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FOIPA Request No.: 1364347-000
Subject: DURHAM, RICHARD

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

The enclosed 128 pages of records were determined to be responsive to your subject and were previously processed and released pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Please see the selected paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request as well as the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.

- In an effort to provide you with responsive records as expeditiously as possible, we are releasing documents from previous requests regarding your subject. We consider your request fulfilled. Since we relied on previous results, additional records potentially responsive to your subject may exist. If this release of previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you may request an additional search for records. Submit your request by mail or fax to – Work Process Unit, 170 Marcel Drive, Winchester, VA 22602, fax number (540) 868-4997. Please cite the FOIPA Request Number in your correspondence.
- Please be advised that additional records responsive to your subject exist. If this release of previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you must advise us that you want the additional records processed. Please submit your response within thirty (30) days by mail or fax to—Work Processing Unit, 170 Marcel Drive, Winchester, VA 22602, fax number (540) 868-4997. Please cite the FOIPA Request Number in your correspondence. **If we do not receive your decision within thirty (30) days of the date of this notification, your request will be closed.**
- One or more of the enclosed records were transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Although we retained a version of the records previously processed pursuant to the FOIA, the original records are no longer in our possession.

If this release of the previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you may make a request to NARA at the following address:

National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD 20740-6001

- Records potentially responsive to your request were transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), and they were not previously processed pursuant to the FOIA. You may file a request with NARA using the address above.
- One or more of the enclosed records were destroyed. Although we retained a version of the records previously processed pursuant to the FOIA, the original records are no longer in our possession. Record retention and disposal is carried out under supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Title 44, United States Code, Section 3301 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1228; Title

44, United States Code, Section 3310 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1229.10.

- Records potentially responsive to your request were destroyed. Since this material could not be reviewed, it is not known if it was responsive to your request. Record retention and disposal is carried out under supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) according to Title 44 United States Code Section 3301, Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Chapter 12 Sub-chapter B Part 1228, and 36 CFR 1229.10.
- Documents or information referred to other Government agencies were not included in this release.

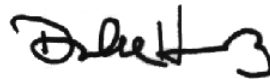
Please refer to the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for additional standard responses applicable to your request. The “**Standard Responses to Requests**” section of the Addendum applies to all requests. If the subject of your request is a person, the “**Standard Responses to Requests for Individuals**” section also applies. The “**General Information**” section includes useful information about FBI records. Also enclosed is our Explanation of Exemptions.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the www.fbi.gov/foia website under “Contact Us.” The FOIPA Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.

You may file an appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP’s FOIA online portal by creating an account on the following web site: <https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked “Freedom of Information Act Appeal.” Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at 877-684-6448, or by emailing ogis@nara.gov. Alternatively, you may contact the FBI’s FOIA Public Liaison by emailing foipaquestions@fbi.gov. If you submit your dispute resolution correspondence by email, the subject heading should clearly state “Dispute Resolution Services.” Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

Sincerely,



David M. Hardy
Section Chief,
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Information Management Division

Enclosure(s)

This material is being provided to you at no charge.

FBI FOIPA Addendum

As referenced in our letter, the FBI FOIPA Addendum includes information applicable to your request. Part 1 of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. If you submitted a request regarding yourself or another person, Part 2 includes additional standard responses that apply to requests for individuals. If you have questions regarding the standard responses in Parts 1 or 2, visit the www.fbi.gov/foia website under “Contact Us.” Previously mentioned appeal and dispute resolution services are also available. Part 3 includes general information about FBI records that you may find useful.

Part 1: Standard Responses to All Requests: See Below for all Requests

- (i) **5 U.S.C. § 552(c).** Congress excluded three categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). FBI responses are limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIA. Additional information about the FBI and the FOIPA can be found on the fbi.gov website.
- (ii) **National Security/Intelligence Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of national security and foreign intelligence records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3) and PA exemption (j)(2) as applicable to requests for records about individuals [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(1), (b)(3), and (j)(2); 50 U.S.C. § 3024(i)(1)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself a classified fact protected by FOIA exemption (b)(1) and/or would reveal intelligence sources, methods, or activities protected by exemption (b)(3); 50 USC § 3024(i)(1). This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that national security or foreign intelligence records do or do not exist.

Part 2: Standard Responses to Requests for Individuals: See Below for all Requests for Individuals

- (i) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Watch Lists.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of any individual’s name on a watch list pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that watch list records do or do not exist.
- (ii) **Requests for Records for Incarcerated Individuals.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any incarcerated individual pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(7)(E) and (b)(7)(F) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F), and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.

Part 3: General Information:

- (i) **Record Searches.** The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for reasonably described records by searching those systems or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. Most requests are satisfied by searching the Central Record System (CRS), an extensive system of records consisting of applicant, investigative, intelligence, personnel, administrative, and general files compiled and maintained by the FBI in the course of fulfilling its dual law enforcement and intelligence mission as well as the performance of agency administrative and personnel functions. The CRS spans the entire FBI organization and encompasses the records of FBI Headquarters (“FBIHQ”), FBI Field Offices, and FBI Legal Attaché Offices (“Legats”) worldwide. A CRS search includes Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) records.
- (ii) **FBI Records**
Founded in 1908, the FBI carries out a dual law enforcement and national security mission. As part of this dual mission, the FBI creates and maintains records on various subjects; however, the FBI does not maintain records on every person, subject, or entity.
- (iii) **Requests for Criminal History Records or “Rap Sheets.”** The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division provides Identity History Summary Checks –often referred to as a criminal history record or “rap sheets.” These criminal history records are not the same as material in an investigative “FBI file.” An Identity History Summary Check is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization, or military service. For a fee, individuals can request a copy of their Identity History Summary Check. Forms and directions can be accessed at www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks. Additionally, requests can be submitted electronically at www.edo.cjis.gov. For additional information, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590.
- (iv) **The National Name Check Program (NNCP).** The mission of NNCP is to analyze and report information in response to name check requests received from federal agencies, for the purpose of protecting the United States from foreign and domestic threats to national security. Please be advised that this is a service provided to other federal agencies. Private citizens cannot request a name check.

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

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- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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SYNOPSIS:

Subject resides 6204 South Parkway, apartment 21, and is employed as a script writer by the National Broadcasting Company, Merchandise Mart Building, Chicago. He was reportedly born 9/7/17 or 9/6/18 in Jackson, Mississippi. DURHAM received a B.A. Degree from Northwestern University in 1942, and is reportedly married to one, CLARICE DURHAM. Subject is reported to be a very capable writer, and in this capacity has written script for three Chicago radio stations, and has written feature articles for two Chicago newspapers. DURHAM was scheduled to attend a 16 day Communist Party school in 1946, and was closely associated with GILBERT GREEN, Chairman, Communist Party, District No. 8, and other leading Communist Party functionaries in connection with his position as feature writer of the Chicago Star. A former fellow employee of the subject states he has Communist tendencies.

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CHARLES P. BROWNING, Executive Assistant to the Publisher mentioned above, revealed the following former places of employment for RICHARD ISADORE DURHAM, 6204 South Parkway, apartment 21, Chicago, Illinois:

"1938 to 1941, Federal Writers

Overlapping 1941 to 1943, free lance radio writer on the following programs:

'Great Artists', sponsored by the Art Institute of Chicago, NBC;

'At the Foot of Adams Street', sponsored by the Art Institute of Chicago, NBC;

'Lone Ranger' (three months July to August, 1943), Blue Network;

'Author's Playhouse', NBC, Chicago;

Dramatic serial, radio station WENR, Chicago (free lance);

'John Freedom', Blue Network, (free lance);

'What's New', Blue Network;

'Grand Central Station', CBS;

and other free lance programs, and original program for Office of Civilian Defense."

(U) Personnel records of the Chicago Defender for RICHARD ISADORE DURHAM revealed further that he was employed by said paper as a feature writer from March 3, 1944 to April 3, 1946.

[Confidential informant T-1 advised on May 28, 1946 that a RICHARD DURHAM took part in a staff meeting of the new Chicago Star newspaper at which subscription drives for said paper were discussed. In this connection] X
it should be noted that the July 6, 1946 edition of the Chicago Star contained an article by RICHARD DURHAM, which was prefaced by the following paragraph: R

"Mississippi born RICHARD DURHAM is associate editor of the Chicago Star. Former feature writer for the Chicago Defender, he is winner of a 1945 Page One Award given by the Chicago Newspaper Guild for outstanding news stories." |

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The exact dates of the employment of RICHARD DURHAM as a feature writer of the Chicago Star newspaper is not known, inasmuch as said paper is presently defunct, but it should be noted that the last article by RICHARD DURHAM in the Chicago Star appeared on November 2, 1946.

In connection with DURHAM'S occupation as a script writer, it should also be noted that the March 3, 1947 edition of the Chicago Star contained an article which revealed that DICK DURHAM, formerly on the staff of the Chicago Star, was readying a script about ALBERT AMMONS, famed boogie-woogie pianist, for his "Democracy USA Show" on WBBM on Sunday mornings.

The September 20, 1947 edition of the Chicago Star also contained an article pertaining to DURHAM, which revealed he was at that time writing a radio serial here three times weekly over station WJJD called "Here Comes Tomorrow," regarding a typical negro family in Chicago. The article revealed further that the radio program "Here Comes Tomorrow" is sponsored by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

Mr. HOMER HECK, mentioned above, advised on December 1, 1949 that from June, 1945 to October, 1947, RICHARD DURHAM wrote the script for a fifteen minute radio show "Democracy USA," which was sponsored by the Chicago Defender newspaper, broadcast over WBBM, a Columbia Broadcasting System outlet. HECK stated that in June of 1948, DURHAM was employed by the NBC as a script writer for a new thirty minute radio show called "Destination Freedom," aired over radio station WMAQ, a National Broadcasting Company outlet, and which was jointly sponsored by the NBC and the Chicago Defender newspaper, but that in September, 1948 the Chicago Defender discontinued their interest in said show but NBC continued to produce the radio show "Destination Freedom," the script of which was written by RICHARD DURHAM as a public service.

In connection with the subject's occupation as a writer, it should be noted that the December, 1944 edition of the Guild Reporter reflected that RICHARD DURHAM, feature writer of the Chicago Defender, was elected Secretary of the Chicago Local of the American Newspaper Guild.

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Citizenship

The records of the Chicago Defender newspaper revealed that RICHARD ISADORE DURHAM was born September 6, 1918 at Jackson, Mississippi. However, [confidential informant T-2 reported on October 10, 1949] that DURHAM was born on September 7, 1917 at Jackson, Mississippi. [T-2] advised further that DURHAM's father was CURTIS DURHAM, and his mother was CHANIE DURHAM.

Education

Also reflected in the personnel file of RICHARD ISADORE DURHAM of the Chicago Defender were the following schools attended by him:

- Hyde Park High School, 1934 to 1938, Chicago
- Northwestern University, 1938 to 1942, Chicago
(B.A. Degree)
- Northwestern Radio Institute, Chicago, 1943
- Englewood Junior College
- Y.M.C.A. College, Chicago, 1942 to 1943.

Marital Status

The Chicago Defender records pertaining to DURHAM revealed that he was married to one, CLARICE DURHAM; however no date for this marriage was noted.

Miscellaneous

The records of Hill's Reports, Inc., a Chicago credit agency, were checked on January 12, 1949, but no record could be located for RICHARD ISADORE DURHAM of 6204 South Parkway, apartment 21.

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II. ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS

[Communist Party School]

Confidential informant T-1 advised on October 21, 1946 that he had learned ~~C~~

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(U) from CAROLYN DREW, National Communist Party School Director, that DICK DURHAM of the Star had agreed to go to a sixteen day Communist Party school. According to the informant, CAROLYN DREW said the topics of said school would be philosophy by GIL GREEN, Chairman, Communist Party, District No. 8; trade unions by FRED FINE; district committee meetings by WILLIAM PATTERSON; the national negro by CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT; tactics by GIL GREEN; and shop branches by ED STARR. ~~X~~

(U) In connection with the instructors of the courses which were to be taught at the sixteen day Communist Party school mentioned above, it should be noted that confidential informant T-1 advised on April 23, 1949 that FRED FINE was Labor Secretary, Communist Party, District No. 8; confidential informant T-3, of known reliability, advised in September, 1948 that WILLIAM PATTERSON had resigned as Vice President and Legislative Director of District No. 8, Communist Party, to take the position of Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress in New York City; the January 1, 1950 edition of the "Daily Worker" revealed that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT had been elected State Executive Secretary of the Communist Party, District No. 8; and that confidential informant T-3 also advised on March 2, 1949 that ED STARR was Organizational Secretary of the Communist Party, District No. 8. ~~X~~

(U) It should also be noted in connection with the sixteen day Communist Party school that confidential informant T-1 advised on October 7, 1946 that he had learned from ED STARR, Organizational Secretary, Communist Party, District No. 8, that he, STARR, DAVID ENGLESTEIN, Education Director, Communist Party, District No. 8, and CAROLYN DREW were making arrangements for a school to be held in Chicago during November. According to the informant, STARR indicated that this school was for club presidents, and that during the period from February to May, 1947 a series of schools would be held for various industrial sections of the Communist Party in the Chicago area. ~~X~~

(U) Confidential informant T-4, of known reliability, advised on October 31, 1946 that he had a discussion with ED STARR and JACK KLING, Steel Section Organizer for the Communist Party in Chicago, regarding Communist Party schools. According to the informant, it was brought out in this discussion ~~X~~

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that arrangements were being made to conduct a leadership school in the Steel Section during Christmas week of 1946, and that another school was planned for the second week in January. According to the informant, STARR indicated that CAROLY DREW and JACK KLING would handle the schools. ~~C~~

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The Chicago Star

Confidential informant T-1 advised on May 28, 1946 that RICHARD DURHAM took part in a staff meeting of the new Chicago Star newspaper, at which subscription drives were discussed. ~~C~~

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[Confidential informant T-3] advised that the Chicago Star was a weekly newspaper dominated and controlled by the Communist Party, and that it commenced publication in Chicago on July 4, 1946, and ceased on September 4, 1948. According to the informant, top functionaries of the Communist Party have dictated and controlled the editorial policy, subscription drives, and organizational setup of the Chicago Star.

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Confidential informant T-1 advised on June 12, 1946 that he had learned from CARL HIRSCH, Managing Editor of the Chicago Star, that DURHAM would be paid \$65.00 per week as a feature writer on said paper. ~~C~~

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As stated above, the first edition of the Chicago Star, dated July 6, 1946, contained an article written by RICHARD DURHAM was prefaced by the following information: ~~C~~ u

"Mississippi born RICHARD DURHAM is associate Editor of the Chicago Star. Former feature writer for the Chicago Defender, he is winner of a 1945 Page One Award given by the Chicago Newspaper Guild for outstanding news stories." ~~C~~ u

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On July 11, 1946, confidential informant T-1 advised he had learned from DICK DURHAM that problems connected with circulation and financial aspects of "The Star" and the reaction of the Board to the first editions of the Star were discussed at a meeting held at Communist Party Headquarters on ~~C~~

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that date, which was attended by DURHAM, CARL HIRSCH, and GIL GREEN, Chairman, Communist Party, District No. 8. ~~X~~

(U) The same informant advised on July 3, 1946 that DICK DURHAM had told him he, DURHAM had been praised by GILBERT GREEN for the quality of his article in the first edition of the Star at a meeting of the Communist Party Secretariat held in Communist Party Headquarters, on July 3, 1946, and which was attended by DAVID ENGLESTEIN, WILLIAM PATTERSON, and ED STARR, in addition to DURHAM and GREEN. T-1 also advised that he had learned from RICHARD DURHAM that he, DURHAM, had been requested by GIL GREEN to make certain that the main points of a letter written by WALLACE, which was made public, get to the Star. ~~X~~

Articles written by RICHARD DURHAM appeared in the Chicago Star newspaper from July 6, 1946 to November 2, 1946. These articles dealt primarily with local issues regarding the negro race, housing, and labor management problems.

Arts for Wallace

The May 8, 1948 issue of the Chicago Star contained an article captioned, "Arts in Action", which reflected that Arts for WALLACE would meet on Friday, May 7, 1948, in the Woodrow Wilson Room, 84 East Randolph Street, Chicago, and that DICK DURHAM, newspaper man and radio writer, would be one of the leading speakers.

(U) In connection with this organization, it should be noted that the August 7, 1948 edition of the Chicago Star revealed that "Arts For Wallace" gave a skit at a Progressive Party meeting held Wednesday night in the Ashland Auditorium, where some two thousand precinct workers were invited to hear a report from GRANT OAKES, President of the UFE and M Workers of America, CIC, and also a Progressive Party candidate.

[Confidential informant T-3] ~~X~~ has advised that the Progressive Party is actually controlled by the Communist Party in the State of Illinois, but that the Communist Party does not want this fact known inasmuch as the Progressive

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It would lose its value and effectiveness.

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Mr. HOMER HECK, Production Manager, National Broadcasting Company, Merchandise Mart Building, Chicago, advised on December 1, 1949 that he has known RICHARD DURHAM off and on for the past five years, and had worked very closely with him during the past two years since he returned to the National Broadcasting Company. HECK stated that from the conversations he had had with DURHAM, he had formed the impression that DURHAM's family while living in Mississippi during his youth were a little better off than the average negro family in the community, and for that reason was the point of discussion in any issue or trouble that developed along racial lines. HECK stated that he believed the DURHAM farm was burned out, cause unknown, and that subsequently the family moved to Chicago. He stated that DURHAM is extremely conscientious of equal rights, opportunities, and privileges for the negro people. He advised that because of DURHAM's zealous attitude toward racial equality and his outspoken opinion in this regard, he at one time thought that DURHAM was sympathetic to the Communist Cause, but that subsequently he had changed his opinion. HECK stated he had questioned DURHAM directly concerning any connection he might have with the Communist Party, and DURHAM had told him positively that he was not a member of the Communist Party nor was he affiliated with any of the organizations supported by the Communist Party. HECK related that although DURHAM's pursuit regarding the equality of the negro in the United States ran parallel with that of the Communist Party line, he did not think that DURHAM agreed with other issues which the Communist Party promoted. HECK related that he did not think DURHAM was a member of the Communist Party.

CHARLES P. BROWNING, Executive Assistant to the Publisher, Chicago Defender, advised on December 2, 1949 that he had worked very closely with DURHAM during his, DURHAM's, employment with the Chicago Defender. BROWNING stated that he considered DURHAM a very capable writer, but that because of his attitude and actions it was necessary for the Chicago Defender to fire him. BROWNING related that while DURHAM was employed by the Chicago Defender, he had a feeling DURHAM was following the Communist

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Party line not because of any open commitment on the part of DURHAM, but because of DURHAM's opinions and actions as unit chairman of the Chicago Newspaper Guild. Regarding these actions, BROWNING related that DURHAM was against the established procedure in running a newspaper in that he did not think it necessary to have copy in on time, to have regular hours of employment, or to conform with other regulations which are so important to the efficient running of a newspaper. DURHAM, according to BROWNING, represented the Chicago Defender employees in his position as union chairman to the Chicago Newspaper Guild, and that his uncompromising attitude during the labor conferences regarding problems of a relative trivial importance, was one of his reasons for believing that DURHAM had a tendency to follow the Communist Party line, inasmuch as he followed the same course and procedure regarding tactics as other known Communist Party members, which BROWNING had observed and been associated with in his official capacity as Executive Assistant to the Publisher of the Chicago Defender. BROWNING related that he could not recall any specific remarks or statements made by DURHAM regarding his leaning, but that DURHAM generally would put too much emphasis on articles which would incite the negro people and also whenever an international issue was the subject matter of one of DURHAM's articles, he would color said article in favor of Russia or a Russian dignitary, whichever the case may be. BROWNING advised he had talked at length with DURHAM regarding his attitude toward the Chicago Defender's established rules and regulations, but that it finally became necessary to discharge DURHAM for the following reasons:

- "1. His consistent tardiness as verified by time cards.
2. His refusal to obey shop rules as verified by such records.
3. His failure to observe deadlines and follow a schedule in submitting copy."

LESTER B. BRIDHAM, Secretary of the Art Institute of Chicago, Michigan Avenue and Monroe Street, advised on January 9, 1949 he had been acquainted with RICHARD DURHAM for approximately two years from 1940 to 1942, while DURHAM was writing scripts concerning artists and art subjects, which were

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cast on a local Chicago radio station and which were sponsored by the Illinois Writers Project, which was under the Works Project Administration. BRIDHAM stated that he considered DURHAM an unusually good writer, with an excellent style, but that he knew nothing of his personal philosophy. BRIDHAM stated that he knew of no organizations of which DURHAM was a member during the time he worked in the Art Institute, and had no reason to doubt his loyalty.

JESSIE GRIEGLY, Secretary to the General Manager, Station WJJD, 230 North Michigan Boulevard, Chicago, advised that the radio show "Here Comes Tomorrow", which was sponsored by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, was cast over radio station WJJD from September 1, 1947 to January 2, 1948, but that none of the cast or writers on said show were employed by WJJD. Mrs. GRIEGLY stated that she recalled RICHARD DURHAM as a script writer for said show, but could furnish no information concerning him.

JOSEPH GUYNES, 6204 South Parkway, apartment 26, advised that he was formerly a janitor of the apartment building in which DURHAM presently resides, and that he has known DURHAM for approximately six years. Mr. GUYNES stated that DURHAM was a writer and that he was up until all hours of the night typing. He related that in addition to his writing job, he was connected with some sort of organization which had to do with rent control, and that meetings of this organization were held both in the DURHAM residence, and also in the apartment of one of DURHAM's neighbors, whose name was BARNETT or BENNETT. He stated that the apartment number of BARNETT or BENNETT was either apartment number 25 or 27, 6204 South Parkway.

(U) In this connection, it should be noted that [confidential informant T-5, of known reliability, advised on July 17, 1946] that CRETORIA BARNETT was assisting a team of Communist Party members of the South Side Section of the Communist Party in campaigning for funds in connection with a financial drive of the Party.

(U) [Confidential informant T-6, of known reliability, advised on June 14, 1949] that GERALDINE LIGHTFOOT had told him she was attending a meeting that

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evening in the home of CRESTORIA HAYES BARNETT, 6204 South Parkway, apartment number 27.

[Confidential informant T-5 advised on January 14, 1949] that GERALDINE LIGHTFOOT, 5603 Champlain Avenue, was present at a meeting of Communist Party functionaries held at the Ashland Auditorium, January 14, 1949, at which her husband, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, presided.

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The records of [confidential informant T-7] an agency which conducts security investigations in the Chicago area, were checked on January 12, 1950, but no information was located which has not already been reported on previous pages of this report.

Information Pertaining to CLARICE DURHAM

Confidential informant T-8, of known reliability, advised on April 26, 1946 that CLARICE DURHAM, 6204 South Parkway, apartment 21, had made application for membership to the Communist Party of the United States. According to the informant, CLARICE DURHAM was a nursery teacher, a CIO union member, and was proposed for membership by ANNE MARY BRADY, who was a member of the Loop Section of the Communist Party.

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III DESCRIPTION

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The following description is a corrolation of information obtained from the records of the Chicago Defender newspaper and from [confidential informant T-2].

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| Name | RICHARD ISADORE DURHAM, wa. Dick Durham |
| Sex | Male |
| Race | Negro |
| Born | September 6, 1918 or September 7, 1917, Jackson, Mississippi |
| Residence | 6204 South Parkway, apartment 21. |

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| Height | 5'8" |
| Weight | 168 |
| Build | Stocky |
| Hair | Black |
| Eyes | Dark, wears glasses |
| Complexion | Brown |
| Scars and marks | None known |
| Occupation | writer |
| Marital Status | Married |
| Relatives | Wife, CLARICE DURHAM Father, CURTIS DURHAM Mother, CHANIE DURHAM |

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Communist Political Association

Confidential informant T-9, of known reliability, advised on November 30, 1944 that RICHARD and GLADYS DURHAM 6149 Evans, were present at a regular meeting of the 6th Ward Club, Communist Political Association, at 6224 South Rhodes Avenue on November 30, 1944. ✕

(U) It should be noted that this is the first meeting of the 6th Ward Club, at which confidential informant T-9 reported the subject as being in attendance, and that subsequent to this date, the informant never referred to RICHARD DURHAM as residing at 6149 Evans Avenue. ✕

There was no indication during a review of subject file or through active investigation that RICHARD DURHAM ever resided at 6149 Evans Avenue; however, Chicago file number 100-15263 reveals that GLADYS DURHAM has been known to reside at 6149 Evans Avenue since 1944, and that she is presently residing at this address. Chicago file number 100-15263 does not reflect that GLADYS DURHAM was ever married to RICHARD DURHAM or had any close association with him other than the fact that they attended the same 6th Ward Club meetings.

It should be pointed out that on November 30, 1944, confidential informant T-6 advised that GLADYS DURHAM had become the wife of one, JESSIE RICHARDS, who is employed at the Miller and Hart Packing Company, 4600 Packers Avenue, and who was Press Director and member of the 6th Ward, Communist Political Association.

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On many occasions subsequent to the first mention of RICHARD DURHAM in the reports of confidential informant T-9, GLADYS DURHAM, RICHARD DURHAM, and JESSIE RICHARDS were all mentioned as being present at 6th Ward Club Communist Party meetings, but no identifying data was furnished concerning them other than the first report as mentioned above.

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Communist Party

The following information was furnished by confidential informant T-9 regarding the attendance of subject RICHARD DURHAM at the Communist Party meetings and the dates so specified below: ~~C~~

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| March 23, 1947 | 306 East 43rd Street | South Side Section, Communist Party meeting. |
| April 20, 1947 | Du Sable Center 62 East 49th Street | South Side Section, Communist Party meeting. |
| April 23, 1947 | 306 East 43rd Street | South Side Section, Communist Party meeting. |
| February 26, 1948 | Ashland Auditorium | Functionaries meeting. C |

At this meeting according to the informant, WILLIAM PATTERSON related how the Party must fight to stop the prosecution of Party members held for contempt of court, and other Party members being deported by Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The same informant advised on February 13, 1948 that RICHARD DURHAM attended a "kick off breakfast" for \$75,000 fighting fund for 1948 on Sunday, January 25, 1948, at the BB and H Club, 323 1/2 East 55th Street. According to the informant, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT stated at this "kick off breakfast" that the fighting fund was needed to carry on the Communist Party independent work such as building the Progressive Party.

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| March 4, 1948 | Du Sable Center 62 East 49th Street | Emergency city wide Communist Party membership meeting. |
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According to the informant, deportation of Party functionaries was discussed at this meeting and the need for fighting such action was stressed.

Confidential informant T-1 advised on June 27, 1949 that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT had told him that HAZEL GRAY was working in DICK DURHAM's cultural group, Communist Party, District No. 8. ~~C~~

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Miscellaneous

The records at Hill's Reports, Inc., were checked by Special Employee R. W. NICKLESS.

A check of the names of RICHARD DURHAM's parents were made against Chicago indices, but no references could be located.

(U) [Confidential informant T-10, of known reliability, made available on January 28, 1949, a printed invitation to the farewell testimonial dinner for LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON on Sunday, February 6, 1949 at the Du Sable Community Center, Ballroom, 4958 South Wabash Avenue. The invitation card revealed that PAUL ROBESON would be the guest of honor at this farewell testimonial dinner, and the card also reflected the name of one, RICHARD DURHAM and three other individuals.

It should be noted that LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON is the wife of WILLIAM PATTERSON, mentioned on previous pages of this report.

Two attempts were made to contact GLEDYS DURHAM at the Du Sable Community Center on January 18, 1950 in an effort to establish the fact that RICHARD DURHAM had never lived at 6149 Evans Avenue and that he was not her husband as reported by [confidential informant T-9], but she was not in.

LEADS

THE NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

At Jackson, Mississippi

Will check the records of the Hines County Bureau of Vital Statistics in an effort to verify the birth date of RICHARD DURHAM, born September 7, 1917 or September 6, 1918 in Jackson, Mississippi, to CURTIS DURHAM and CHARLES DURHAM

THE NEW YORK DIVISION

At New York City, New York

With reference to your New York file number 100-96978, it is requested that [redacted] be interviewed regarding his knowledge of RICHARD DURHAM and that the following information be obtained in the event he is acquainted with him:

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1. What position DURHAM held on Chicago Star newspaper staff.
2. What Communist Party club DURHAM was a member and what offices he held.
3. Any association of DURHAM with Communist Party front groups.
4. Revolutionary statements made by DURHAM

THE CHICAGO DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois

Will attempt to obtain a photograph of the subject and also ascertain the date and place of his marriage to CLAUDE DURHAM

Will by pretext inquiry with CLAYES DURHAM, who is presently employed at the Du Sable Community Center, ascertain if she is acquainted or related with RICHARD DURHAM, the subject of this case, in an effort to definitely establish that RICHARD DURHAM reported as attending Communist Party meetings by [confidential informant T-9] is identical with the subject of this case.

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Will contact [confidential informants [redacted] [redacted] for any information they can furnish pertaining to RICHARD DURHAM's Communist Party activities.

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- T-1: [] who furnished information to Special Agent J. D. RIORDAN on May 28, 1946; July 11, 1946; October 7, 1946; October 21, 1946; June 27, 1949; to Special Employee D. M. HOLLAND on September 18, 1948; and to Special Agent J. D. RIORDAN and Special Employee D. M. HOLLAND on July 3, 1946; and to Special Agent J. D. RIORDAN and Special Employee J. G. SUTTON on June 12, 1946. b7D
- T-2: [] who furnished information to Special Employee R. W. NICKLESS on October 10, 1949.
- T-3: [] who furnished information to Special Agent HERBERT C. POHLMANN on March 1, 1949 and in September, 1948. b7D
- T-4: [] who furnished information to Special Agent J. D. RIORDAN on October 31, 1946.
- T-5: [] who furnished information via U. S. mail on July 17, 1946 and January 14, 1949.
- T-6: [] who furnished information to Special Employee W. P. MURRAY on June 12, 1949 and an unidentified agent of the Chicago Office on November 30, 1944.
- T-7: Industrial Detail, Chicago Police Department, whose records were checked by Special Employee R. W. NICKLESS.
- T-8: Anonymous source.
- T-9: [] now deceased, who furnished information to the Chicago Office via U. S. mail on November 30, 1944; March 23, 1947; April 20, 1947; April 23, 1947; February 26, 1948; February 13, 1948; and March 4, 1948. b7D
- T-10: Trash cover instituted by Special Agent CARL N. FREYMAN through JOE BARATTA, janitor, to cover IWC Headquarters, 64 West Roosevelt.

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confidential informant T-1, of known reliability, on October 21, 1946 to the effect that DICK DURHAM of the Star had agreed to attend a sixteen day Communist Party school.

I. BACKGROUND

Residence

JOSEPH GUYNES, 6204 South Parkway, apartment 26, advised on December 2, 1949 that RICHARD DURHAM is presently living in apartment 21 at 6204 South Parkway with his wife and child. Mr. GUYNES stated that to his knowledge, DURHAM had been living at the above address for six years.

Employment

HOMER BECK, Production Manager National Broadcasting Company, Merchandise Mart Building, Chicago, advised on December 1, 1949 that RICHARD DURHAM, 6204 South Parkway, apartment 21, is presently employed by radio station WBBM, National Broadcasting Company, as a script writer for the radio show, "Destination Freedom", and has been so employed since June of 1948.

Former Residence

CHARLES F. MORNING, Executive Assistant to the Publisher, Chicago Defender Newspaper, made available records pertaining to RICHARD ISATORE DURHAM 6204 South Parkway, apartment 21, on December 1, 1949, which revealed that DURHAM formerly resided at 419 East 48th Place, Chicago; however, no dates were noted for this address.

(U) Confidential informant 1-2, of known reliability, advised on October 10, 1949 that RICHARD DURHAM, who was employed by the National Broadcasting Company, formerly resided at 419 East 48th Place, Chicago.

Former Employment

The records of the Chicago Defender Newspaper, which were produced by

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The exact dates of the employment of RICHARD DURHAM as a feature writer of the Chicago Star newspaper is not known, inasmuch as said paper is presently defunct, but it should be noted that the last article by RICHARD DURHAM in the Chicago Star appeared on November 2, 1946.

In connection with DURHAM's occupation as a script writer, it should also be noted that the May 8, 1947 edition of the Chicago Star contained an article which revealed that DICK DURHAM, formerly on the staff of the Chicago Star, was readying a script about ALBERT WAGGONS, famed boogie-woogie pianist, for his "Democracy USA Show" on WBBM on Sunday mornings.

The September 20, 1947 edition of the Chicago Star also contained an article pertaining to DURHAM, which revealed he was at that time writing a radio serial here three times weekly over station WJJD called, "Here Comes Tomorrow", regarding a typical negro family in Chicago. The article revealed further that the radio station "Here Comes Tomorrow" is sponsored by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

Mr. HOMER HECK, mentioned above, advised on December 1, 1949 that from June, 1945 to October, 1947, RICHARD DURHAM wrote the script for a fifteen radio show "Democracy USA", which was sponsored by the Chicago Defender newspaper, but cast by NBC personnel over radio station WBBM. HECK stated that in June or 1948, DURHAM was employed by the NBC as a script writer for a new thirty minute radio show called "Destination Freedom", which was jointly sponsored by the NBC and the Chicago Defender newspaper, but that in September, 1948 the Chicago Defender discontinued their interest in said show but NBC continued to produce the radio show "Destination Freedom", the script of which was written by RICHARD DURHAM as a public service.

In connection with the subject's occupation as a writer, it should be noted that the December, 1944 edition of the Guild Reporter reflected that RICHARD DURHAM, feature writer of the Chicago Defender, was elected Secretary of the Chicago Local of the American Newspaper Guild.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: February 14, 1950

FROM: SAC, Chicago

SUBJECT: RICHARD ISADORE DURHAM, wa.
Dick Durham
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Appoints
M. J. ...

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above captioned individual.

The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME RICHARD ISADORE DURHAM

ALIASES Dick Durham

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RACE Negro SEX Male NATIVE BORN x NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST x SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

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DATE OF BIRTH 9/7/17 or 9/6/18 PLACE OF BIRTH Jackson, Mississippi

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 6204 South Parkway, apartment 21, Chicago

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

National Broadcasting Company, Merchandise Mart Building, Chicago, as
script writer

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Strategic and Vital Industry List)

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NY FILE NO. **100-977**

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| REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK | DATE WHEN MADE 4/5/50 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/23/50 | REPORT MADE BY MARK J. LAWLESS |
| TITLE RICHARD ISADORE DURHAM, wa., Dick Durham | | | CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject identified by Confidential Informants as a staff writer on the "Chicago Star" and as a member of the Newspaper Club of the Chicago CP in 1947 and 1948 and of the Chicago Tarvell Club in 1948. While with the Newspaper Club subject held the position of Editorial Director.

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DATE OF REVIEW [redacted]

DETAILS:

The following information was furnished Confidential Informants T-1 and T-2, both known reliability:]

Confidential Informants stated they knew as a Communist Party member of the Newspaper Club in 1947 and the first half of 1948, when the subject transferred to the Chicago Tarvell Club, which is described as the Magazine Writers Club of the Communist Party. DURHAM was identified by the Confidential Informants as a free lance radio writer who was considered a close working associate of BEN PARKS, one of the best known radio writers in Chicago. Informants advised that DURHAM is a half hearted Communist who missed a number of meetings of the Newspaper Club and to all appearances losing interest in the Communist Party. They stated that the subject assisted in writing radio shows for the "Chicago Defender", which they said was an Communist publication.

Confidential Informants further reported subject worked on "The Chicago Star" as a staff writer and while in the Newspaper Club held the position of Editorial Director. DURHAM was later relieved of

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position because his employment did not go well with the duties expected of him.

Subject was described as approximately 30 years of age, Negro, 5' 8" in height and soft spoken.

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According to Confidential Informants T-1 and T-2] BEN PARKS mentioned in the details of this report was not believed to be a member of the Communist Party. Informants further reported that the subject was a member of the Progressive Party and was observed around Progressive Party Headquarters, LaSalle and Lake Streets, quite often.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA MARK J. LAWLESS, dated ~~APR 5 1950~~ at New York, New York, are as follows:

T-1

[redacted] Brooklyn, b7D
New York, a former member of the Hyde Park Club of the Communist Party in 1947.

T-2

[redacted] Brooklyn, New York, an admitted member of the Hyde Park Club of the Communist Party in 1947. b7D

REFERENCE: Report of SA WELFORD E. GARNER, 2/14/50, at Chicago.

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| TITLE <u>CHARLES: EDWARD ISADORE DURHAM, was. Isadore Richard Durham, Dick Durham</u> | | | CHARACTER OF CASE <u>SECURITY MATTER - C</u> |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Records of Bureau of Vital Statistics, Hinds County, Mississippi, reflect EDWARD ISADORE DURHAM was born at Bolton, Hinds County, Mississippi, September 11, 1927, the son of EDWARD DURHAM and CHARLES WILLIAMS.

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DETAILS: At Jackson, Mississippi:

The title of this case is changed to reflect the name EDWARD ISADORE DURHAM, which is the way it appears in records concerning the subject's birth.

At the Hinds County Bureau of Vital Statistics, Miss VIOLITA CAMERON located a birth record indicating that EDWARD ISADORE DURHAM was born September 11, 1927, at Bolton, Hinds County, Mississippi. The child's parents were listed as EDWARD DURHAM, father, and CHARLES WILLIAMS, mother.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: April 14, 1950

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: RICHARD ISADORE DURHAM, WAS.,
SECURITY MATTER - C
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DATE 11-23-85 BY SP-10/CKW

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ALIASES Add Isadore Richard Durham

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COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

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DATE OF BIRTH 9-11-17 PLACE OF BIRTH Bolton, Hinds County,

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____
Mississippi

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| TITLE RICHARD ISADORE DURHAM, Was. | | | CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject continues to reside 6204 South Parkway and to be employed as a script writer by the National Broadcasting Company, Chicago. Informants advised RICHARD DURHAM held meetings of the Art Guild Club, a Communist Party club, at his home in 1948 and is reportedly connected with the DuSable edition of "The Worker".] C

AGENCY *cc - Ossi*
 REQ. *6-4-50*
 REP. *6-19-50*
 BY *Alf [unclear]*

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DETAILS: *Re: Caldwell Durham bro* AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

BACKGROUND

Residence

A pretext telephone call on May 23, 1950 to Plaza 2-4116 (listed to RICHARD I. DURHAM, 6204 South Parkway) established from a person who identified herself as Mrs. DURHAM that RICHARD DURHAM continues to reside in Apartment 21 at 6204 South Parkway, Chicago.

Occupation

HOMER HECK, Production Manager, National Broadcasting Company, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, advised on May 23, 1950 that RICHARD DURHAM continues to be employed by

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Radio Station WMAQ as a script writer for the radio show "Destination Freedom."

Selective Service

Mr. ALBERT P. RYDE, Selective Service System, Chicago, 523 South Plymouth Court, on April 28, 1950 made available the Selective Service file on ISADORE RICHARD DURHAM, 419 East 48th Place, which reflects that he registered with Local Board 7 on October 16, 1940 and was assigned Order No. 2254. The file further reflects that DURHAM was rejected for military service on July 5, 1941 because of tuberculosis of the left foot.

Education

Miss CHRISTINE HUGHES, Central Records, Northwestern University, advised on May 11, 1950 that ISADORE RICHARD DURHAM, 419 East 48th Place, Chicago, attended Northwestern University, Chicago Commerce School, Evening Division, from the summer session of 1948 through the second semester of 1941. Miss HUGHES stated that DURHAM did not complete his course of study and thus has not received a degree from Northwestern University.

Marriage Data

Marriage License #1731894, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Chicago, as reviewed on May 1, 1950 reflects that ISADORE DURHAM, 419 East 48th Place, and CLARICE DAVIS, 6204 South Park Avenue, were married June 19, 1942 at Chicago.

Relatives

The Selective Service file of ISADORE RICHARD DURHAM lists his brothers and sisters as follows:

- Brother - CALDWELL DURHAM, age 19 - 1941
- Brother - EARL DURHAM, age 17 - 1941
- Sister - CLOTILDE DURHAM - 25 - 1941.

Criminal Record

The subject's name was checked against the arrest records of the Chicago Police Department on May 2, 1950 with negative results.

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ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS

Communist Party

(U) T-1, of unknown reliability, a person who is acquainted with the subject, advised on May 1, 1950 that the Art Guild Club, which was a Communist Party club consisting of members of the acting profession, held meetings during the fall of 1948 at the home of RICHARD DURHAM, 6204 South Park Avenue, Chicago. The informant further advised that RICHARD DURHAM, who is a director of a radio soap opera, asked him to join the Communist Party and intimated that steady employment in radio work would be assured if one was a member of the Communist Party. T-1 stated that DURHAM related to him that ISHMAEL P. FLORY, JANICE KINGSLOW and OSCAR C. BROWN, Jr. were officers of the Art Guild Club and were present at the meetings held at DURHAM's home in the fall of 1948. ~~X~~

(U) T-2, of known reliability, advised on March 1, 1946 that ISHMAEL P. FLORY was a registered member of the Communist Party, Registration Card #49767, and at this time had allegedly been a member of the Party for 10 years. ~~X~~

The "Chicago Star" issue of April 24, 1948 reports that JANICE KINGSLOW was to take part in a peace rally sponsored by the 3rd Ward Club of the Progressive Party at Forum Hall, 322 East 43rd Street, Chicago, on April 30, 1948.

The "Chicago Star" issue of June 5, 1948 reflects that OSCAR C. BROWN, Jr. was a candidate for State Representative from the First District, Progressive Party.

(U) T-3, of known reliability, advised on November 30, 1948 that the Progressive Party in Illinois was controlled by the Communist Party but the Communist Party does not want this known because the Progressive Party would then lose its value to the Communist Party. ~~X~~

T-3 advised that the "Chicago Star" commenced publication July 4, 1946 as a weekly newspaper and it was dominated and controlled by the Communist Party. ~~X~~

"The Worker"

(U) On March 31, 1940, T-4, of known reliability, advised that MOLLY LIEBER, Assistant Organizational Secretary of the Communist Party, District #8, had reported that DICK DURHAM was going to help out with the personnel committee of the DuSable edition of "The Worker". The DuSable edition of "The worker" is a special edition of "The Worker" published for the near South Side Section of Chicago which is predominantly populated by the Negro race. ~~X~~

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"The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast daily Communist newspaper.

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Activity of Subject's Brother, EARL DURHAM

T-5, of known reliability, (now deceased) advised on August 11, 1947 that EARL DURHAM, 419 East 48th Place, was Educational Director of Section 2, South Side Section, Communist Party. ~~CS~~

Miscellaneous

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[T-6, of known reliability, advised on May 5, 1950] that he could furnish no information relative to RICHARD DURHAM.

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[T-3 advised on May 8, 1950] that he could furnish no information relative to RICHARD DURHAM.

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[T-7,] an agency which collects security information in the Chicago area, advised on May 3, 1950 that they could furnish no information relative to the subject other than that previously reported.

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A D M I N I S T R A T I V E P A G E

The arrest records of the Chicago Police Department were checked by Special Employee R. W. NICKLESS on May 2, 1950.

The Chicago files contain no information relative to subject's brother CALDWELL DURHAM, or his sister, CLOTILDE DURHAM.

Investigation failed to disclose any record that ISADORE R. DURHAM was ever fingerprinted.

No attempt was made to conduct a pretext investigation of GLADYS DURHAM, DuSable Community Center, to establish her relationship with RICHARD DURHAM inasmuch as the subject's marriage certificate reflects he married his wife, CLARICE DAVIS, on June 19, 1942 and thus was not married to GLADYS DURHAM, as intimated by T-5 on November 30, 1944, when he reported that RICHARD and GLADYS DURHAM, 6149 Evans Street, Chicago, were present at a meeting of the 6th Ward Club of the Communist Political Association. JX

Investigation at Chicago failed to disclose that RICHARD DURHAM ever resided at 6149 South Evans, having resided at 419 East 48th Place up to approximately June, 1942, at which time he moved to 6204 South Parkway, his present address.

The Selective Service file of RICHARD DURHAM fails to disclose that GLADYS DURHAM, 6149 South Evans, Chicago, is any relation to the subject.

T-3 advised on May 8, 1950 that he is well acquainted with GLADYS DURHAM, 6149 South Evans, Chicago, and he does not believe that she and RICHARD DURHAM are in any way related. T-3 further advised that GLADYS DURHAM's husband is not active in the Communist Party, to his knowledge. X

T-8, of known reliability, advised on October 30, 1944 that GLADYS DURHAM was the wife of JESSIE RICHARDS. X

Description

On May 18, 1950, Mr. C. P. BROWNING, "Chicago Defender", made available a photograph of the subject.

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I N F O R M A N T S

- (U)
- T-1 HARRIS B. GAINES, Jr., 3262 South Vernon Avenue, Chicago, who furnished information on 5/1/50 to SAS HERBERT C. POHLMANN and JOHN F. GLENVILLE.
- T-2 Anonymous source.
- T-3 [redacted] who furnished information on 11/30/48 to SA W. RULON PAXMAN and on 5/8/50 to SA HERBERT C. POHLMANN, and on 2/27/48 to SA JOHN F. GLENVILLE.
- T-4 [redacted] who furnished information on 3/31/50 to SA JOHN D. RIORDAN.
- T-5 [redacted] who furnished information on 8/11/47 to SA JOHN J. JARMUL, on 11/30/44 to the Chicago Office in a written report.
- T-6 [redacted] who furnished information on 5/5/50 to SA HERBERT C. POHLMANN.
- T-7 Industrial Detail, Chicago Police Department, who furnished information on 5/3/50 to SE R. W. NICKLESS.
- T-8 [redacted] who furnished information on 10/30/44 to a person whose identity cannot now be established.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA WELFORD E. GARNER dated 2/14/50 at Chicago.
Report of SA MARK LAWLESS dated 4/5/50 at New York.
Report of SA PAUL G. TAYLOR dated 4/5/50 at New Orleans.

SAC, Chicago

August 1, 1950

Director, FBI

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COMM. FILE #100-367644
SERIAL 122

Re reports of SA Wilfred E. Garner at Chicago dated February 14, 1950, and SA Charles Holt at Chicago dated June 4, 1950, and airtel dated February 14, 1950, which contain information reflecting that this subject is affiliated with Radio Station WBBM of the National Broadcasting Company.

The current Chicago telephone directory and the 1950 Broadcast Year Book listed Radio Station WBBM in Chicago as a station of the Columbia Broadcasting Company, Inc., whereas the RP card at Chicago is reported as Radio Station WBBM. You should, therefore, advise the Bureau if the information set forth in your referenced reports is correct and if it is incorrect the appropriate corrections should be made in the referenced communications and appropriate copies of corrected pages forwarded to the Bureau as well as to the New York and New Orleans Divisions which received copies of the report of SA Garner dated February 14, 1950. You should also advise a New York FD-128 to correctly show this subject's employment.

Your attention is called to SAC letter #102, Series 1949, dated November 5, 1949, Section 2, which prohibits you to furnish any reports with officials or representatives of the Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc., without prior Bureau authority. You must comply strictly with these instructions when conducting this investigation.

cc: New York
New Orleans

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: August 23, 1950

FROM : *YRSAC* SAC, CHICAGOSUBJECT: RICHARD ISADORE DURHAM, was
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(Bureau file 100-367649)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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Reurlet dated August 1, 1950.

Information obtained from Mr. HOMER HECK, National Broadcasting Company, Inc., Merchandise Mart, Chicago, on August 14, 1950, reflects that the subject was inadvertently reported as being employed by Radio Station WBBM, National Broadcasting Company, Inc., as a script writer for the radio show "Destination Freedom," in the reports of Special Agent WELFORD E. GARNER, dated February 14, 1950 and Special Agent CHARLES BOLZ, dated June 6, 1950, both at Chicago. This should have been correctly reported as Radio Station WMAQ.

Pursuant to instructions contained in SAC Letter #102, Series 1949, dated November 8, 1949, at no time during this entire investigation was any contact made with any officials or representatives of the Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc.

Enclosed herewith are five copies of the following corrected pages to the above mentioned reports:

1. Report of Special Agent WELFORD E. GARNER, dated February 14, 1950, at Chicago.
 - A. Page 2 (paragraph 2, line 4)
 - B. Page 4 (paragraph 4, line 4 and 7)
2. Report of Special Agent CHARLES BOLZ, dated June 6, 1950, at Chicago.
 - A. Page 2 (line 1)

Copies of the corrected pages of the report of Special Agent WELFORD E. GARNER, dated February 14, 1950 at Chicago, are being forwarded to the New York and New Orleans Division.

Inasmuch as the subject's FD-122 reports his employment as "National Broadcasting Company, Merchandise Mart Building, Chicago, as Script Writer," a new FD-122 is not being submitted.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: December 8, 1950

FROM : *grm/w*
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NAME _____

ALIASES (DELETE): DICK DURHAM _____

RACE _____ SEX _____ NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

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TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) *feature writer,*
"Chicago Globe", 2705 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Illinois

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Strategic and Vital Industry List)
NONE

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CWC:cam

A. E. Leonard

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: June 25, 1951

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO

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SUBJECT: RICHARD ISADORE DURHAM, was.
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(Bufile 100-36749)

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DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

Midway Television Institute, 4825 South Indiana Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Vital Facility List)

None

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-367649)

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DATE: December 27, 1951

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18662)

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DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

Self-employed, Writing and Selling Scripts to Various Radio Stations

6204 South Parkway, Chicago, Illinois

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Vital Facility List) _____

NONE

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-367649)

DATE: February 3, 1953

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18662)

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DATE 11-23-82 BY SP10K/MLC

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TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____ RACE _____ SEX _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

Self-employed, Writing and Selling Scripts to Various Radio

Stations, 6204 South Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-367649)

DATE: April 30, 1953

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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18662)

~~CLASS. BY 2810/281/1002
DATE OF REVIEW 11/20/92~~

SUBJECT: RICHARD ISADORE DURHAM, Wa
SECURITY MATTER - C

Rerep of SA THOMAS J. DONOVAN, dated April 30, 1953, at Chicago.

1. RICHARD ISADORE DURHAM presently resides at 6204 South Park Way, Apartment 21, and is self-employed writing and selling scripts to various radio stations in the Chicago area. Subject is a member of the Negro race.
2. RICHARD ISADORE DURHAM is married to CLARICE DURHAM.

Subject's wife, CLARICE, is employed part-time as a teacher at Chase House Nursery, 211 S. Ashland Avenue, Chicago. CLARICE DURHAM is a member of the Negro race.

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3. Informants advised DURHAM active in the Communist Party from 1943 to 1949 and was one of the principal Communist Party members who dominated and controlled a DuBois Theatre Group which was entirely dominated and controlled by the Communist Party. Subject reported in 1940 to have agreed to help out with the DuSable Edition of "The Worker" and in 1946 to have agreed to attend a 16 day Communist Party school. DURHAM listed as a feature writer for the "Chicago Star" in 1946; a member of the newspaper Club of Chicago Communist Party in 1947 and 1948, and the Chicago Tarvell Club in 1948. DURHAM also reported in 1951 to be a leader and Chief Organizer of a Communist Cell. Subject reported to have prepared and written speeches, scripts and various forms of copy containing propaganda to be read and published. DURHAM also reported in charge of publicity in 1951 for the Chicago and Cook County Citizens Committee.

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(U) and present at a convention of the Civil Rights Congress in 1952. Informant advised DURHAM'S name was mentioned at a Progressive Party Executive meeting in 1952 as a person to contact on drawing material on such matter suitable for political action in the 20th Ward. Subject also a subscriber to the "Daily Worker" in 1952. X

(U) 4. Informants reported CLARICE DURHAM, subject's wife, a Communist Party member from 1943 to 1949. CLARICE DURHAM an active Congress of America Women Organizer in 1950, and an active leader in the DuBois Theatre Group from 1946 to 1948. Subject's wife reported at a May Day Rally and WILLIAM Z. FOSTER Birthday Fall in 1951. CLARICE also present at an American Women for Peace Party and American Peace Crusade meeting in 1951. X

(U) 5. EARL DURHAM, brother of the subject, was Educational Director of Section II, South Side Section of Communist Party in 1947. Informant advised EARL active Communist Party member in youth matters from 1946 to 1948. Informant advised December 29, 1951 that EARL DURHAM was a Communist leader. X

(U) EARL DURHAM also reported as having been chosen by the Communist Party to back Party members who would enter the National Association for Advancement of Colored People and work within that organization in furtherance of the Communist Party cause. X

(U) Informant related EARL DURHAM was Chairman of the Labor Youth League in Illinois in 1951. X

ROBERT DAVIS, DURHAM'S brother-in-law, is reported also a Communist and he is now in Los Angeles doing bit parts in the motion pictures.

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RE: RICHARD ISADORE DURHAM,
Wa

6. Informant believes that RICHARD DURHAM probably would divulge his activities in the Communist Party. Informant added that as of 1949 subject appeared to have been losing some interest and he did not appear to be very active. ~~Q~~

Mr. CHARLES BROWNING, Executive Director of the "Chicago Defender," advised on January 3, 1953 that he was of the opinion that DURHAM might possibly agree to furnish information of value regarding Communist activities in the Chicago area.

7. It is expected that by interviewing subject pertinent information may be obtained concerning DURHAM'S Communist Party activities from 1943 to the present and also obtain any information he may have concerning affiliation with various front groups in the Chicago area. ~~Q~~

Bureau authority is requested to interview subject in accordance with Bureau instructions relating to interviews of security subjects.

If this subject is cooperative, no affirmative steps will be taken during the initial interview to direct his activities, but a separate communication to the Bureau, setting forth the results of the interviews and requesting authority to recontact the subject as a potential security informant. ~~Q~~

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Reurlet dated 4/30/53.

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Bureau authority is not granted you, at this time, to interview the captioned individual in view of the fact that there is no indication that the subject has lost sympathy with the Communist Party or that he would be cooperative if contacted.

If, at a later date, you are of the opinion that an interview with the subject would be warranted you should renew your request.

YELLOW: Subject is included in the Security Index and is the brother of Earl Durham, a key figure in the Chicago Division.

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~~DATE OF REVIEW [redacted]~~

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| REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS | DATE WHEN MADE 4/30/53 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/25; 3/25, 26, 27, 30; 4/14, 15, 20/53 | REPORT MADE BY THOMAS J. DONOVAN :LL |
| TITLE "CHANGED" RICHARD ISADORE DURHAM, Wa Isadore Richard Durham | | | CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Informants advised DURHAM active in the Communist Party from approximately 1943 to 1949 as a leader and Chief Organizer. Subject reported in charge of publicity for Chicago and Cook County Citizens Committee in 1951; in contact with the Civil Rights Congress in 1952, and a subscriber to the "Daily Worker" in 1952. Current informant checks negative. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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DETAILS:

The title of this case is being marked "Changed" to delete the alias, ~~DICK DURHAM~~, as it is a variation of the subject's true name.

I. BACKGROUND

Residence

[T-1, of unknown reliability,] who is acquainted with the subject, advised on March 27, 1953 that RICHARD ISADORE DURHAM is presently residing at 6204 South Park Way, Chicago, Apartment #21.

Employment

[T-1,] Supra, advised on March 27, 1953 that subject is self-employed, writing and selling script to various radio stations in the

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REQ. RE *6-4-53*
REP'T *6-19-53*
BY *Re. J. Caldwell Durham, bro*

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Chicago area. [T-1 stated,] however, that he was unable to offer the names of specific stations for which DURHAM wrote.

Credit

Files of Chicago Credit Bureau, Inc. were caused to be searched by SE HUGH M. BARNHARDT on March 26, 1953 and no record identifiable with R. I. DURHAM could be found.

Criminal

The files of the Chicago Police Department were caused to be searched by SE HUGH M. BARNHARDT on March 27, 1953 and no record identifiable with RICHARD ISADORE DURHAM was found.

II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

The Communist Party, USA, has been cited by the Attorney General, pursuant to Executive Order 9835, as a subversive organization which seeks to alter the form of Government of the United States by unconstitutional means.

(U) Membership and Activities

(U) T-2, of known reliability]

(U) T-2 advised on July 16, 1951 that he has known RICHARD and CLARICE DURHAM, subject's wife, to be members of the Communist Party as recently as 1949.

(U) The above informant also advised on instant date that RICHARD and CLARICE DURHAM were some of the principal Communist Party members who dominated and controlled a DuBois Theatre Group which was active for a period of several years from 1946 to 1949. These meetings were held at the DuSable Community Center, 4859 S. Wabash Avenue. T-2 added that this theatre group was entirely dominated and controlled by the Communist Party through the various Communist Party members who were interested in this group.

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T-2, Supra, advised on September 22, 1951 that he had been acquainted with RICHARD CLARICE DURHAM for seven or eight years during which time, from approximately 1943 - 1949, both were members of the Communist Party in Chicago. X

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T-3, of known reliability J C X

T-3 advised on October 4, 1951 that he had been acquainted with RICHARD and CLARICE DURHAM for approximately five or six years, and in his opinion, RICHARD DURHAM was a Communist, inasmuch as he has always appeared to be Pro-Russian in his statements and in his writings.

T-3 advised on December 29, 1951 that RICHARD I. DURHAM was a Communist Party member in 1951, being a leader and Chief Organizer of a Communist Cell. "This Communist Cell" was referred to as "The Cultural Club," or "The Artist Group." The main responsibility of the members of this cell was to "Reach the middle class, more specifically to disseminate the Communist line among professional people and groups, and to indoctrinate others of the middle class who would otherwise not be exposed to Communist ideas except through cultural association." Informant related that DURHAM was the one who would prepare and write the speeches, scripts, and various forms of copy containing propaganda to be read and published.

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T-4, of known reliability J X

(U) T-4 advised on February 25, 1953 that RICHARD ISADORE DURHAM was a figurehead in the Artist Guild and he was possibly a Communist Party member but not a revolutionary. X

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It is to be noted that T-5, of unknown reliability, and a former Communist Party member, advised on April 24, 1950 that the Artist Guild Club is a Communist Party Club. X

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(U) ~~[T-6, of known reliability]~~

(U) T-6, who is generally familiar with Communist Party activities in the Chicago area, advised on March 25, 1953 that he knew of no current activity on the part of RICHARD ISADORE DURHAM. ~~X~~

(U) ~~[T-2, Supra]~~

(U) T-2, who is generally familiar with Communist Party activities in the Chicago area, advised on March 30, 1953 that he knew RICHARD ISADORE DURHAM, but he has not seen nor heard anything about him in the past two years. ~~X~~

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Chicago and Cook County Citizens Committee

(U) On March 7, 1952, T-6, Supra, advised that the Chicago and Cook County Citizens Committee was gotten together for the purpose of promoting a mass meeting at the Chicago Coliseum on November 25, 1951 to protest the Cicero Riot. According to the informant, Communist Party members were instructed to support this meeting to show that "left wing forces" could rally to the masses. All Party demands were subordinated to give unity to this affair. According to the informant the Party's part in this meeting was considered a failure and the success of the meeting was due solely to the efforts of AL BENSON, an officer of the above committee. ~~X~~

(U) ~~[T-6, Supra]~~

(U) T-6 advised on November 20, 1951 that RICHARD DURHAM was in charge of Publicity for the Chicago and Cook County Citizens Committee in 1951. ~~X~~

Civil Rights Congress

The Civil Rights Congress has been cited by the Attorney General, pursuant to Executive Order 9835, as a Communist organization.

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T-6, Supra] X

(U) T-6 advised on January 28, 1952 that RICHARD DURHAM was present at a convention of the CRC held January 19, 1952 at the Packing-house Workers Center in Chicago. X

"Daily Worker"

(U) The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast daily Communist newspaper.

T-7, of known reliability] X

(U) T-7 advised on December 4, 1952 that RICHARD DURHAM subscribed to the "Daily Worker" in 1952.

(U) T-7 added that the subject sold twenty copies of the February 10, 1952 issue of the "Daily Worker." T-2 also advised on above date that a letter signed "A worker" with the subject's address stated that "the Daily Worker" was "The Greatest Paper in the World." X

Progressive Party

(U) It is to be noted that T-6, of known reliability, advised on February 6, 1951 that the Progressive Party of Illinois has been under Communist Party control since its inception. X

(U) T-2, Supra, advised on March 26, 1952 that at an Executive meeting of the Progressive Party, 20th Ward, on March 23, 1953, RICHARD DURHAM'S name was mentioned as a person to contact for the purpose of drawing up material on such matter suitable for political action in the 20th Ward. X

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IDENTITY OF INFORMANTS

| Identity Of Source | Date of Activity &/or Description of Information | Date Received | Agent To Whom Furnished | File No. Where Located |
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| T-1 [Redacted] | background | 3/27/53 | THOMAS J. DONOVAN | Instant Report |
| [Redacted] (Requested) | | | | |
| T-2 [Redacted] | 1949 | 7/16/51 | R. J. WILSON (Orally) | [Redacted] |
| (U) | 1943 to 1949 | 9/22/51 | R. J. WILSON (Orally) | |
| X | Current Informant check | 3/30/53 | E. H. MC GRAIL (Orally) | |
| | 3/23/53 | 3/26/53 | F. H. MC GRAIL (Orally) | |
| T-3 Confidential Source, | 1946-1951 | 10/4/51 | R. J. WILSON | 100-18662-36 |
| [Redacted] | 1951 | 12/29/51 | EARL R. STARK | 62-4407-1A |

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| T-4 [Redacted] Chicago, Confidential Source | 1946-1951 | 2/25/53 | J. W. T. MEDAIRDY and W. F. THOMPSON | 100-18662-53 b7D |
| T-5 [Redacted] (Deemed Advisable) | Characterization of Artist Guild Club | 4/24/50 | | b7D b7D |
| T-6 [Redacted] | Current informant check | 3/25/53 | CHARLES BOLZ (Orally) | |
| | Characterization of Chicago and Cook County Citizens Committee | 3/7/52 | CHARLES BOLZ | |
| | 1951 | 11/20/51 | CHARLES BOLZ (Written) | 100-24989-1A |

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| T-6 (Cont'd) [Redacted] | 1/19/52 | 1/28/52 | CHARLES BOLZ (Written) | [Redacted] |
| | Characterization of Progressive Party | | | b7D |
| T-7 [Redacted] | 1952 | 12/4/52 | J. E. GIBLER and SE B. E. WEBB | 100-18662-1A-3 |

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THE CHICAGO DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois

Will await Bureau's recommendation in reply to recent Chicago letter requesting interview of subject.

REFERENCE

Report of SA CHARLES BOLZ, dated 6/6/50, at Chicago.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-367649)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18662)
SUBJECT: RICHARD ISADORE DURHAM, wa.
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DATE: June 19, 1953

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BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

Educational & Publicity Director, UPWA, Dist. # 1, CIO

608 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois

KEY FACILITY DATA: none

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SUMMARY REPORT

SYNOPSIS :

Subject identified as being a Communist Party member from 1943 to 1949, and during latter part of 1947 and early part of 1948 subject identified as being member of the Communist Party Newspaper Club. One informant believes subject still continues to be a Communist due to statements subject has made. Subject also known to have been Communist Party member in 1951 and a leader and chief organizer of a Communist cell. Informant advised that he knew DURHAM as of January, 1954, as a follower of the Communist Party line. Subject attended several meetings of the South Side Section, Communist Party, during 1947 and 1948; held Marxist study circles at his home in 1948. Meetings of Art Guild Club, described by former Communist Party members as a Communist Party Club, held at home of subject in fall of 1948. Subject reportedly in 1946 had agreed to attend 16 day Communist Party school. DURHAM also on mailing list of "California Quarterly" in 1953 and on mailing list of Chicago Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions during 1952 and 1953. Subject, in 1951, in charge of publicity for the Chicago and Cook County Citizens Committee. Subject formerly employed by the "Chicago Star" as a writer in 1946 and praised by GIL GREEN, former Chairman of the Communist Party District No. 8, for his articles appearing in "Chicago Star". Subject also attended meeting of Civil Rights Congress in June, 1952. Subject reported to have sold 20 copies of 2/10/52 issue of "Daily Worker" and was also subscriber to "Daily Worker" and "The Worker" in 1952. Subject also reported a (C)

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(U) principal member of the DuBois Theatre Group and was member of the International Workers Order from March, 1945, through September, 1951, and also a member of the Veterans Committee, March of Labor. Subject reported to be contacted to draw up material for political action in the 20th Ward for the Progressive Party in March, 1952. ~~X~~

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DETAILS:

The title of this report is marked "Changed" to reflect the subject's true name as ISADORE RICHARD DURHAM, as contained in the records of the Hinds County Bureau of Vital Statistics, Jackson, Mississippi, and to include the name of RICHARD ISADORE DURHAM as an alias.

I. BACKGROUNDBirth Data

(U) The records of the Hinds County Bureau of Vital Statistics, Jackson, Mississippi, were reviewed by Miss VIRGINIA CANNON on March 24, 1950, at the request of SA PAUL G. TAYLOR and birth records were located indicating that the subject, under the name of ISADORE RICHARD DURHAM, was born on September 11, 1917, at Bolton, Hinds County, Mississippi. The child's parents were shown as CURTIS DURHAM, father, and CHANIE TILLMAN, mother.

Present Employment

(U) [On June 2, 1954, T-1] ~~X~~ of known reliability, advised that DURHAM is presently employed by the United Packinghouse Workers of America - CIO, 608 South Dearborn, Chicago, in the publicity and educational department.

Former Employment

(U) [T-2, of known reliability] ~~X~~ made available on December 1, 1949, the records pertaining to RICHARD ISADORE DURHAM, 6204 South Parkway, Apartment 21, which records revealed the former places of employment for the subject as follows:

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1938 - 1941, Federal Writers;
1941 - 1943, free lance radio writer on the following programs: "Great Artists", sponsored by the Art Institute of Chicago, NBC; "At the Foot of Adams Street", sponsored by the Art Institute of Chicago, NBC; "The Lone Ranger", three months, July to August, 1943, Blue Network; "The Authors Playhouse, NBC, Chicago; "Johnny Freedom" and "What's New", Blue Network; "Grand Central Station, CBS; March 3, 1944, to April 3, 1946, feature writer for the "Chicago Defender" newspaper.

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[T-3, of known reliability,] advised on May 28, 1946, that RICHARD DURHAM was to be employed as a feature writer for the "Chicago Star".

It is to be noted that articles written by RICHARD DURHAM appeared in the "Chicago Star" commencing July 6, 1946, and ending on November 2, 1946.

The September 20, 1947, edition of the "Chicago Star" reflected that DURHAM, at that time, was writing a radio serial heard three times weekly over radio station WJJD, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. HOMER HECK, Production Manager, NBC, Merchandise Mart Building, advised SA WELFORD E. GARNER on December 1, 1949, that from June, 1945, to October, 1947, RICHARD DURHAM wrote the script for a 15 minute radio show entitled "Democracy, USA", which was broadcast over WBBM, a CBS outlet. HECK stated that in June, 1948, DURHAM was employed as a script writer for a new 30 minute show called "Destination Freedom", heard over radio station WMAQ, an NBC outlet.

Mr. HECK stated that RICHARD DURHAM was presently employed by radio station WMAQ as a script writer for the radio show "Destination Freedom".

(U)

[On June 11, 1951, T-2, supra,] advised that RICHARD DURHAM was, at that time, employed by the Midway Television Institute, 4825 South Indiana Avenue, Chicago, in publicity and promotion work and had been employed by that concern since May, 1951.

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[On December 14, 1951, T-2, supra,] advised that RICHARD DURHAM was self-employed writing scripts for various Chicago radio stations; however, he was not formally employed by any one station.

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On March 27, 1953, June 30, 1953, and September 22, 1953, [redacted] orally advised SA CHARLES SETAR that RICHARD ISADORE DURHAM, who resides at 6204 South Parkway, Apartment 21, continued to be self-employed writing and selling scripts to various radio stations.

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(U) Residence

[T-4, of known reliability,] advised on May 13, 1954, that RICHARD ISADORE DURHAM, who formerly resided at 6204 South Parkway, Apartment 21, was presently residing at 6059 Harper Avenue, Chicago, and had been residing there since approximately December 12, 1953.

It is to be noted that on May 13, 1954, upon personal examination of the mail boxes at 6059 Harper, the name of RICHARD and CLARICE DURHAM appeared thereon.

Former Residence

(U) [T-2, supra,] made available his records pertaining to the subject on December 1, 1949, which reflected that DURHAM formerly resided at 419 East 48th Street, Chicago; however, no dates were noted for this address.

JOSEPH GUYNES, 6204 South Parkway, Apartment 26, advised SA WELFORD E. GARNER on December 2, 1949, that RICHARD DURHAM was, at that time, residing in Apartment 21 at 6204 South Parkway, and had been living at that address since some time in 1943.

On September 21, 1953, [redacted] supra, advised SA CHARLES SETAR that RICHARD ISADORE DURHAM continued to live in Apartment 21, 6204 South Parkway.

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Education

(U) [T-2, supra,] made available his records on December 1, 1949, concerning the subject which indicated that DURHAM had attended the following schools:

- Hyde Park High School, Chicago, 1934 - 1938;
- Northwestern University, Chicago, 1938 - 1942 (B.A. degree);
- Northwestern Radio Institute, 1943;
- Englewood Jr. College and YWCA College, Chicago, 1942 - 1943.

Marital Status

The records of the Marriage License Division, Bureau of Vital Statistics, 130 North Wells, were checked during May, 1950, by SA CHARLES BOLZ, and revealed that Marriage License No. 1731897 was issued to ISADORE DURHAM, 419 East 48th Place, and CLARICE DAVIS, 6204 South Parkway. This license indicates that they were married on June 19, 1942, at Chicago, Illinois.

Military Service

(U) [T-5, a reliable and confidential source,] advised on April 28, 1950, that ISADORE RICHARD DURHAM, 419 East 48th Place, registered for Selective Service with Local Draft Board No. 7, Chicago, Illinois, on October 16, 1940, and was rejected for military service on July 5, 1941, because of tuberculosis of the left foot.

Criminal Record

The records of the Division of Records and Communications, of the Chicago Police Department, were reviewed on January 15, 1954, by Patrolman CHARLES M. DU SHANE at the request of SE HUGH M. BAUMHARDT. However, no record identifiable with DURHAM could be located.

(U) Status of Health

[T-5, supra,] advised on April 28, 1950, that as of July 5, 1941, ISADORE RICHARD DURHAM, 419 East 48th Place, was suffering from tuberculosis of the left foot.

Relatives

(U) [On December 1, 1949, T-2, supra,] furnished information concerning RICHARD ISADORE DURHAM, 6204 South Parkway, Apartment 21, which reflected the following individuals as relatives of DURHAM:

Mother, CHANIE DURHAM;
Father, CURTIS DURHAM;
Wife, CLARICE DURHAM.

(U) [T-5, supra,] advised on April 28, 1950, that the following individuals were relatives of ISADORE RICHARD DURHAM, 419 East 48th Place, in 1940:

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Brother, CALDWELL DURHAM, age 19;
Brother, EARL DURHAM, age 17;
Sister, CLOTILDE, age 25.

On October 4, 1951, CHARLES REID, 4314 South Langley, orally advised SA ROBERT J. WILSON that the following individuals are relatives of the subject in addition to those listed above:

Brother, CURTIS DURHAM, JR.;
Sister, CLAUDIA MARIE DURHAM;
Sister, WINIFRED DURHAM HOLLAND.

II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE COMMUNIST POLITICAL ASSOCIATION

The Communist Party and the Communist Political Association have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Membership and Activities

(U) ~~[T-6 and T-7, of known reliability] X~~

(U) These informants advised on February 23, 1950, that they knew the subject as a Communist Party member of the Newspaper Club in 1947 and the first half of 1948, at which time the subject transferred his membership to the Chicago Tarvel Club, which was described by the informants as the magazine writers' club of the Communist Party. X

(U) ~~[T-8, of known reliability] X~~

(U) This informant advised on July 16, 1951, that he has known RICHARD and CLARICE DURHAM, who is the subject's wife, to be members of the Communist Party as recently as 1949. X

(U) On September 22, 1951, this informant advised that from approximately 1943 to 1949 he knew RICHARD DURHAM to be a member of the Communist Party, Chicago. X

(U) ~~[T-2, supra] X~~

This informant advised on October 4, 1951, that he had been acquainted with RICHARD and CLARICE DURHAM for approximately five or six years and, in his opinion, RICHARD DURHAM was a Communist, inasmuch as he had always appeared to be pro-Russian in his statements and in his writings.

On December 29, 1951, this informant further advised that RICHARD ISADORE DURHAM was a Communist Party member in 1951, being a leader and chief organizer of a Communist cell. This Communist cell was referred to as the "Cultural Club", or the "Artist Group". The main responsibility of the members of this cell was to "reach the middle class, more specifically to disseminate the Communist line among professional people and groups, and to indoctrinate others of the middle class who would otherwise not be exposed to Communist ideas except through cultural association." The informant related that DURHAM was the one who would prepare and write the speeches, scripts, and various forms of copy containing propaganda to be read and published.

ONAH L. SPENCER
409 Oakwood Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Mr. SPENCER was interviewed by SAs NORMAN J. SOUTHLEA and JOSEPH E. TRAVERS, JR., on December 21, 1953, at State and Van Buren Streets. SPENCER stated that he came to Chicago in the 1930s and attempted to make his living writing. Some time in the middle 1930s, SPENCER began to frequent the Abraham Lincoln Center, and at the Center, he claimed he came in contact with individuals whom he believed to be Communists. He stated that he himself was never a Communist, and it was because he did not agree with the Communists in the writing field that he was unable to obtain work. SPENCER stated that he came in contact with RICHARD DURHAM, a script writer, whom he believed to be a Communist.

(U) T-9, of known reliability X

This informant advised on January 6, 1954, that he knew DURHAM as a follower of the Communist Party line at this time.

T-10, of known reliability]

(U) This informant advised on April 14, 1947, that RICHARD DURHAM had attended a meeting of the South Side Section of the Communist Party on March 23, 1947, held at 306 East 43rd Street. X

(U) This informant advised on May 20, 1947, that RICHARD DURHAM had attended a meeting of the South Side Section of the Communist Party on April 20, 1947, held at the DuSable Center, 62 East 49th Street. X

(U) This informant advised that RICHARD DURHAM had attended a meeting of the South Side Section of the Communist Party on April 23, 1947, at 306 East 43rd Street. X

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(U) This informant advised on February 13, 1948, that RICHARD DURHAM had attended a Communist Party Kick-off Breakfast to raise \$75,000.00 which was held on January 25, 1948, at the B. B. & W. Club, 323 $\frac{1}{2}$ East 55th Street. ~~XXXX~~

(U) This informant advised on March 4, 1948, that RICHARD DURHAM had attended a functionaries meeting of the Communist Party held at the Ashland Auditorium on February 26, 1948, at 7:00 p.m. ~~XXXX~~

On November 3, 1953, JOAN ROBINSON, 5132 South Greenwood, advised SAs FRANCIS P. COFFEY and RICHARD T. O'KEEFE that shortly after she came to Chicago in June, 1947, to reside, she attended approximately two or three Communist Party meetings held in various people's homes in the vicinity of the University of Chicago. She stated that in the early part of 1948, she attended a Marxist Study Circle, held at the home of RICHARD DURHAM, on Chicago's South Side. She stated that these meetings were usually held on Sunday afternoons and were usually held under the direction of RICHARD DURHAM.

Miss ROBINSON stated that about this time she became thoroughly disgusted with the Marxist Study Circles, as she believed that these people, as Communist Party sympathizers, were only interested in the study of Marxism and Russia and had no concern whatsoever for the people of the Negro race. She further advised that in November, 1948, at the time of the presidential election, she was a member of the Progressive Party and firmly believed that the Progressive Party would substantially be a benefit to the Negro people; however, she stated that she had seen and heard RICHARD DURHAM and other members of the Marxist Study Circle try to influence and twist the program of the Progressive Party to coincide with that of the Communist Party.

HARRIS B. GAINES, JR.
3666 South Vernon Street
Chicago, Illinois

This individual was interviewed on April 24, 1950, by SAs HERBERT C. POHLMAN and JOHN F. GLENNVILLE, and stated that he was a former member of the Communist Party. GAINES further stated that he became acquainted with various Communist Party members due to the fact that he was invited to attend three or four meetings of the Art Guild Club, which, he stated, was a Communist Party Club, consisting of members of the acting profession. He stated that these meetings took place during the fall of 1948 at the home of RICHARD DURHAM, 6204 South Parkway, and that DURHAM had asked GAINES to join the Communist Party and intimated to him that steady employment in radio work would be assured if he were a Communist Party member.

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GAINES stated that ISHMAEL P. FLORY was one of the officers in the Art Guild Club and was present at the meetings held at DURHAM's home in the fall of 1948.

T-11 advised on March 1, 1946, that ISHMAEL P. FLORY was a registered member of the Communist Party, registration card number 49767, and at the time, had been a member of the Communist Party for ten years. C

~~[T-12, of known reliability]~~

This informant advised on October 21, 1946, that DICK DURHAM of the "Star" had agreed to go to a 16 day Communist Party school, in which the following individuals were listed as instructors: GIL GREEN, FRED FINE, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT. X

~~[T-13, of known reliability, advised in 1945]~~ that GIL GREEN was Chairman of the Communist Party, District No. 8, with headquarters at 208 North Wells, Chicago, and was also a member of the National Board of the Communist Party, USA. It is to be further noted that GIL GREEN was convicted on October 14, 1949, for violation of the Smith Act, for conspiracy to advocate the violent overthrow of the Government, and was sentenced to five years in prison and fined \$5,000.00. GREEN is presently a fugitive from justice, whose present whereabouts is unknown.

T-14, of known reliability, advised on April 23, 1949, that FRED FINE has been active in the Communist Party since 1937, and since 1945 he has been Labor Secretary of Communist Party District No. 8, at Chicago, Illinois. It is to be further noted that an indictment was returned by a Federal Grand Jury at New York City, New York, on June 20, 1951, charging FINE with unlawfully conspiring to knowingly advocate and teaching the violent overthrow of the Government of the United States by force. FINE is presently a fugitive from justice, whose present whereabouts is unknown. X

T-15, of known reliability, advised on August 25, 1945, that WILLIAM L. PATTERSON had been elected Vice-Chairman of District No. 8, Communist Party, and had been named Legislative Director within the District. X

T-16, of known reliability, advised on July 30, 1948, that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT was employed by the Communist Party, District No. 8. X

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Current Contacts With Informants

The following informants, all of known reliability, orally advised on the given dates that they had no information in their possession concerning any current activity on the part of the subject. These informants are generally familiar with Communist Party and related activity in the Chicago area.

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| T-17 | May 3, 1954 |
| T-8, supra | April 30, 1954 |
| T-18 | May 10, 1954 |
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| T-21 | May 14, 1954 |
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III. MISCELLANEOUS

"California Quarterly"

The October 24, 1951, Los Angeles edition of the "Daily People's World", a West Coast Communist newspaper, contained an announcement on page 7 of a new quarterly magazine, which was described as "new, progressive publication entitled 'California Quarterly'." This announcement stated that "more good writing would come out of the 1950's than is likely to achieve publication" and that "contemporary writing is threatened equally by censorship and obscurantism."

(U) T-23 advised on March 27, 1953, that during March, 1953, THOMAS MC GRATH, a member of the editorial board of the "California Quarterly", since its inception, stated in a discussion of the policies of the magazine that the policy of the magazine is necessarily one with a "Marxist-Leninist" objective, with a policy of accepting articles that are slanted in that direction, although not necessarily from a "Marxist-Leninist" source. X

(U) T-24, of known reliability, X advised on March 15, 1952, that THOMAS MC GRATH at that time was a member-at-large of the Los Angeles County Communist Party.

(U) T-25, of known reliability X

On August 17, 1953, this informant furnished information indicating e

(U) that the "California Quarterly", 4360 $\frac{1}{2}$ Melrose Avenue, Hollywood, California, had received a letter written on the stationery of the United Packinghouse Workers of America, 608 South Dearborn, Chicago, and signed by RICHARD DURHAM, National Program Coordinator, requesting two copies of the summer, 1953, issue of the "California Quarterly", containing the script movie, "Salt of the Earth". ~~X~~

It is to be noted that the movie, "Salt of the Earth", has been publicized in various newspapers as Communist inspired propaganda.

Chicago Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions

(U) T-26, of known reliability, ~~X~~ furnished information on March 6, 1952, reflecting that the Chicago Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions is the Chicago affiliate of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions.

It is to be noted that the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions has been cited as a Communist front organization by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities according to House Report No. 1954, dated April 26, 1950.

(U) T-8, supra ~~X~~

(U) This informant furnished information on March 6, 1953, which reflected that RICHARD DURHAM, 6204 South Parkway, Chicago 37, Illinois, was on the mailing list of the Chicago Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions. The informant stated that this was the 1952 mailing list of the Chicago Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions. ~~X~~

(U) T-26, supra ~~X~~

This informant advised on May 9, 1952, that RICHARD DURHAM, 6204 South Parkway, Chicago 37, was on the general mailing list of the Chicago Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions. The informant stated that this list contained both the members of the Chicago Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions for 1951 and 1952, together with individuals who are interested in the work of the Chicago Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions.

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Chicago and Cook County Citizens Committee

(U) T-18, supra, advised on March 7, 1952, that the Chicago and Cook County Citizens Committee was gotten together for the purpose of promoting a mass meeting at the Chicago Coliseum on November 25, 1951, to protest the Cicero Riot. According to this informant, Communist Party members were instructed to support this meeting to show that "the left wing forces" could rally to the masses. All Party demands were subordinated to give unity to this affair. The informant advised that the Party's part in this meeting was considered a failure, and the success of the meeting was due solely to the efforts of one AL BENSON, an officer of the above committee. X

(U) [T-18, supra] X

(U) This informant advised on November 20, 1951, that RICHARD DURHAM was in charge of the publicity for the Chicago and Cook County Citizens Committee in 1951. X

"Chicago Star"

(U) T-18, supra, advised on March 1, 1949, that the "Chicago Star" was a weekly newspaper controlled by the Communist Party, and that it commenced publication in Chicago on July 4, 1946, and ceased publication on September 4, 1948. According to the informant, top functionaries of the Communist Party dictated and controlled the editorial policies, subscription drives, and the organizational setup of the "Chicago Star". X

(U) [T-3, supra] X

This informant advised on May 28, 1946, that RICHARD DURHAM took part in a staff meeting of the new "Chicago Star" newspaper, at which subscriptions were discussed.

(U) [T-27, of known reliability] X

This informant advised on June 12, 1946, that he had learned from CARL HERSCH, Managing Editor of the "Chicago Star", that RICHARD DURHAM would be paid \$65.00 per week as a feature writer. C.

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(U)

T-18, supra, advised on May 12, 1952, that CARL HIRSCH is known by him to be a member of the Communist Party. ~~X~~

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~~T-28, of known reliability~~ ~~X~~

This informant advised on July 3, 1946, that DICK DURHAM had been praised by GIL GREEN, supra, for the quality of his article in the first edition of the "Star", at a meeting of the Communist Party Secretariat, held at the headquarters of the Communist Party in Chicago on July 3, 1946. ~~X~~

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It is to be noted that articles written by RICHARD DURHAM appeared in the "Chicago Star" newspaper from July 6, 1946, to November 2, 1946. These articles dealt primarily with local issues regarding the Negro race, housing and labor management problems.

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~~T-29, of known reliability~~ ~~X~~

This informant advised on July 11, 1946, that he had learned from DICK DURHAM that problems pertaining to circulation and the financial aspects of the "Star" and the reactions of the Board to the first edition of the "Star" were discussed at a meeting held at the Communist Party headquarters on July 11, 1946, which was attended by DURHAM, CARL HIRSCH, supra, and GIL GREEN, supra. ~~X~~

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Civil Rights Congress

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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~~T-18, supra~~ ~~X~~

This informant advised on January 27, 1952, that RICHARD DURHAM attended a Civil Rights Congress convention, held on January 19, 1952, at the Packinghouse Workers Center. ~~X~~

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"Daily Worker" and "The Worker"

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper. "The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker".

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(U) T-30, of known reliability X

This informant advised on March 31, 1950, that DICK DURHAM was going to help out with the personnel committee of the DuSable edition of "The Worker" X

(U) It is to be noted that the DuSable edition of "The Worker" is a special edition, published for the Near South Side Section of Chicago, which is predominantly settled by the Negro race.

(U) T-31, of known reliability X

This informant advised on December 4, 1952, that RICHARD DURHAM subscribed to the "Daily Worker" in 1952. This informant further advised that DURHAM had sold twenty copies of the February 10, 1952, issue of the "Daily Worker", and that on December 4, 1952, a letter signed "A Worker" with DURHAM's address, 6204 South Parkway, Chicago, was received, and stated that "the 'Daily Worker' is the greatest newspaper in the world."

This informant further stated that on December 4, 1952, a letter was received renewing the subscription of "The Worker" and praising the newspaper for its Negro History Week issue of February 10, 1952, with the return address of 6204 South Parkway, Chicago.

A clipping from "The Worker" dated June 18, 1950, page 1, columns 4 and 5, captioned "White Sox Presented with Negro Ace Ball Players as Prospects".

The article states that the DuSable Worker has received letters from its readers and other people interested in ending White Sox Jimcrow.

"Typical of these expressions of support is one from the popular Negro radio writer and journalist, RICHARD DURHAM, 'If the Sox were free from its Bilbo-Rankin white supremacy policy they would have long ago hired Negro baseball players,' wrote DURHAM, 'both from a domestic minded as well as from a financial point of view. Some action is needed as in New York in the case of Brooklyn, to end the Sox's barbarous practice against the Negro people.'"

DuBois Theatre Group

T-8, supra, advised on July 16, 1951, that the DuBois Theatre Group was active for a period of several years from 1946 to 1949, and that 'e)

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(U) the group meets at the DuSable Community Center, 4859 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago. The informant stated that this group was entirely controlled and dominated by the Communist Party, through various members who were interested in this group. ~~X~~

(U) T-8, supra } ~~X~~

This informant advised on July 16, 1951, that RICHARD DURHAM was one of the principal Communist Party members, who controlled and dominated the DuBois Theatre Group from 1946 to 1949. ~~X~~

International Workers Order

(U) The International Workers Order has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-31, supra } ~~X~~

This informant furnished information on July 23, 1951, that RICHARD D. DURHAM, born in 1917, was a paid up member of the International Workers Order, Lodge No. 7514, and had been a member of the Lodge since March, 1945, and was paid up through September, 1951.

"March of Labor"

The "March of Labor" is a publication reflecting the policy as being within the extreme left wing of the trade union movement, and as of December, 1953, was published in Chicago, Illinois.

(U) T-32, of known reliability } ~~X~~

(U) This informant furnished information on September 27, 1952, that RICHARD DURHAM, 6204 South Parkway, was a member of the "March of Labor" features committee. ~~X~~

Progressive Party

(U) T-18, supra, advised on February 6, 1951, that the Progressive Party of Illinois is under the control of the Communist Party and has been under Communist control since its inception. ~~X~~

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(U) ~~[T-8, supra]~~

(U) This informant advised on March 26, 1952, that an Executive Committee meeting of the 20th Ward of the Progressive Party was held on March 23, 1952, at 6228 Eberhart Avenue, Chicago, and that it was determined at this meeting that RICHARD DURHAM, among others, should be contacted to draw up material on subject matters suitable for political action in the 20th Ward. ~~X~~

Information Pertaining to CLARICE DURHAM,
Wife of ISADORE RICHARD DURHAM

(U) T-33, of known reliability, advised on April 26, 1946, that CLARICE DURHAM, 6204 South Parkway, Apartment 21, had made application for membership in the Communist Party. According to the informant, CLARICE DURHAM was a Negro, a nursery teacher, and a CIO member. ~~X~~

Information Pertaining to EARL DURHAM,
Brother of ISADORE RICHARD DURHAM

(U) T-10, supra, advised on August 11, 1947, that at this time EARL DURHAM, 419 East 48th Place, was Educational Director of Section 2, South Side Section of the Communist Party. ~~X~~

Interviews with Former Employers

HOMER HECK
Production Manager
National Broadcasting Company
Merchandise Mart Building
Chicago, Illinois

Mr. HECK advised SA WELFORD E. GARNER on December 1, 1949, that he has known RICHARD DURHAM off and on for the past five years, and had worked very closely with him during the past two years since he returned to the National Broadcasting Company. HECK stated that from the conversations he had had with DURHAM, he had formed the impression that DURHAM's family, while living in Mississippi during his youth, were a little better off than the average Negro family in the community, and for

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that reason was the point of discussion in any issue or trouble that developed along racial lines. HECK stated that he believed the DURHAM farm was burned out, cause unknown, and that subsequently the family moved to Chicago. He stated that DURHAM is extremely conscientious of equal rights, opportunities, and privileges for the Negro people. He advised that because of DURHAM's zealous attitude toward racial equality and his outspoken opinion in this regard, he at one time thought that DURHAM was sympathetic to the Communist cause, but that subsequently he had changed his opinion. HECK stated he had questioned DURHAM directly concerning any connection he might have with the Communist Party, and DURHAM had told him positively that he was not a member of the Communist Party, nor was he affiliated with any of the organizations supported by the Communist Party. HECK related that although DURHAM's pursuit regarding the equality of the Negro in the United States ran parallel with that of the Communist Party line, he did not think that DURHAM agreed with other issues which the Communist Party promoted. HECK related that he did not think DURHAM was a member of the Communist Party.

(U) T-2, supra]*

This informant advised on December 1, 1949, that he had worked very closely with DURHAM during his, DURHAM's, employment with the "Chicago Defender". The informant stated that he considered DURHAM a very capable writer, but that because of his attitude and actions, it was necessary for the "Chicago Defender" to fire him. He related that while DURHAM was employed by the "Chicago Defender", he had a feeling DURHAM was following the Communist Party line not because of any open commitment on the part of DURHAM, but because of DURHAM's opinions and actions as unit chairman of the Chicago Newspaper Guild. Regarding these actions, the informant related that DURHAM was against the established procedure in running a newspaper in that he did not think it necessary to have copy in on time, to have regular hours of employment, or to conform with other regulations which are so important to the efficient running of a newspaper. DURHAM, according to the informant, represented the "Chicago Defender" employees in his position as union chairman to the Chicago Newspaper Guild, and that his uncompromising attitude during the labor conferences regarding problems of a relatively trivial importance, was one of his reasons for believing that DURHAM had a tendency to follow the Communist Party line, inasmuch as he followed the same course and procedure regarding tactics as other known Communist Party members, which the informant had observed and been associated with in his official capacity as Executive

Assistant to the Publisher of the "Chicago Defender". The informant related that he could not recall any specific remarks or statements made by DURHAM regarding his leaning, but that DURHAM generally would put too much emphasis on articles which would incite the Negro people and also whenever an international issue was the subject matter of one of DURHAM's articles, he would color said article in favor of Russia or a Russian dignitary, whichever the case may be.

JESSIE GRIEGLY
Secretary to the General Manager
Station WJJD
230 North Michigan Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois

Mrs. GRIEGLY advised SA WELFORD E. GARNER in December, 1949, that the radio show, "Here Comes Tomorrow", which was sponsored by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, was cast over radio station WJJD from September 1, 1947, to January 2, 1948, but that none of the cast or writers on said show were employed by WJJD. Mrs. GRIEGLY stated that she recalled RICHARD DURHAM as a script writer for said show, but could furnish no information concerning him.

Other Activities

A clipping from the "Packinghouse Worker" dated November, 1952, page 5, column 1, states that the "Packinghouse Worker" aids in the publication of United Packinghouse Workers of America material, interprets union policy and program for the press, radio and public. NORMAN DOLNICK is Department Director, aided by RICHARD DURHAM and Mrs. BEVERLY ADAMS.

(U) T-34, of unknown reliability, but who holds a responsible position, furnished information to the New Orleans Division on March 27, 1953, which contained a four page memorandum entitled "UPWA Not to Play Dead for Undertaker EISENHOWER", dated March 23, 1953. This memorandum was directed to field representatives and district directors from RICHARD DURHAM. It was captioned "Staff School Recommendations". Some of the recommendations are as follows:

1. That the UPWA Executive Board go on record to stop the war in Korea by exchanging prisoners in accordance with the Geneva Agreement.

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2. That it should be the policy of the UPWA to support every member in his right to invoke the 5th Amendment when called before the House Un-American Activities Committee, or any grant jury attacking his civil rights.

3. That UPWA Anti-Discrimination be administered and enforced without reservation.

A clipping from "The Champion", April, 1953, page 7, column 1, captioned "New Coordinator Program Set Up," is quoted in part as follows: "A new method of operation has been adopted by the International Executive Board of UPWA. It is the coordinator program designed to take the resolutions and policies of our union off of paper and get them into dynamic action.

"Under the joint supervision of Vice-President RUSSELL R. LASLEY and A. T. STEPHENS the coordinator program is headed by well known Chicago writer RICHARD DURHAM who has proved his trade union ability under fire in numerous UPWA battles across the country."

[T-35, of known reliability]

This informant advised on January 13, 1954, that the "Packing-house Worker" of December, 1953, on the back page thereof, contained subject data together with the information as to the department in which each officer or employee worked. He stated that RICHARD DURHAM and MARTHA HOLMGREN worked in the Program Department, International Office, DURHAM being head of that department.

(U) [T-36,] * a Government agency which
conducts personnel and intelligence investigations

This informant furnished information on February 12, 1952, that RICHARD DURHAM, who was described as a journalist and script writer, was among the individuals taking part in a panel discussion of "Negro on Stage, Screen, Radio and Television", held at the Hall Branch Library on February 6, 1952.

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IV. DESCRIPTION

(U) The following is a description of the subject as obtained from the records [of T-2,] and records of the Hinds County Bureau of Vital Statistics; [T-4, and T-5, supra:]

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| Name | ISADORE RICHARD DURHAM |
| Alias | Richard Isadore Durham |
| Birth Data | September 11, 1917, at Bolton, Hinds County, Mississippi |
| Sex | Male |
| Race | Negro |
| Residence | 6059 Harper Avenue, Chicago |
| Former Residence | 6204 South Parkway, Chicago |
| Height | 5'8" |
| Weight | 168 pounds |
| Build | Stocky |
| Hair | Black |
| Eyes | Brown |
| Scars and Marks | None known |
| Occupation | Radio and script writer |
| Marital Status | Married |
| Relatives | Father, CURTIS DURHAM; Mother, CHANIE DURHAM; Wife, CLARICE DURHAM; Brothers, CLADWELL DURHAM, age 19, EARL DURHAM, age 17, CURTIS DURHAM, JR.; Sisters, CLOTILDE, age 25, CLAUDIA MARIE DURHAM, WINIFRED DURHAM HOLLAND |

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| T-2 Confidential Source [Redacted] | Background | 12/1/49 | WELFORD E. GARNER | 100-18662-9 p3 |
| [Redacted] | Background | 6/11/51 | CHARLES SETAR | 100-18662-31 |
| [Redacted] | Background | 12/14/51 | CHARLES SETAR | 100-18662-37 |
| [Redacted] | Background | 10/4/51 | ROBERT J. WILSON | 100-18662-36 p4 |
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| T-5 Selective Service Records as furnished by ALBERT RHYDE, Chief Clerk, Selective Service, 523 S. Plymouth Ct., Chgo, Ill. | Background | 4/28/50 | CHARLES BOLZ | 100-18662-20 p2 |
| T-6 [Redacted] | 1947-1948 | 2/23/50 | MARK J. LAWLESS (orally) | NY 100-197740 |
| T-7 [Redacted] (requested) | 1947-1948 | 2/23/50 | MARK J. LAWLESS | NY 100-197740 |
| T-8 [Redacted] | 1949 | 7/16/51 | ROBERT J. WILSON | [Redacted] |
| | 1943-1949 | 9/22/51 | ROBERT J. WILSON | [Redacted] |
| | Informant Check | 4/30/54 | WILLIAM F. THOMPSON (orally) | 100-18662-69 |
| | 1952 | 3/6/53 | E. H. MC GRAIL | 100-20627-1B3(37) |

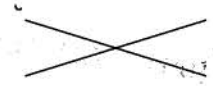
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| T-8, Continued | Characterization of DuBois Theatre Group | 7/16/51 | ROBERT J. WILSON | |
| | 1946-1949 | 7/16/51 | ROBERT J. WILSON | A)66-2612-1B(31) |
| | 3/23/52 | 3/26/52 | E. H. MC GRAIL | A)66-2612-1B(46) |
| (U) T-9 [Redacted] | 1/6/54 | 1/6/54 | GROVER C. THOMPSON | 100-8009-3088 p86 b7D |
| (S) T-10 [Redacted] (deceased) | 3/23/47 | 4/14/47 | JOHN J. JARMUL | 66-2029-174 |
| | 4/20/47 | 5/20/47 | JOHN J. JARMUL | 66-2029-180 |
| | 4/23/47 | Unknown | Unknown | Unable to locate |
| | 1/25/48 | 2/13/48 | JOHN J. JARMUL | 66-2029-232 |
| | 2/26/48 | 3/4/48 | JOHN J. JARMUL | 66-2029-236 |
| | 1947 | 8/11/47 | JOHN J. JARMUL | 100-18662-20 p4 |

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| T-13 [redacted] | Characterization of GIL GREEN | 1945 | JOHN F. GLENNVILLE | b7D |
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| T-14 [redacted] | Characterization of FRED FINE | 4/23/49 | JOHN F. GLENNVILLE | |
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| T-15 [redacted] | Characterization of WILLIAM L. PATTERSON | 8/25/45 | Unknown | |
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| T-18 [redacted] | Current Informant Check | 5/10/54 | MICHAEL R. CARRANO | 100-18662-67 |
| | Characterization of Chicago and Cook County Citizens Committee | 3/7/52 | CHARLES ELOZ | |
| | 1951 | 11/20/51 | CHARLES BOLZ | 100-24789-1A |
| | Characterization of "Chicago Star" | 3/1/49 | HERBERT C. POHLMAN | |

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Characterization of CARL HIRSCH

5/12/52

CHARLES BOLZ

1/19/52

1/27/52

CHARLES BOLZ

Characterization of Progressive Party

2/6/51

M. E. GOHLON



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RUSSELL L. DAGLEY (orally)

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Current Informant Check

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GENE E. ARNOLD (orally)

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GEORGE EDWIN JONES (orally)

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JOHN J. MC GUIRE

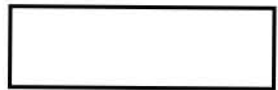
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March, 1953

3/27/53

JOHN H. DONEY



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TIMOTHY L. DONOVAN

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Summer, 1953

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LOUIS K. DE GUES



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| <u>T-26</u> [redacted] | Characterization of CCASP | 3/6/52 | | |
| | 1951-1952 | 5/9/52 | J. J. DALY | 100-20627-1B4(61) |
| <u>T-27</u> Anonymous Source | | | | |
| <u>T-28</u> Anonymous Source | | | | |
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| <u>T-31</u> [redacted] | 1952 | 12/4/52 | J. E. GIELER, AND SE B. E. WEBB | 100-18662-1A3 |
| | March, 1945, to September, 1951 | 7/23/51 | H. P. LARSON and SE A. E. FALLER | 100-17728-1B2 (25) p4 |
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| <u>T-34</u> ROBERT STARNES, Regional Director - CIO, 544 Camp St., New Orleans, La. (deemed advisable) | 3/23/53 | 3/27/53 | Unknown | 100-8009-2781 |
| <u>T-35</u> [REDACTED] | December, 1953 | 1/13/54 | GROVER C. THOMPSON and WILLIAM V. WIXTED | 100-8009-3088-p86 b7D |
| <u>T-36</u> G-2, Chicago, Ill. | 2/6/52 | 2/12/52 | E. A. FLINT | 100-11506-487-p21 |

REFERENCES

Report of SA WELFORD E. GARNER dated 2/14/50 at Chicago.
Report of SA PAUL G. TAYLOR dated 4/5/50, at New Orleans.
Report of SA MARK J. LAWLESS dated 4/5/50 at New York.
Report of SA CHARLES BOLZ dated 6/6/50 at Chicago.
Report of SA THOMAS J. DONOVAN dated 4/30/53 at Chicago.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-367649)

DATE: June 21, 1954

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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18662)

Card U.T.D.

SUBJECT: ISADORE RICHARD DURHAM, wa.
Richard Isadore Durham
SECURITY MATTER - C
O.O. - Chicago

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

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NAME ISADORE RICHARD DURHAM

ALIASES ⁰¹ Richard Isadore Durham

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COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____ RACE _____ SEX _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) United

Packinghouse Workers of America - CIO, Publicity and Education Department,

608 South Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois

KEY FACILITY DATA:

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER _____ RESPONSIBILITY _____

INTERESTED AGENCIES _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 6059 Harper, Chicago, Illinois

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DATE JUN 23 1954

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Richard

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Heidelberg, Germany

VIA ARMY COURIER

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Date: 3/16/55
To: Director, FBI
From: Liaison Representative, Heidelberg (100- 253)
Subject: RICHARD DURHAM
UNITED PACKINGHOUSE WORKERS OF AMERICA
508 South Dearborn St.
Chicago, Ill.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Attached is (are) 2 photostatic copy (ies) of 1 letter(s) dated 2/7/55 from the subject, a USA resident, to the following addressee in the German Democratic Republic (Soviet Zone of Germany, including the Soviet Sector of Berlin). This material was made available to me through G-2, Headquarters, US Army Europe. It was obtained by 66th CIC Group, Region VIII, Berlin, Germany, through technical coverage and the information should be used in a manner which would adequately protect the identity and nature of this source.

Women's International Democratic Federation
(International Demokratische Frauenfoederation)
Unter den Linden 13
Berlin W 8, Germany

Mr. John Peet and/or Democratic German Report
Friedrichstrasse 167/111
Berlin W 8 Germany

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UNITED PACKINGHOUSE WORKERS OF AMERICA
AFFILIATED WITH CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS

February 7, 1955

1800 TRANSPORTATION BLDG
608 SOUTH DEARBORN STREET
CHICAGO 5, ILLINOIS
TELEPHONE WE 5118 9 5343

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION
13 Unter den Linden
Berlin W.8, Germany

Madames:

We have just received sample copies of some of your publications, with which we are extremely impressed.

We would like to request several copies of the pamphlet, "Rights of Women - Defence of Children - Peace", and one copy each of all your publications now available.

We would appreciate your placing us on a mailing list to receive all future publications, and if there is a charge for these services it will be promptly remitted.

Fraternally,

Richard Durham
Richard Durham
National Program Coordinator

RD:mh

P.S. Please forward the materials to the following address:

Richard Durham, National Program Coordinator
UPWA-CIO
Room 1800 - 608 South Dearborn Street
Chicago 5, Illinois

After five days return to

UNITED PACKINGHOUSE WORKERS OF AMERICA, CIO
1800 TRANSPORTATION BUILDING - 608 SOUTH DEARBORN STREET
CHICAGO 5, ILLINOIS

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WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION
13 UNTER DEN LINDEN
BERLIN W. 8
GERMANY

VIA AIR MAIL

VIA AIR MAIL

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-367649)

DATE: November 29, 1956

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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-13662)

SUBJECT: Isidore Michael Mann, wa.
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OO: CHICAGO

OK for detcom
12/13/56
J.P.D.
DEC 13 1956

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

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NAME _____

ALIASES _____

NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

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DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

United Packinghouse Workers of America, IL-CIO, 408 South Dearborn Street,
Chicago, Illinois. (Program Department Director, National Program Coordinator)

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A.E. Leonard

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1-Chicago

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-367649)

DATE: July 1, 1955

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18662)

SUBJECT: ISADORE RICHARD DURHAM, wa.
SM - C
O.O. Chicago

*File to record
Re: Durham
No Durham file
9/25/55
7/25/55*

Reference

SAC letter 55-30 dated 4/12/55 captioned "Security Index".

Succinct Resume of Case

The following information was reported by informants who have furnished reliable information in the past, unless otherwise indicated:

Subject is Educational and Publicity Director, NPWA ~~Chicago~~ District #1, CIO, 608 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, and resides at 6059 South Harper Avenue, Chicago.

Subject a member of the Communist Party and Communist Political Association 1943-51; subject attended meetings of South Side Section, CP, 1947-49; a self admitted member of CP advised that Marxist Study Circle meetings were held in subject's residence in 1948; in 1951 subject was leader of Communist cell, referred to as "cultural Club" or "Artists Group"; subject reportedly followed CP line in 1954; subject wrote for "Chicago Star" in 1946; was active in Dubois Theater group, 1946-49; was in charge of publicity for Chicago and Cook County Citizens Committee in 1951; was member International Workers Order, 1945-51; subscribed to "The Worker" and "Daily Worker", 1952; was member of "March of Labor" Feature Committee, 1952; was contacted to draw up material for political act in 20th ward of Progressive Party in March 1952; attended Civil Rights Congress convention in 1952; was on the mailing list of Chicago Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions, 1952 and 1953; was on mailing list of "California Quarterly", 1953. X

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Since the last report in this case it has been reported that subject attended CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT Rally, October

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DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: ISADORE RICHARD DURHAM, wa.
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(U) 1954; attended PAUL ROBESON concert, October 1954; attended "Worker" meeting February 1955; sent letter to Women's International Democratic Federation, Berlin W8, Germany, on February 7, 1955; at a District Board meeting of CP held in May 1955 members of the Board were discussing CP people active in the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, and GERALDYNE LIGHTFOOT, who was in attendance at the meeting, criticized the work of the subject in the NAACP as being too far to the left. X

Recommendation *Jay*

Retain on Security Index.

Subject referred to as one of CP people in NAACP at a discussion which took place at a District Board meeting of the CP in May 1955, and, therefore, it is recommended by the Chicago office that subject be retained on the Security Index.

Detcom Tabbing

Subject not presently tabbed Detcom and does not meet new criteria for tabbing set forth in SAC letter 55-12(a).

FBI File and Serial No. 100-367649

To: FBI Headquarters
 FBI Field Division, _____

From: DISHQ, Washington, D. C.

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concerning (title - not necessary if file number is shown) _____

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| REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO | DATE WHEN MADE 12/30/55 | REPORT MADE BY REDACTED | ESL IPS |
| TITLE ISADORE RICHA DURHAM, wa. | | CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C | |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject resides at 2009 South Park, Chicago, Illinois and is employed by UFWA, CIO, in the Publicity Department, 200 South Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois. Subject was active in the LIGHTWOOD Rally, 11/25/55. [redacted] corresponded with the "New York Journal-American", Berlin, Germany, 2-55. [redacted] current information relating to [redacted] | | | |
| DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS | | AGENCY <u>PHB</u> REQ. REC'D _____ DATE REC'D _____ HOW TRAV. _____ BY _____ | |
| Residence: 2009 South Park, Chicago, Ill. BY: [redacted] | | RECALLED BY: [redacted] RECALLED DATE: 6-19-59 | |
| [redacted] advised SA LEON E. SAHE in Chicago, Ill. [redacted] continues to reside at [redacted] | | | |
| Employment: [redacted] employed at the Publicity Department, UFWA, Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] | | | |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE | 10-1 367649 17 DEAFD 26 [redacted] | |
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II. MISCELLANEOUS

Civil Rights Congress (CRC)

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 6, 1954, that DOANEN was in attendance at the CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT Rally, held Sunday, October 3, 1954, at 53rd and South Parkway, Chicago. PAUL ROBESON, and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT were featured speakers at the Rally. The Rally was sponsored by the CRC of Illinois.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT was tried in Federal District Court in Chicago, Illinois, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. On January 26, 1955, he was found guilty, and on February 14, 1955, was sentenced to the custody of the Attorney General of the United States for a period of five years, and fined \$5,000.00.

The July 15, 1949 edition of the "Washington Times Herald", Washington, D.C., newspaper, carried an article entitled "Troopers Told Robeson is Veteran Red". This article reflects that MANNING JOHNSON, an ex-CP leader told a Committee of Congress on July 14, 1949, that PAUL ROBESON has been a member of the CP for many years. JOHNSON said that he has met ROBESON frequently at the CP Headquarters in New York City. Other names mentioned were EARL BROWDER, WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, JACK STANTON, and others, all leading Communists.

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

"Daily Worker"

The "Daily Worker" is an E-CP Party newspaper.

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(U) T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 7, 1955, that RICHARD DURHAM attended a "Worker" meeting held at the Sutherland Hotel, 47th Street and Drexel Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, on February 4, 1955. JOHN PITTMAN, Foreign Editor of the "Daily Worker" and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, convicted Smith Act subject, spoke at the meeting. X

(U) International Democratic Women's Federation (IDWF)

[T-4, a confidential source abroad, advised on March 16, 1955, that RICHARD DURHAM, United Packinghouse Workers of America, corresponded with the Women's International Democratic Federation, Berlin, W8, Germany, February, 1955.] X

1. Cited as a "Red-International" organization formed in 1945, in Paris, at an International Congress of Women "at the call of International Communist Forces". Mme. EUGENIE COTTON and Mme. MARIE-CLAUDE VAILLANT-COUTURIER, Communist members of the French House of Deputies were co-charimen of the Paris Congress. The American affiliate is known as the Congress of American Women (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, pages 228-232).

2. Cited as a Communist front "which was founded and supported at all times by the International Communist Movement". Also cited as an "organization which frankly stated that it intended to follow the lead of the Soviet Union, 'the only country truly working for peace', and which joined in issuing the call for the World Peace Congress, held in Paris in April, 1949". (Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Report on the Congress of American Women, House Report, Number 1951, April 26, 1950 (originally released October 21, 1949); and House Report Number 378, on the Communist Peace Offensive, April 25, 1951, (original date, April 1, 1951), page 21)

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The Congress of American Women has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)

(U) T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 13, 1955, that GERALDYNE LIGHTFOOT criticized the work of DICK DURHAM in the NAACP as being too far to the left. X

(U) T-5 advised on November 8, 1954, that GERALDYNE LIGHTFOOT is a member of the Cadre and Education Commission of the Illinois - Indiana District of the Communist Party - USA. X

The Communist Party - USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Informant Contacts

[T-3, T-6, and T-7, all who have furnished reliable information in the past,] advised that they know of no current Communist activities on the part of the subject.

(U) [T-3, contacted December 8, 1955.
T-6, contacted December 6, 1955.
T-7, contacted November 30, 1955.] X

(U) [T-8,] an agency which conducts security investigations in the Chicago area, advised on November 17, 1955, that they know of no current Communist activities on the part of the subject.

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The subject is on the Security Index of the Chicago Office. His Security Index Card has been reviewed and is current and correct.

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| T-1 [redacted] | Employment | 2/2/55 | GROVER C. THOMPSON | Instant report |
| T-2 Former PSI [redacted] | GLAUDE LIGHTFOOT rally | 10/6/54 | FRANCIS P. COFFEY | [redacted] |
| T-3 [redacted] | "Worker" meeting 2/4/55 | 2/7/55 | EARL R. STARBUCK | [redacted] |
| | Current informant check | 2/8/55 | JOSEPH C. STANLEY (orally) | Ins. report |
| T-4 G-2 U. S. Army Europe | Correspondence with WTDF 2/55 | 3/16/55 | Dalson Rep. Heidelberg | 100-18662-1A |

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| T-5 [redacted] | NAACP | 5/13/55 | JOHN E. KEATING | [redacted] |
| T-6 [redacted] | Char. GERALDYNE LIGHTFOOT Current informant check | 11/8/54 12/6/55 | JOHN J. FOARDE (orally) | Ins. report |
| T-7 [redacted] | Current informant check | 11/30/55 | GROVER C. THOMPSON (orally) | Ins. report |
| T-8 Security Unit Chicago PD | Current informant check | 11/17/55 | SE HUGH M. BARNHARDT | Ins. report |

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REFERENCE

Chicago summary report of SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER dated June 21, 1954.

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| TITLE OF CASE ISADORE RICHARD DURHAM, wa. | | REPORT MADE BY JAMES E. CALLAHAN, JR. | TYPED BY RBC |
| | | CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY-C | |

SYNOPSIS:

DURHAM resides at 6059 S. Harper Ave., Chicago, Ill., and is employed as Program Department Director at UPWA, AFL-CIO, 608 S. Dearborn St., Chicago. [DURHAM has attended numerous high-level conferences of the Illinois-Indiana District, Communist Party (CP) in 1955 and 1956. DURHAM has assumed the position of Organizational Secretary of the Packing Division of the Illinois-Indiana District, CP, in 1956. Subject sent "Best Wishes" to Communist Political Association in 1944. DURHAM'S name was in possession of the "New World Review" as of 1/3/55.]

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DETAILS:

All sources utilized in this report have furnished reliable information in the past unless otherwise stated.

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The following organizations, mentioned in this report, have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Communist Party, USA (CP)

Communist Political Association (CPA)

(U) I. BACKGROUND

Residence

On November 28, 1956, Mrs. WALTER GAULIAN, 6063 South Harper Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA JAMES E. CALLAHAN, JR., that DURHAM resides at 6059 South Harper Avenue, Chicago.

Employment

(U) [On September 18, 1956, T-1 advised] that RICHARD DURHAM is Program Department Director (National Program Coordinator) of the United Packinghouse Workers of America (UPWA), AFL-CIO, 608 South Dearborn Street, Chicago.

(U) [On November 28, 1956, T-2 advised] that DURHAM continues his employment at UPWA, AFL-CIO.

Criminal

On November 30, 1956, Officer DAVID MULCHRONE checked the files of the Chicago Police Department, Bureau of Records and Communications, and advised SA JAMES E. CALLAHAN, JR., that there was no record identifiable with the subject.

II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE CP

(U) In February, 1955, a high-level meeting of the Illinois-Indiana District, CP, was held in Chicago, during which negotiations in the packing unions were discussed. The Communists are worried about what they call left-sectarian errors, that is, the fact that some Negroes are overestimating the strength of the Negro in the UPWA-CIO and this strength will be considerably lessened in the (X)

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event of a merger. Among those desiring to fight for full citizenship of the "left" in the merged union is DICK DURHAM. X

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[(T-3 - 3/3/55)] X

During July, 1955, the national CP faction in packing met in Chicago. Among those in attendance was DICK DURHAM. It was learned that the CP leaders in packing led by DURHAM and SAM PARKS were out to "get" JESSE PROSTEN, who is accused of white chauvinism and social democratic tendencies. X

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[(T-3 - 7/15/55)] X

During September, 1955, a meeting was held and attended by some of the Illinois-Indiana District, CP, leadership, including DICK DURHAM, in an attempt to resolve the differences between DURHAM and JESSE PROSTEN. No settlement was reached and another meeting would be required for this purpose. X

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[(T-3 - 9/12/55)] X

In October, 1955, a high-level meeting of the Illinois-Indiana District, CP, was held in Chicago. Among those present by invitation was RICHARD DURHAM. At this meeting, the sole topic of discussion was the packing industry and DURHAM fell in line with Party policy as regards this industry. X

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[(T-3 - 11/9/55)] X

During November, 1955, a meeting was held and attended by some of the Illinois-Indiana District, CP, leadership. Also in attendance were JESSE PROSTEN and DICK DURHAM. The purpose of this meeting was to attempt to settle the differences which exist between PROSTEN and DURHAM. PROSTEN and DURHAM were calling each other liars and another meeting would be required to resolve this problem. X

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[(T-3 - 11/3/55)] X

A high-level conference of the Illinois-Indiana District, CP, was held in November, 1955, in Chicago. It X

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was learned at this meeting, that the fight between JESSE PROSTEN and DURHAM was evaluated and it was decided that DURHAM was justified in his fight against PROSTEN. It was pointed out that the white Communists, just as the white officials in UPWA - CIO, have overestimated the Negroes in their alliance. It was also pointed out that of the ten departments in UPWA - CIO, only one is headed by a Negro and DURHAM is afraid that if this situation is not exposed, he will lose his position after the CIO-AFL merger. X

(U) [(T-3 - 11/28/55)] X

(U) RICHARD DURHAM, a leading CP member in the packing industry in Chicago, was scheduled to be in New York in early December, 1955, for a conference with HAL SIMON, National Labor Secretary of the CP. X

(U) [(T-3 - 11/29/55)] X

(U) In December, 1955, a high-level meeting of the Illinois-Indiana District of the CP was held in the Chicago area. The chief point of discussion was the proposed amalgamation of UPWA - CIO with the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America (AMCBWNA) - AFL. It was reported at this meeting that CHARLES HAYES and DICK DURHAM, who are considered the key Party people in UPWA - CIO, have spearheaded negotiations within UPWA for positions in the merged union. X

(U) [(T-3 - 12/23/55)] X

(U) In January, 1956, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT had spent the better part of a day with SAM PARKS and DICK DURHAM, who raised several complaints about the methods of work of SAM KUSHNER, who is in charge of trade-union activities in the Illinois-Indiana District, CP. X

(U) [(T-3 - 1/12/56)] X

(U) It is to be noted that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT is the Chairman of the Illinois-Indiana District of the CP, convicted in U.S. District Court, Chicago, under the membership clause of the Smith Act of 1940. X

(U) In June, 1956, a meeting of the National Packing Commission of the CP met in Chicago. This meeting was called to review the work of the CP in the Packinghouse Workers Union in preparation for its merger of the AMCEWNA - AFL. Among those in attendance at this meeting was DICK DURHAM. For sometime there have been sharp differences between JESSE PROSTEN and DICK DURHAM, who has been charged by the Party with being too sectarian and sometimes leaning in the direction of Negro nationalism. Both PROSTEN and DURHAM admitted mistakes and agreed that they must work together. X

(U) [T-3 - 6/14/56] X

(U) A high-level meeting of the Illinois-Indiana District, CP, was held in July, 1956, in Chicago. In addition to members of the District Board, there were several invited guests, among whom was RICHARD DURHAM. DURHAM was invited because the merger of the AFL-CIO Unions in the packing industry was a topic on the agenda. X

(U) [T-3 - 7/14/56] X

(U) In October, 1956, it was learned that SAM PARKS and LOU DISKIN, Chairman and Organizational Secretary of the Packing Division, Illinois-Indiana District, CP, have been removed and replaced by WARDELL HAYWOOD and DICK DURHAM, respectively. This is believed to be a very deliberate and conscious move. HAYWOOD and DURHAM want to guarantee their positions in the union and utilize the Party for their own benefit inside the union. X

(U) [T-3 - 10/20/56] X

II. MISCELLANEOUS

Communist Political Association (CPA)

In 1944 a souvenir program was issued concerning a benefit recital sponsored by the South Side Council of the CPA held on December 10, 1944, at the Metropolitan Community Church, 4100 South Parkway, Chicago. This program contained a section expressing "good wishes" from a group of "Chicago Defender" employees. Among these employees was RICHARD DURHAM. The "Chicago Defender" was at that time a Negro weekly newspaper.

(U) [T-4, of unknown reliability but who is in a position to furnish this pamphlet - 3/15/55] X

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"New World Review"

This publication has been cited as a Communist-front publication by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Report Number 1953, dated April 26, 1950, page 108.

(U) The name of RICHARD DURHAM, 6204 South Parkway, Apartment 21, Chicago 11, Illinois, was in the possession of the "New World Review" as of January 3, 1955. ~~X~~

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

DURHAM's Security Index card has been reviewed and is correct and up to date.

DURHAM's file has been reviewed and he meets the criteria for the Security Index.

Inasmuch as DURHAM has recently assumed the position of Organizational Secretary of the Packing Division of the Illinois-Indiana District, CP, and since he has been reported to be an intense Negro nationalist with great dislike for whites in general, it is felt that any attempt to interview him at this time would serve no useful purpose. It is also felt that due to his union position, his background as a journalist, and his access to "The Packinghouse Worker," a national trade publication, such an interview might result in embarrassment to the Bureau. X

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| T-1 [redacted] | ✓ | 100-18662-117 |
| T-2 [redacted] | ✓ | Instant report |
| T-3 [redacted] | CP meeting 2/55 | 100-18662-85 |
| | CP meeting 7/55 | " -98 |
| | CP meeting 9/55 | " -101 |

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CP meeting ✓ " -104
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CP meeting ✓ " -106
11/55

Leading CP member ✓ " -107
in Packing

12/55 ✓ " -109

LIGHTFOOT-DURHAM ✓ " -110
meeting

CP meeting ✓ " -115
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CP meeting ✓ " -115
7/56

DURHAM as Org. ✓ " -119
Sec. Packing Div.

CPA program ✓ 100-3293-1B2(90)p.13

Made in possession ✓ 100-18772
of "New World Review"

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Will follow subject's activities and report periodically.

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Report of SA LEON B. LAKE dated 12/30/55 at Chicago.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-367649)

DATE: December 13, 1956

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18662)

SUBJECT: ISADORE RICHARD DURHAM, wa.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
OO: Chicago

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Enclosed herewith are four copies of the report of SA JAMES E. CALLAHAN, Jr., dated and captioned as above.

Inasmuch as [redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported on October 20, 1956 that the above-captioned subject has become Organizational Secretary of the Packing Division of the Illinois-Indiana District, Communist Party, DURHAM is being made a key figure of this office. (X)

In accordance with Bureau instructions, a photograph of the subject is enclosed herewith. Attempts are currently being made to obtain handwriting specimens of the subject and these specimens will be forwarded to the Bureau at the earliest opportunity. His name is being added to the Key Figure List maintained by the Chicago Division.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-367649)

DATE: February 5, 1957

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18662)

ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

SUBJECT: ISADORE RICHARD DURHAM, wa.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re Chicago letter and report of SA JAMES M. CALLAHAN, JR., dated December 12, 1956, at Chicago.

ISADORE RICHARD DURHAM is being made a key figure of the Chicago Office.

Enclosed herewith are photographs of the handwriting of DURHAM itemized as follows:

- 100-18662-1A6 - Signature as found on voting registration card, 1939.
- 100-18662-1A7 - Signature as found on application for ballot, November 6, 1956.
- 100-18662-1B2 - Handwriting and signatures as found on application for loan at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, 1940.

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NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
DIVISION OF STUDENT FINANCE

LOAN APPLICATION

Date of application 19 40

Name: Desham Leadore Richard
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Amount of loan requested \$ 21.50 to be used for the payment
of tuition for the Full Semester of the school year 1940-41
(Tuition, rent, other expenses)

at which time I shall be registered in the School of Commerce

I expect to repay this loan January 1, 1941 (Give expected date of repayment)

NOTICE

Please read the information on the back of this Loan Application blank very carefully. The two sponsor sheets which are included with this application blank must be signed and delivered to the Director of Student Finance when the loan application is filed for consideration.

| | |
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| Date of admission to N. U.: | <u>Summer, 1939</u> |
| Class: | Class Year: |
| School Address: | <u>Chicago Ave and Lake Shore</u> |
| School Tel. No.: | |
| Home Address: | <u>419 E. 48th Place</u> |
| Name and Address of Parent or Guardian: | |
| | <u>Curtis George Desham</u> |
| | <u>419 E 48th Place</u> |
| | <u>City</u> |

(Please do not write below this line)

Rating: P () () N () () A () () S () ()

Disposition: Granted - Short - Jan 15 - 1941

Amount: \$ 20.50 Date Granted: 12-14-40

Fund: Chicago Commerce Association Wm

Dept. No. 5.21 Budget No. → School No. Chi Com

J. W. MILLER
Director of Student Finance

This application will not be considered until all information is properly given. Please mark space with an X where inquiry does not apply. Write legibly in ink or use the typewriter.

- (1) Church Preference: Baptist (2) Are you a Member? yes
- (3) Race: Negro (4) Nationality: American (5) Date of birth: Sept. 6, 1917
- (6) Of what fraternal or secret order are you a member? X
- (7) Of what fraternal or secret order is your father a member? X
- (8) Your college fraternity or sorority: X (9) (Pledge ())
(Active ())
(Transfer ())
- (10) Are you married? no (11) Have you ever been married? no
- (12) How long do you plan to attend N. U.? until I receive degree in Journalism
- (13) Do you plan to transfer to another N. U. School? no (14) What school? X
- (15) In what field are you doing your major work? Journalism
- (16) What vocational plans have you? writing fiction for magazines
- (17) With what money are you interested? X (18) Amount: _____
- (19) Have you money or property of your own? X (20) A car? X
- (21) Father's occupation: mechanic (22) If deceased, give date: _____
- (23) Mother's occupation: housewife (24) If deceased, give date: _____
- (25) Ages of your brothers: 16, 19, 33 (26) Ages of your sisters: 24, 28, 31
- (27) State fully the financial condition of parent:
father is working, own home at 419 E 28th St.
is not "well off", but is able to meet his
obligations
- (28) What did you do last summer? (State fully) worked on Illinois
writers project. studied Radio writing techniques
in spare time, submitting scripts for broadcast.
- (29) What do you plan to do next summer? (State fully) attend summer
school at N. U. take up radio writing
- (30) What outside work do you do now? What kind of work, where, what hours? (Answer fully) _____
working on Illinois writers project. eight hours
daily, writing radio scripts for educational
broadcasts. Headquarters at 433 E Erie St.

STUDENT BUDGET

Carefully fill out your estimate of expenses and income for the semester indicated on the front cover of this application:

(31) Expenditures:

| | |
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| Tuition and fees | \$ 41 |
| Books and supplies | 12 |
| Board | 75 |
| Room | 75 |
| Clothing and laundry | 45 |
| Recreation | 35 |
| Church expense | 5 |
| Incidentals | 50 |
| Total Expenditures | \$ 398 |

(32) Income:

| | |
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| Money now on hand | \$ 7 |
| Money from parents or friends | x |
| Loans from parents or friends | 7 |
| Earnings | 576 |
| Scholarships and rebates | x |
| Income from estate or investments | x |
| Other borrowings | x |
| Amount of loan now asked for | 21.50 |
| Total Income | \$ 997.50 |

(33) If these columns do not balance, from what sources do you expect to secure additional funds?

Give the following information regarding your present financial obligations and indebtedness:

(34) Loans from this university . . . x Repaid \$. . . x Unpaid \$

Amounts & Due Dates of Loans From Northwestern University:

| | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Amount: \$ | Due: 19 | Amount: \$ | Due: 19 |
| (or year after leaving Northwestern) | | (or year after leaving Northwestern) | |
| Amount: \$ | Due: 19 | Amount: \$ | Due: 19 |
| (or year after leaving Northwestern) | | (or year after leaving Northwestern) | |

(35) Loans from the Methodist Episcopal Church . . . x Repaid \$ Unpaid \$

(36) Loans from other sources x Repaid \$ Unpaid \$

(37) Other Indebtedness x

(38) What rebates, scholarships and aids (excepting loans) with amounts have you had? . . . x

(39) Are other persons dependent upon you for their support while you are in the university? . . . no

Please give particulars:

(40) Name and address of person upon whom you most depend for financial aid while in college, if other than your parent or guardian: . . . Isadore Richard Durham 719 E 48th St

The two signed sponsor sheets must be delivered to the Division of Student Finance when the loan application is filed. After the student has filled out the Loan Application Blank, and has secured the signatures of his two sponsors, the blanks should be left with the Division of Student Finance. These two before the billings bill upon which the loan is to apply because the student returns to the Division of Student Finance. At this time the notes covering the terms of the loan which has been granted, are signed. The three copies of the University bill upon which the loan is to apply, the signed note, and any necessary cash for the balance due on this bill, are then deposited with the Cashier's office.

Northwestern University is anxious to extend all possible assistance to deserving young people who must help support themselves while in college. However, the student loan funds are limited and must be stretched so as to make a college education possible to the greatest number of worthy students who are in financial straits. Students making loans assume serious obligations which they must be fully prepared to meet. It should be understood that unless funds are repaid promptly and at the time agreed upon, the student loan funds will be decreased and future students equally in need cannot be accommodated.

The staff of the Division of Student Finance will be happy to answer any further questions you may have concerning the Student Loan Funds.

In making this application I fully realize my responsibility to repay this loan in accordance with the conditions on the note which I am to sign.

Leander Richard Durham
Signature of Applicant

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-367649)

DATE: 4/23/57

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18662)

SUBJECT: ISADORE RICHARD DURHAM, Was.
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O.C. - CHICAGO

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DATE 11-23-85 BY SP10/ML/PAIS

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NAME _____

ALIASES _____

NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____ RACE _____ SEX _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

Unemployed

KEY FACILITY DATA:

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER _____ RESPONSIBILITY _____

INTERESTED AGENCIES _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____

- ② - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Chicago
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A. F. Leonard

Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-367649)

DATE: June 21, 1957

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18662)

DECLASSIFIED BY [redacted] ON 06-08-2009

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SUBJECT: ISADORE RICHARD DURHAM, was. IS-C

C.O. Chicago

For the Bureau's information and in connection with the FD-122 submitted on April 23, 1957, reflecting that captioned individual was unemployed, DURHAM was more or less forced to resign by United Packinghouse Workers of America (UPWA) officials and, according to information received from [redacted] his job and the department he headed in the UPWA's International Office, have been eliminated. Said Confidential Source stated DURHAM had incurred the displeasure of ANTHONY T. STEPHENS, UPWA International Vice-President and Director of Organization, by his efforts to build a personal following among Negro UPWA personnel and members. Other informants have advised that DURHAM had been using the Negro question for his personal advantage.

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Numerous informants and sources have been alerted to advise of any new employment on the part of the subject but no information indicating he has a new job has been forthcoming.

[redacted] and [redacted] have reported that DURHAM recently received \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00 in settlement of his suit for \$100,000.00 filed against one of the major broadcasting companies for the unauthorized use of some of his writings.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-347647)

DATE: August 1, 1957

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JK
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-10642)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 11-23-82 BY [redacted]

SUBJECT: EDWARD GEORGE BREWSTER, JR.
SI-2
CG: CHICAGO

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AUG 9 1957

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ALIASES _____

NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

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TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____ RACE _____ SEX _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

Free lance television writer from residence.

KEY FACILITY DATA:

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER _____ RESPONSIBILITY 100-347647

INTERESTED AGENCIES _____ NOT RECORDED
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RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____

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A.E. Leonard

FBI File and Serial No. 100

To: FBI Headquarters
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From: DISHQ, Washington, D. C.

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| REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO | OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHICAGO | DATE 8-7-57 | INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/11,16,19, 22,23/57 |
| TITLE OF CASE ISADORE RICHARD DURHAM, wa. | | REPORT MADE BY ROBERT VANDERHOVEN | TYPED BY NCS |
| (U) | | CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C <i>312</i> <i>Postal R. 8.14.57 M</i> | |

SYNOPSIS:

DURHAM is a free lance writer in the television industry and resides at 6059 South Harper Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. [Reliable informant advised subject was an invited guest at the Illinois-Indiana District Communist Party Board meeting 7/13/56, Chicago, and that during a conversation between leading CP members in 12/56 he was mentioned as being a member of the Packing Division, Illinois-Indiana District, CP. Reliable informant advised that in 4/57 some leading CP members favored removing DURHAM from the CP. Reliable informant advised that DURHAM was known to be a member of the Cultural Club, South Side Division, Illinois-Indiana District, CP, from 1948 to 1950.]

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 BY *[Signature]*
Re: Caldwell Durham
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CG 100-18662

DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

I. BACKGROUND

Employment

On July 16, 1957, Mrs. WALTER M. GAULIAN, 6063 South Harper Avenue, Chicago, advised that DURHAM is a free lance writer in the television industry.

RICHARD DURHAM was recently requested by officials of the United Packinghouse Workers of America, AFL-CIO (UPWA) to resign from his position with said organization to which he complied. DURHAM was charged by RUSSELL LASLEY, member of UPWA Board, (Vice-President) with attempting to take over LASLEY's job.

(U) [(T-1, 3/13/57)] X

Residence

On July 11, 1957, Mrs. WALTER M. GAULIAN advised that DURHAM resides at 6059 South-Harper Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

(U) II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)

DURHAM was known to be a member of the Cultural Club of the South Side Division, CP, from 1948 to 1950.

(U) [(T-2, 3/22/57)] X

DURHAM was an invited guest to the Illinois-Indiana District Communist Party Board meeting held July 13, 1956, in Chicago.

(U) [(T-1, 7/56)] X

(U) During a conversation between leading CP members in December, 1956, DURHAM was mentioned as being a member of the Packing Division, Illinois-Indiana District, CP.

(U) [(T-1, 12/56)] X

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(U) Recently, leading members of the Illinois-Indiana District CP considered ousting DURHAM from the CP due to disagreements between DURHAM and other CP members. ~~S~~

~~[(T-1, 3/57)]~~

(U) In April, 1957, some CP leaders favored removing DURHAM from the CP. ~~S~~

~~[(T-1, 4/57)]~~

(U) Confidential sources, who are familiar with certain phases of Communist Party activity in the Chicago area, could furnish no current CP information about DURHAM.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-367619)

DATE: August 7, 1957

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18662)

SUBJECT: ISAAC REED AND WIFE, wa.
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Enclosed are four copies of the report of SA ROBERT VANDERHOVEN dated and captioned as above at Chicago, together with four copies of a reliability memo.

ADMINISTRATIVE

DUBHAI's file has been reviewed, and he is being retained on the Security Index inasmuch as information developed against him meets the criteria of SAC letter 55-30 dated April 12, 1955.

FD-122 is being submitted reflecting DUBHAI's new employment, making his SI card current and accurate.

A suitable photograph of the subject is available in the Chicago Office.

It had been reliably reported in the recent past that DUBHAI's difficulties in the CP have derived from his anti-white policy, and that subject was closely allied with ~~WALTER WOOD~~, Chairman of the Foster Division, Illinois-Indiana District CP, who was reliably reported to be a Negro supremacist and anti-FBI.

Until it is definitely determined in the near future that DUBHAI's party position will be, he will not be interviewed.

The enclosed report has been classified confidential because it contains information of a security nature, unauthorized disclosure of which would jeopardize the internal security of the United States. This consideration has been given to each source concealed, and the whole was classified in this report only in those instances where the identities of the source must be concealed.

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| 7-1 [Redacted] | Background | 100-18662-137 |
| | Illinois-Indiana District Board meeting, 7/13/56 | -116 |
| | Member Packing Division 12/56 | -125 b7D |
| | CP membership information | -136 |
| | CP membership information | -147 |
| 7-2 [Redacted] | Member Cultural Club, South Side Division, CP, 1948-50 | -143 |

Negative Informant Contacts

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LEADS

THE CHICAGO DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will continue to follow and report activities of

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RICHARD DURHAM through appropriate confidential informants
and sources.

REFERENCE

Report of SA JAMES E. CALLAHAN dated 12/13/56 at Chicago.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Chicago, Illinois
August 7, 1957

INDUSTRIAL UNION STRIKE, wa.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference report of SA ROBERT WADSWORTH at
Chicago, Illinois, dated and captioned as above.

[T-1 and T-2 are sources who have furnished reliable
information in the past.] X

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BY [Signature]
W. J. Caldwell~~

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/15/57

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO

DECLASSIFICATION ON 12-1-92
BY SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: SAMUEL JOSEPH PARKS, JR.
IS - C
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BUREAU FILE 100-341654
CHICAGO FILE 100-17878

ISADORE RICHARD DURHAM, Wa.
IS - C
O.O. - CHICAGO
BUREAU FILE 100-367649
CHICAGO FILE 100-18662

OSCAR CICERO BROWN, JR.
IS - C
O.O. - CHICAGO
BUREAU FILE 100-380176
CHICAGO FILE 100-13086

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) [redacted]

~~CLASS. BY [redacted]~~
~~12-16-92~~

Re Chicago letter dated 8/9/55 to Kansas City,
Chicago letter dated 8/9/55 to Bureau and Kansas City letter
to Bureau dated 10/3/55 in the matter entitled [redacted]
[redacted] Confidential Source of
Information".

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- 8 - Bureau (RM)
 - (1 - 100-374467) (CS [redacted])
 - (1 - 100-35658) (COMINFIL, UPWA)
- 1 - Kansas City (100-10526) [redacted] (Info) (RM)
- 8 - Chicago
 - (1 - 100-21853) [redacted]
 - (1 - 100-8009) (COMINFIL, UPWA)
 - (1 - 100-22014) (CP, USA, Illinois District - Foster Division)
 - (1 - 100-23823) (FRED PINKARD)
 - (1 - 100-23639) (CLARICE DURHAM)

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[redacted] in his separate conversations with DURHAM and BROWN, obtained the following information from these two individuals:

DURHAM and BROWN, in performing their UPWA duties (National Program Co-Ordinator and District 1 Co-Ordinator, respectively), were intent on advancing the interest of the Negro people and assumed the CP would back them in their efforts to do so. BROWN wrote a paper in early 1957 on the race problem which CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and RAY TILLMAN (CP leaders in Chicago) did not like. In the meantime, DURHAM and BROWN had incurred the displeasure of ANTHONY STEPHENS (Director of Organization of the UPWA) and other UPWA officers by their activities on the racial problem and were forced to resign from the UPWA. The CP leadership at Chicago made no effort to intervene in their behalf. SAM PARKS' acceptance of money totalling over \$3,000 from a lawyer to whom he had referred UPWA members needing legal services became known and he was fired with the result that the Party had become unhappy with him.

DURHAM and BROWN hate RAY TILLMAN with a passion, consider CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT a "weakling" and CHARLES HAYES (UPWA District 1 Director) to be "stupid".

DURHAM (an excellent writer, according to [redacted] is no longer in the CP and is very bitter toward it because he is convinced the Party is out only to use the Negro people to its own advantage. He is likewise very disgusted with himself for not becoming aware of the real intention of the CP in this respect a long time ago. DURHAM has no steady job, but is doing a little free lance writing. Right after being forced out of the UPWA, he tried to obtain a writing job with some "left wing" group, but was turned down and is convinced the Party was in back of it. He is also afraid to seek a writing job with a "legitimate employer for fear the CP would anonymously advise such employer of his CP background." DURHAM and his wife own their home and are paying on it and are "hard put" on the financial side.

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[redacted] told DURHAM he should go to the FBI and tell what he knows. DURHAM's reply was to the effect that "how do you go about doing such a thing", after which he commented that the last thing he would want would be publicity of any type. DURHAM's wife has been contacted by the FBI (which is true) but was non-committal; however, she, too, is disillusioned but will follow her husband's lead in talking or not talking.

[redacted] stated he feels the Bureau should contact DURHAM but should use the right approach since DURHAM, in addition to being a sensitive man, is very upset over the entire situation and above all DURHAM should not be given the impression that the Bureau would want to "use him".

[redacted] OSCAR BROWN, JR. (a writer and a good one, according to [redacted] is likewise out of the CP, is bitter toward it and is convinced he was used by the Party to its own advantage. He, too, is disgusted with himself that he did not become cognizant of the Party's real intention a long time ago. BROWN's father is wealthy and OSCAR has no financial problems such as DURHAM has. BROWN is taking some courses at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, in the mornings. The FBI has contacted BROWN several times, but BROWN was not too receptive because he felt the Bureau wanted to "use him like the CP had done".

[redacted] stated BROWN is likewise sensitive and should be talked to accordingly in any future contact.

[redacted] stated that neither DURHAM nor BROWN made derogatory remarks about the FBI during his talks with them.

Regarding SAM PARKS, this individual likes to play the "big shot" and in his UPWA job considered he had really "arrived" and had become infallible. He, too, is out of the CP and is unhappy and somewhat bitter but is actually more "shocked and stunned" at the turn of events which have