conference on Discrimination, 4/50, which conference was coordinated by SCEF, Inc. REDDICK also reliably reported in contact with CP official, Atlanta area, and to have made facilities in his apartment available for occupancy by CP member of Louisiana.

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Character PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT

Reference Report of Special Agent
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RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

On April 9, 1950, "The Atlanta Journal", an Atlanta daily newspaper, in an Associated Press release printed therein, listed one LAWRENCE D. REDDICK, as serving on the important Resolutions Committee at the South-Wide Conference on Discrimination in Higher Education held in Atlanta April 8, 1950, which conference was coordinated by the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc.

Atlanta T-1, in 1943, advised that LAWRENCE D. REDDICK was a speaker at the opening meeting of the "We are Americans, Too" Conference. At this time REDDICK was Curator of the Schomburg Collection of Negro Literature, New York Public Library, and was a lecturer at New York City College. His speech was entitled "Race and Imperialism" and was directed against the abusive treatment of African and South Atlantic Colonies of European Nations. It is noted that this speech was delivered in Chicago, Illinois, at a conference held June 30, 1943 through July 4, 1943.

Atlanta T-2, in July 1943, advised in regard to the "We are Americans" Conference that the Resolutions Committee of this conference had adopted a resolution confirming a policy of non-cooperation of the March on Washington Movement with the Communist Party or any Communist Party front organization.

Atlanta T-3, on October 25, 1948, advised that LAWRENCE D. REDDICK, Librarian, Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia, was in frequent contact with [redacted]

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Atlanta T-3, T-4 and [redacted]

[redacted] a self-admitted former member of the Communist Party, advised that [redacted] was [redacted] Communist Party District [redacted] the State of Georgia.

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According to Atlanta T-3, on November 3, 1948, one [redacted] resided with REDDICK at Atlanta University, 50 Chestnut Street, Atlanta, Georgia, while passing through Atlanta on his way to New York City during November 1948. T-3 advised on January 15, 1949, [redacted] was residing with REDDICK at the Atlanta University.

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[redacted] Atlanta T-5 and T-6, in 1948, identified [redacted]
[redacted] as a highly placed member of the Communist Party of
Louisiana.

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New York airtel 1/30/62.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Reference is made to Chicago airtel to Detroit dated 1/27/62. This airtel reveals DRAKE reportedly served with the Peace Corps on a temporary basis last summer in setting up training programs. It will be noted a recheck of the files of the Personnel Office at the Peace Corps were negative concerning any employment for DRAKE.

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The above airtel also refers to the pamphlet entitled, "The Negro Veteran and the Church" written by DRAKE. A Photostat of this pamphlet is attached to this report as an enclosure. 111

The above-mentioned Chicago airtel also refers to items appearing in "The Worker" for 8/29/48, Page 11. The page number should be Page 9 and Photostats of this page are also attached as an exhibit to this report. Chicago's airtel also stated there was no "Worker" published on 5/10/58. This date should be 5/18/58, and "The Worker" was reviewed for that date.

Appearing on Page 12 was an article captioned "Chicagonians Honor Dr. DuBois, May 21". The article reveals Dr. W. E. B. DU BOIS will speak at the Dunbar School auditorium where he will be hailed as "The Man of the Country" by more than 1,000 Chicagonians. Other sponsors included author and lecturer, ST. CLAIR DRAKE.

The above has not been included in the attached report.

The last paragraph of the above-mentioned Chicago airtel refers to hearing before the Committee on Un-American Activities. This information has also been reviewed by WFO.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /161-1681/
FROM SAC, CHICAGO /161-521/ 1P

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JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE, PEACE CORPS DASH APPLICANT. RE BUREAU
TELEPHONE CALL FEB. FIVE LAST. DRAKE CONTACTED BY SAS [REDACTED]
AND [REDACTED] THIS DATE. HE WAS APPRISED INVESTIGATION CON-
DUCTED AT REQUEST OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION UNDER AUTHORITY OF EO
ONE ZERO FOUR FIVE ZERO AS AMENDED. (PERSONS TOLD HIM OF INQUIRY BY
FBI AGENTS AND HE DID NOT REALIZE HE WAS BEING CONSIDERED UNDER PEACE
CORPS PROGRAM. SAID HE NOW UNDERSTOOD NEED FOR SUCH INVESTIGATIONS
AND HELD NO ILL WILL TOWARD THE FBI.

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INFORMANTS:

The following are sources of the characterization of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc.

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The following are the confidential informants contacted regarding LAWRENCE D. REDDICK in 1956.

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The confidential informants contacted by SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] on February 5, 1962, are [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
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JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE

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PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT

Synopsis:

DRAKE reportedly associated with LAWRENCE D. REDDICK on faculty of Dillard University, New Orleans, La., 1935-1937. REDDICK active in the First South-Wide Conference on Discrimination in Higher Education, held at Atlanta University, Atlanta, Ga., 4/8/50, which reportedly was coordinated by the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF), an organization previously known as the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, cited as a communist front by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, 6/16/47. REDDICK and DRAKE unknown to informants who have knowledge of Communist Party (CP) activities in the New Orleans area.

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DETAILS:

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[redacted] Dillard University, supplied the following information to SA [redacted] in May of 1956 regarding LAWRENCE D. REDDICK:

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[redacted] advised that he has known REDDICK for approximately sixteen years, having met him in Chicago during the Summer of 1935. According to [redacted] REDDICK graduated from Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee, receiving an AB and MA Degree from that institution. Although he is not completely certain of same, [redacted] stated that he believed REDDICK attended Avery Institute at Charleston, South Carolina, prior to the time that he entered Fisk University.

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[redacted] advised that REDDICK came to Dillard University in the Fall of 1935, at which time REDDICK held only an MA Degree. He stayed at Dillard through the semester of 1938, a period of about 2½ years. While at Dillard, REDDICK served as Professor of History and as an assistant in the Public Relations Office of the institution.

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[redacted] stated that he was closely associated with REDDICK while REDDICK was at Dillard University, and that when REDDICK first came to Dillard, he was considered by [redacted] to be an individual described as typical of some young college graduates at that time, tending to be "on the smartaleck side." [redacted] explained this by saying that REDDICK exhibited an attitude of feeling that he had young and vigorous ideas regarding methods of education in colleges, and that he felt these ideas should be adopted and that the older faculty members should adopt the new and more progressive ideas of REDDICK in education. [redacted] stated that he did not give the above as criticism of REDDICK, but said that he felt that that was typical of most young men of REDDICK's age.

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[redacted] stated that while REDDICK lived in New Orleans, he resided on Dillard University Campus and was single

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during this time. While at Dillard he was active in encouraging students to keep abreast of current events and conducted his history classes in a very interesting manner. He was very active also in urging all young men and young people to qualify for voting and to vote. He especially was sympathetic for all persons that he considered to be underprivileged, and made every effort he could while in New Orleans to encourage such persons to become interested in obtaining more education. [redacted] stated that he never had occasion to question REDDICK's loyalty to this country and pointed out that he had had the opportunity to hear REDDICK express his opinion of communism. [redacted] stated that although he has no idea what REDDICK's views are at this time and pointed out that he has not seen REDDICK since he left Dillard University, [redacted] explained his conversation with REDDICK regarding communism as follows:

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[redacted] stated that REDDICK had often stated that some things in the Marxian Theory are good, but that he felt the Theory would not work here in the United States, and furthermore that it would not work as a world government. [redacted] stated that REDDICK is a person who was ever ready to express his views and was never reticent in pointing out his beliefs to other persons.

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[redacted] stated that after REDDICK left Dillard in 1938, he then went to the University of Chicago, where he received a Doctor's Degree. After this time he obtained a position in New York City as curator of the Shomburg collection there. [redacted] stated that REDDICK was originally brought to Dillard by [redacted]

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[redacted] who now lives in [redacted] and is a [redacted] stated that he feels it is a recommendation to anyone to have been sponsored by [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that since REDDICK has been in charge of the library at Atlanta University various persons in education work who know REDDICK and have also had occasion