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(S)	From the above it would appear probable that DARKWA learned of DRAKE's letter to NEDIMAR		b1
	In order to establish DRAKE's relationship with the Ghanaian Government and his activities while in Ghana certain leads are being set forth for Washington Field.		
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· ,	2. Will determine from the Registration Section of the Department of Justice if DRAKE is registered as an agent of the Ghanaian Government.		
	3. Will interview		b6
	concerning the basis for his belief that DRAKE brought his article critical of NKRUMAH to NKRUMAH's attention resulting in his loss of scholarship.	- -	b7C
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	for Washington Field under the was previously set forth		
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(S)	the caption, Chicago was requested to furnish basis for its requested interview Chicago will submit its	b6 b7	5 7C
(S)	justification under the caption with reference to instant matter concerning DRAKE.)		
	The Bureau is requested to consider authorizing Washington Field to check records of the Peace Corps concerning DRAKE, as a former employee and also to determine if he has any current relationship with that organization.		
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CONFIDENTIAL CG 97-349 In other comments DRAKE criticized the Negro United States Embassy employee; who ran the American flag up after it had been torn down by rioters at the United States Embassy in Accra, Ghana. DRAKE stated that act exposed to all the world that Negroes in the United States or even in the employ of the United States State Department are merely "lackeys" of their white superiors. He stated that it was obvious that who ran United States Embassy employee, was ordered to run the flag up because of his color. Chicago is in agreement with the Bureau that no information developed to date indicates that the subject (C) (C) An information copy is being furnished the New office is in the process of It is possible that cooperative as believed, may be in a position to furnish information as to the subject's status with the Ghanaian Government and its establishments in the United States.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (97-4852)

FROM

SAC, CHICAGO (97-349) (P)

SUBJECT:

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ReBulet dated 1/15/64 and WFO letter dated 2/20/64.

The subject, on February 17, 1964, was interviewed on Television Station WTTW at 9:30 PM. In the course of his remarks, DRAKE stated that he had just returned to the United States from a trip to Africa, where he had visited Zanzibar, Kenya and Ghana. As to Kenya and Zanzibar, DRAKE played down the reported "communist training" of the current leaders of these countries although admitting that the present dictator of Zanzibar was trained in Cuba in guerrilla warfare.

As to Ghana, DRAKE stated that he is surprised at the "amazement" of United States newspapers and commentators concerning President NKRUMAH and his Socialist policies. He stated that no one should be amazed at NKRUMAH's policies because NKRUMAH has always been frank as to his sympathies. DRAKE cited that NKRUMAH in 1951 stated "I am a Marxist" and in 1956 stated that Ghana, upon receiving her independence, would need a "totalitarian Marxist government".

DRAKE stated that NKRUMAH is genuinely worried about his possible assassination and has good reason to believe that some of the attempts on his life have been inspired by the United States through the Central Intelligence Agency. At the point DRAKE exhibited a brochure given him personally by NKRUMAH which was recently published in Ghana as NKRUMAH's tribute to the late President, JOHN F. KENNEDY.

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Chicago is in agreement with the comments of Washington Field Office set forth in referenced Washington that the information

uld not appear to form a pasis registration Act investigation of the subject.

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In that no information has been developed indicating subject may be acting as an agent for the Government of Ghana, no further investigation is believed warranted and this

case is being closed.

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St. Clair Course advised April 16, 1987, that John G. St. Clair Course was a member of the Encourive Board of the Hational Magro Congress in 1987.

The National Nagre Congress has been designated by the Attorney General pursuent to Enceutive Order 10450.

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MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. Callahan

Mr. Rosen

Mr. Evans

Mr. Sullivan

Reference is made to my prior memoranda which transmitted to you the names of persons who are not to be interviewed unless compelling reasons dictate, in which event the matter should be called to my attention.

Attached is identifying data regarding John Gibbs St. Clair Drake of Chicago, Illinois, concerning whom these instructions apply.

Very truly yours,

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10 copies of attachment sent to Mr. Rosen

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NOTE: In January, 1962, ba Peace Corps applicant investigation of Drake was instituted. It disclosed subversive derogatory data concerning Drake and his wife. "In connection with the investigation Drake wrote a critical Sletter to the Chicago Office, "stating that he was not seeking Federal employment and implying that the FBI was using deception to obtain information concerning him. When contacted, Peace Corps acknowledged that Drake AIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT .

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had no knowledge that he was being considered for employment. See memo from W. V. Cleveland to Mr. Evans dated February 9, 1962, regarding Drake.

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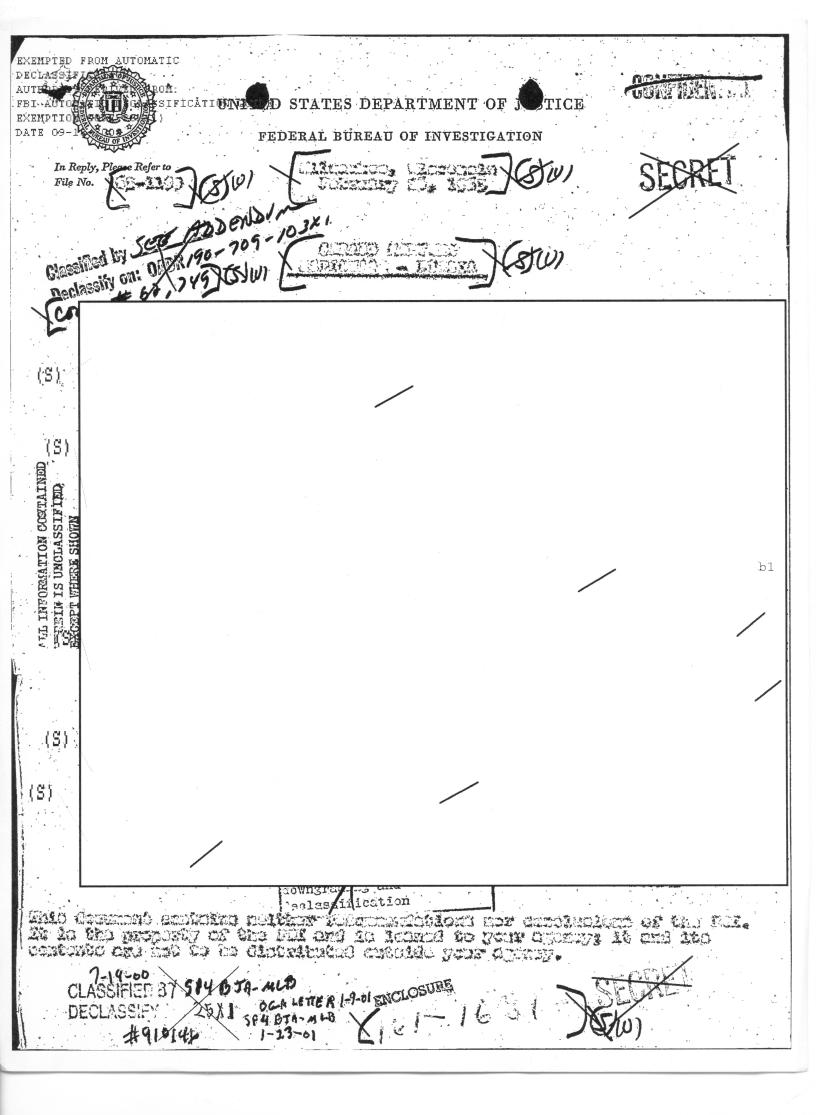
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DETAILS:

The National Negro Congress mentioned in this. report has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450. Ghana Students Association in the Americas (GSAA) advised on October 20, 1964, that he had received a telephone call from another Gharaian national warning him that his activities, as well as those of other Ghanaians in Chicago who are opposed to Prelident NKRUMAE of Ghana, are being closely checked by an official of the Ghana Embassy, Washington, D.C. stated that he was told that of the Embassy of Ghana, had been given the mission of gathering information concerning anti-NKRUMAH students in the Chicago area, particularly and. both of whom had previously testified before the Senate Subcommittee of Senator THOMAS DODD. stated that he was informed that NUAMAH b6 had obtained the assistance of Professor ST. CLAIR DRAKE b7C of the Sociology Department at Roosevelt University in gathering information concerning these students. Specifically, NUAMAH is interested in the "daily activities" of the students. Professor ST. CLAIR DRAKE, stated, is an

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Professor ST. CLAIR DRAKE, stated, is an American Negro who, as a professor of Sociology, has made a study of Africa for a number of years and through visits to Ghana has become a personal friend of President NKRUMAH, whom he has defended ever since the latter came to power. DRAKE spent a year as the head of the Sociology Department at the University of Ghana and in 1962, represented the United States as an official of the Peace Corps in Ghana.

CG T-1 advised on April 16, 1947, that JOHN G. ST. CLAIR DRAKE was a member of the Executive Board of the National Negro Congress in 1947.

The files of the Protocol Office, U.S. Department of State, were reviewed November 9, 1964, and revealed that

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**,	coming to Chicago was to confer with Ghanaian students "as a brother"informedthat he and	•
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	their homeland, which would forever prevent their returning to Ghana. He specifically criticized their testimony before	•

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the Senate Subcommittee of Senator DODD in which they alleged that the NKRUMAH government is pro-communist. He stated they were misinformed as to conditions in Ghana and, according to and stated, "Any time Ghana wants any of you, we can get you back the same day."	. b6 b7c
and advised on January 15, 1965, that they had no direct knowledge of having conferred with the subject concerning the political sym- pathies of Ghanaian students in Chicago. stated, however, at a recent social affair for African students, that he met an American Negro, a graduate of the University of Chicago, who stated that he was leaving the United States in the near future, having accepted a position with the	b6 b7c
Government of Ghana. This individual, whose name did not recall, stated that his decision to accept this position, was made at the urging of Professor ST. CLAIR DRAKE, with whom he was closely acquainted. Professor DRAKE, he stated, had described Ghana as the "ideal society," having put into operation sociological concepts superior to those of any other African nation.	
Blackstone Hotel Chicago, advised on January 27, 1965, that registered at the hotel at 10:53 a.m., November 1, 1964. He indicated the Embassy of Ghana, 2460 16th Street, NW, Washington 9, D.C. He checked out of the hotel at 11:00 a.m. on November 2, 1964. No local telephone calls were charged to his number during	b6 b7C
national House, University of Chicago, advised on January 28, 1965, that while African students frequently use meeting rooms of the International House for meetings, he had no knowledge of any officials of Ghana being in contact with Ghanaian students or the subject addressing any such meeting.	b6 b7C
Institute for International Education, 116 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, advised on February 2, 1965, that the subject, is regarded as the outstanding authority on Africa in the Middle West. Consequently, the majority of visiting African	Ъ6 Ъ7С



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officials contact DRAKE during their visits to Chicago. In the past, various educational missions from Ghana have been entertained by DRAKE during their stay in Chicago, ... and some have come specifically to Chicago to confer with was unable to furnish any information as to any Ghanaian Embassy officials who have been in touch with DRAKE recently.

CG T-3 advised on January 28, 1965, that to his knowledge, no officials of the Ghana Government or Ghana Embassy have visited the subject at Roosevelt University in the recent past.

.CG T-4 advised on January 28, 1965, that he could furnish no information concerning Professor DRAKE's being in contact with officials of the Ghana Government. at Roosevelt University, although DRAKE is reputedly acquainted with a great many Ghanaian nationals because of his Peace Corps assignment in Ghana and his association with the University of Ghana.

Public Statements of the Subject

Professor ST. CLAIR DRAKE appeared on radio program "Conference Call" on radio station WBBM at 6:15 p.m., January 6, 1965. He was introduced by the moderator, as a professor of Sociology at the Roosevelt University, who has made annual visits to Africa since and 1961. After a brief statement concerning the currentuming situation in the Congo, DRAKE was asked to answer any questions which the radio audience might ask fhrough telephone calls to the station in the course of the program.

Set forth hereinafter are excerpts from this

program:

Question by Moderator.

"Isn't there also a mixed-up leadership? There is no really one leader that everybody

follows in the Congo, is there?"



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DRAKE:

"There was once a leader, but he was murdered, PATRICE LUMUMBA, and I would say that since LUMUMBA's murder, there has been no one leader and the fundamental current problem in the Congo rests on the fact, I think, that the West has tried to make a leader out of a man most Africans hate and despise. I am referring to TSHOMBE, who is now the Prime Minister of the Congo and any attempt to impose a leader where there is not one is asking for trouble, I think ..."

DRAKE:

"... The question of how much popular support TSHOMBE has is a very difficult question to answer. One might try it this way: It has been estimated that one-sixth of the Congo. is in military revolt against TSHOMBE, which would tend to indicate that at least one-sixth is displeased with him enough to revolt. only way we'd ever know this would be if the Americans would stop supplying military support to TSHOMBE and let the Africans either fight it out or vote it out themselves. We'll never know the answer to this as long as we prop him up with our military aid. And I think the only way to get that answer is for America to abide by the U.N. Resolution which asks all nations to stop interfering in the internal affairs of the Congo ..."

Question by unidentified member of radio audience:

"Wasn't LUMUMBA trained in Moscow by the communists?"

DRAKE:

"No. LUMUMBA had never been to Moscow in his life. I happen to have been in Africa in 1960



UNITED STATES OF ERNMENT Memorandum mud DIRECTOR, FBI (97-4852) DATE: -6/24/65 FROM SAC, CHICAGO (97-349) (C) ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 2/15/80 BY 6031771 SUBJECT: JOHN GIBBS;
ST. CLAIR DRAKE
REGISTRATION ACT - GHANA Re San Francisco letter dated 5/24/65. Enclosed for the information of San Francisco is a copy of the report of SA dated February 5, 1965, at Chicago, entitled "JOHN GIBB ST. CLAIRE DRAKE, REGISTRATION ACT - GHANA." "JOHN GIBBS In view of the fact that the subject upon his return from Ghana in September, 1965, will be a member of the faculty of Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, for the autumn quarter, the possibility exists that he may come to the attention of the San Francisco Office. This is based on DRAKE's involvement in the past with African Student groups and pro-NKRUMAN political factions and his frequent groups and pro-NKRUMAN political factions and his frequent contact with officials of the Ghana Government and Ghana Embassy. In this regard Chicago notes, as set forth in the enclosure.

DRAKE allegedly assisted Ghana Embassy, in gathering information concerning anti-NKRUMAH Ghanaian students in Chicago. Investigation of with developed the allegation, Convention Peop. who was temporarily visiting in the Reportedly 2-Bureau (RM) 1-WFO (Info) (RM) 1-San Francisco (105-17636) (Encls. 1) (RM) 2-Chicago (1 - 190-19332) REC-10 97-4852-11 RHN/jas (6) FX 1138 JUN 28 1965 66 JUL 144985

CG 97-349 United States, was assaulted by an anti-NNRUMAH faction of Ghanaian students at the university and barely escaped physical harm. While the identate of the university was not Ghana Students established Association in the Americas, a resident of Chicago, Tubsequently advised that he had learned from other students that the incident allegedly took place at Stanford University. It is possible therefore that if an anti-NKRUMAH element exists among the African students at Stanford, DRAKE may attempt to identify these individuals to the Ghana Embassy or seek to influence them politically to support NKRUMAH. DRAKE is not a Security Index subject of the Chicago Office and no specific investigation is being requested, however, San Francisco should be alert for any information developed indicating DRAKE is in: violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

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Five (5) copies of Exhibit C (application for membership in UNAVA).

Five (5) copies of Exhibit D (clippings from "Chicago Defender", 1/25/41).

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The following letter dated January 26, 1962, on stationery of Roosevelt University, 430 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago 5, Illinois, was received by the Chicago Office. No reply to this letter is contemplated:

"Regional Director Federal Bureau of Investigation 536 South Clark Street Chicago, Illinois

"Dear Sir:

"It has come to my attention that, within the last few weeks, certain persons representing themselves as agents of your bureau have visited a number of my colleagues, friends and acquaintances making inquiries about my associations, character, publications, and varied activities. These alleged investigators have said that the inquiries are being made 'in connection with Federal employment.' I use the term 'alleged', since I have never applied for Federal employment, it is conceivable to me that the FBI would use deception in acquiring information.

"If, however, these are bona fide investigators, I think I have the right to be informed as to who has told the FBI that I am seeking Federal employment, and as to why I am being 'investigated'. A lot of money is being spent, a lot of time being used, and many people being bothered to find out facts that are a matter of public record and sworn statement. It seems a bit silly to me, as well as a downright waste of the taxpayers money given the fact that I am not seeking Federal employment.

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"And, frankly, I resent it. So I would appreciate some clarification of this inexplicable episode in my long, open-and-above-board career as an academic, a concerned citizen, and, I think, a loyal American.

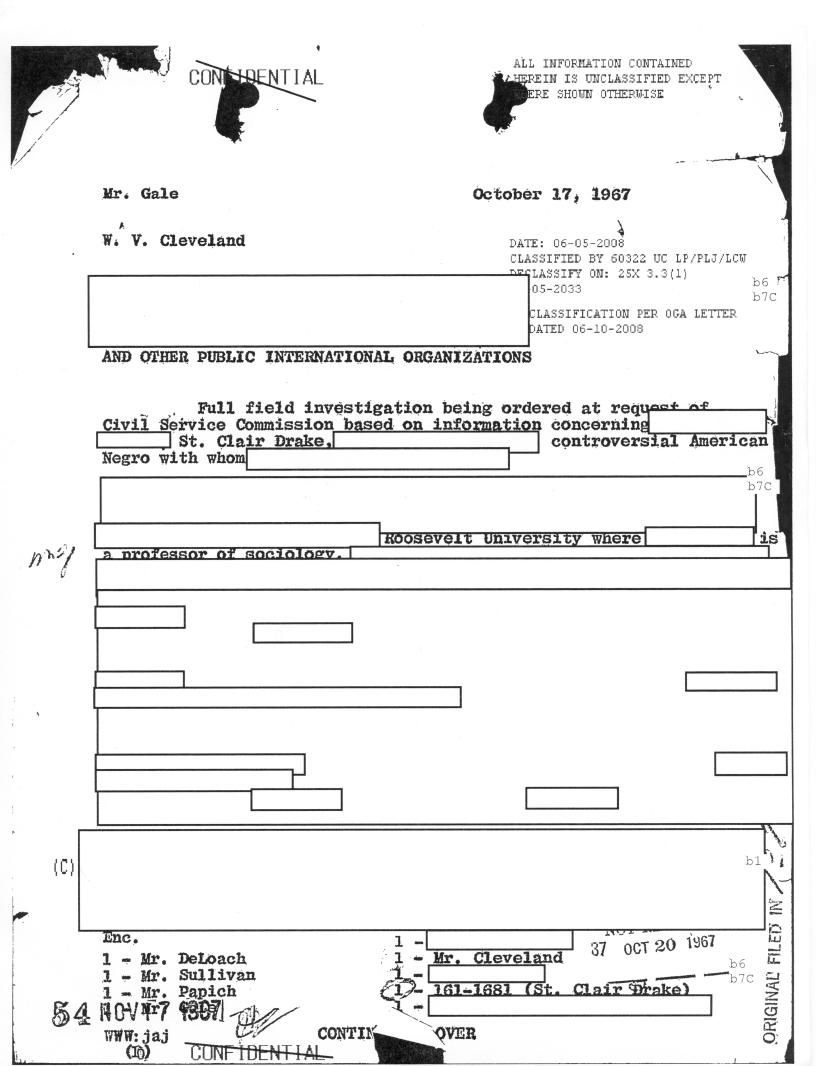
"Sincerely yours,

(signed)

St. Clair Drake

St. Clair Drake, Professor of Sociology"

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where they were deemed necessary.





a Negro (wife is white), was placed on FBI's "no contact list" 1962 following criticism of FBI for investigating him in connection with proposed employment with Peace Corps. Professor Drake has sponsored Communist Party front groups and has associated with Communist Party members and sympathizers. Investigation of St. Clair Drake conducted 1965 (Registration Act - Ghana) based on allegation of his assisting Nkrumah government of Ghana in gathering information on anti-Nkrumah students in Chicago. He reportedly developed close personal friendship with former President Nkrumah, whom he defended against accusations of being procommunist.

ACTION:

- 1. Full field investigation is being ordered; State Department is being requested to conduct overseas investigation. Field offices are being instructed to assign investigation to mature, experienced Agent personnel.
- 2. This memorandum should be directed to Domestic Intelligence Division for following purposes:

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b. Information re a book Reserve A Index subject, and his possible employment at is of interest to Domestic Intelligence Division.

c. Liaison Section is requested to furnish State

Department attached memorandum which shows that

re and has been previously furnished to State Department. State Department should be advised that memorandum requesting foreign investigation will be forwarded to State Department in near future.



UNITED STATES OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

May 1, 2009

Mr. William J. Maxwell, University Scholar O-+ Pullinghe raching: an aming oncurren:
O-+ is Gundam PRISTAME? Associate Professor of English Department of English 608 South Wright Street

Urbana, IL 61801

Dear Mr. Maxwell:

This is in reference to our January 7, 2009, letter to you regarding St. Clair Drake. We advised you information on document 3 required additional consultation with the Department of State + POPTIEN RINN Fil. before it could be released.

Enclosed is document 3 that has been reviewed by the Department of State. This information is being furnished with no deletions.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact the Freedom of Information Privacy Act Branch at 724-794-5612, extension 7000. Please reference tracking #2009-02943.

Sincerely,

Carol Dennis

FOI/PA Specialist

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memorandum dated April 10, 1951, states in part: Subject's case was presented to the Mational Selection Committee, Board of Foreign Scholarships, on October 9, 1950. It was the Board's decision to reject subject's application on the grounds of general unsuitability. The memorandum goes on to state that Benator J. William Fulbright, who had entered the room shortly after the beginning of the presentation, asked for the floor and stated that inasmuch as this was a Government program sponsored by Government funds that he saw no reason for rewarding Drake, regardless of his color, because of his being a conscientious objector. In addition, Senator Fulbright pointed out that . . . he did not feel the Board should lean over backward in this case, because the applicant was colored, and approve him for another grant."

Another memorandum dated September 24, 1958, states that the case of the above-named individual was presented to the Committee on Selections of the Board of Foreign Scholarships on that date. It was the decision of the Committee to disapprove him for Fulbright assistance.

We have been informally advised that it is most unusual for Senator Fulbright to appear before the Board and take a definite stand on an individual case.

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John Gibbs St. Clair

Born: January 2, 1911 PLACE: Suffolk, Virginia

> 245 Leland Ave., Palo Alto, California Unknown

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Till October 1, when I return to U.S. to teach

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I am teaching at University of Ghana. Came to lecture at Syracuse University for 2 weeks. Must be back in Ghana by August 24,

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RE: DRAKE, JR., JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR

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UNITED STATES OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

January 7, 2009

Mr. William J. Maxwell, University Scholar Associate Professor of English Department of English 608 South Wright Street Urbana, IL 61801

Dear Mr. Maxwell:

This is in reference to your January 27, 2008, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for information regarding St. Clair Drake. The FBI forwarded documents that originated with the Civil Service Commission for our review and direct response to you.

The enclosed documents have been reviewed pursuant to the provisions of the FOIA. The Civil Service Commission's information is provided to you with no deletions.

Document 3 contains information furnished by the Department of State. We are in the process of consulting with the Department of State regarding the release of this information. You will be notified of the results of our consultation.

Document 2 contains deletions made by the FBI. The appropriate exemption appears next to the redacted information. You may appeal these denials by writing to the following address within sixty days of the date of this letter: Co-Director, Office of Information and Privacy, United States Department of Justice, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001 within sixty days from the date of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal."

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact the Freedom of Information Privacy Act Group at 724-794-5612 extension 7000. Please reference tracking #2009-02943.

Sincerely,

Christine Bilunka

Chief, FOI/PA Branch

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NOVEMBER 1958

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Mrs. Dorothy Jacobsen Director of Personnel, Peace Corps

Charles N. Keating, M/SEC, ICA 613 8.

ALL FBI INFORMATION CONTAINED

September 11, 1961

DRAKE, John Gibbs St. Claire

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The following information does not represent a full field investigation, but is taken from the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the FBI, and the Office of Security, Department of State, in response to our request for a name check:

> 1. House Cosmittee on Un-American Activities information (General Indices): "The Worker" (Communist publication), under date of August 29, 1948, listed St. Claire Drake as the signer of a statement by Megro Americans in behalf of arrested Communist leaders.

A photostat of a letterhead dated May 5, 1950, showed St. Claire Drake as a Chicago sponsor of the Mational Committee to Defeat the Mundt Bill. (The Mundt Bill was legislation to attempt to control Communist activities in the United States.)

2. FBI information: The Jenuary 25, 1941, issue of the "Chicago Defender" contained a photograph of four Megroes with right hands upraised. The caption set forth the statement that they "swear they will not fight for Uncle Sam." One of these individuals was listed as St. Claire Brake. The article accompanying the photograph set forth that the four individuals were Chicago members of the "Conscientions Objectors Against Jim Crow", who wowed never to right in the Armed Forces of the United States so long as its announced policy of racial segregation was maintained. It further stated that Brake was the secretary of the "Conscientious Objectors Against Jim Crow."

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Information obtained from "Who's Who in America," Volume 31, 1960-61)

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DRAKE, (John Gibbs) St. Clair Educator, Anthropologist

Born: Suffolk, Va., January 2, 1911; s. John Gibbs St. Clair and Bessie Lee (Bowles) D.

B. S. Hampton Institute, 1931 Postgrad. University of Chicago, 1937-40 Ph. D. in Anthropology, 1954

Married Elizabeth Dewey Johns, June 17, 1942; children - Sandra, Karl J.

Instructor, Sociology and Anthropology, Dillard University 1935-37 1941-42 1937-38 Julius Rosenwald fellow, University of Chicago 1947-48 1940-41 Associate Director, Illinois Community Condition Urban Colored Population 1943-45 Statistician, Med. Div., U. S. Maritime Service, N.Y.C. 1946-48 Asst. Prof. Sociology and Anthropology, Roosevelt College, Chicago 1948-54 Asso. Prof. 1954---Prof. Sociology

Rosenwald Fellow for study of race relations in Great Britain, 1947-49
Vis. Lecturer, Social Anthropology, Boston University, 1953
Research Asso., Twentieth Century Fund's Survey of Tropical Africa, 1953-54
Vis. Prof., Social Sciences, U. Liberia, Republic of Liberia, W. Africa, 1954
Studied impact of press, film and radio on W. Africa, under grant from Ford
Foundation, 1954-55
Consultant, Ford Foundation, African Fellowship Training Program, 1955-57

Fellow American Anthrop. Association African Studies Association, U.S.A. Member, International Society for Study Race Relations American Society African Culture Phi Beta Sigma

Coauthor - "Black Metropolis," 1945

Home Address: 5644 Maryland Avenue

Office: Roosevelt College, Chicago

DATE: 06-12-2008 CLASSIFIED BY 60322 UC LP/PLJ/LCW OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10 MAY 1962 EDITION GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27 DECLASSIFY ON: 25X 3.3(1) ERNMENT UNITED STATES O 06-12-2033 CLASSIFICATION PER OGA LETTER lemorandum DATED 06-10-2008 TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (97-4852) DATE: 2-20-64 SAC, WFO (100-35657)(P) 2/15/00 CLASSIFIED BY Weskey SUBJECT: JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE DECLASSIFY ON: 2 RA - GHANA (00:CG) ReCGlet to Bureau, 12-23-63, and Bulet to Chicago, 1-15-64. On 1-7-64, Registration Section, b7C Internal Security Division, U. S. Department of Justice, that records of that advised SA section failed to reveal subject had registered under provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended. THE REPORT OF THE PARTY OF THE On 2-7-64, records, as made available by the Offices of Security and Visa, U. S. State Department, were reviewed by SA These records contained results of Bureau's investigation of subject in 1961 and 1962 as "Peace Corps Applicant" and the only subsequent <u>information contained in these records was a copy of/</u> (S) In granting WFO authority to interview concerning the "Ghana Students Association of the Americas" under that caption, Bureau stated it did not desire that be interviewed specifically regarding any article written by him critical of the Ghanaian Government for which that Government may have taken reprisals against However, any information may volunteer in this regard, as well as information concerning subject's involvement, will be furnished Bureau and interested offices. WFO has submitted a request for information (U)

concerning subject to CIAM and, upon receipt, pertinent information will be furnished to Bureau and interested offices./ - 15 P. 19

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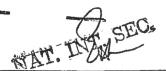
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WFO check records of CIA and Registration Section of Department as requested in relet and also check State Department security records regarding subject. Contact with Peace Corps not believed necessary or desirable at this time. It is noted that no information has been received indicating that subject is acting as an agent in the U.S. for the Government of Ghana. The fact that he has defended the President of Ghana is not in itself sufficient basis for instituting a Registration Act investigation of subject. If the leads set forth herein fail to develop any information indicating subject may be acting as an agent for Ghana, further investigation is not warranted at this time.

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NOTE:

Subject was investigated in 1962 as Peace Corps applicant. Investigation revealed he was affiliated with several procommunist groups and that he had served as an instructor at the University of Ghana. Subject learned of our investigation and addressed a letter critical of it to our Chicago Office. In February, 1962, subject was placed on the list of persons "not to be contacted" without prior Bureau approval. Chicago has developed information from two African students in the U.S. indicating subject is pro-Ghana and that he has defended President Nkrumah of Ghana in the past when critical comment apparently concerned him. In view of fact we completed detailed investigation of subject in 1962 and there is no evidence indicating he is acting as an agent of the Ghana Government at this time, no further investigation of subject appears warranted at this time with the exception of that set forth herein.

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