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in the 1948 report Pages 224 and 225, is House Appendix Number 9, compiled by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives. There is no copy of this Appendix at the California Committee on Un-American Activities.

The Washington Field Office is requested to review the Appendix Number 9 at the House Committee to determine if the magazines "Negro Digest," "Our World," and "The Reporter" as set out in that Appendix are identical to the above described three magazines. The results of this investigation should be furnished to the Bureau.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: October 13, 1951

FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: "NEGRO DIGEST"; "OUR WORLD"  
"THE REPORTER" MAGAZINES  
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HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 6-18-80 BY SP-5 R/W/m

Re Los Angeles letter to Bureau dated October 2, 1951.

A review of House Appendix Number Nine at the House Committee on Un-American Activities fails to reflect any reference to captioned magazines.

However, a review of the Fifth Report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities, 1949, reflects the following information concerning "Negro Digest", "Our World" and "The Reporter".

Page 547 of the 1949 California Report reflects the following concerning "Negro Digest": "NEGRO DIGEST, published weekly in Chicago, Illinois, is published and edited by JOHN H. JOHNSON; contributing editors include HENRIETTA BUCKMASTER, LANGSTON HUGHES, CAREY McWILLIAMS and Mrs. PAUL ROBESON".

The September 1945 issue of NEGRO DIGEST, volume III, number 11, on file at the HCUA lists JOHN H. JOHNSON as publisher and managing editor and BEN BYRNS, associate editor. The magazine is published monthly at 5619 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Page 547 of the 1949 California Report reflects the following concerning OUR WORLD: "OUR WORLD is published monthly by JOHN P. DAVIS in New York; contributors are EDWARD S. LEWIS, ALPHAEUS HUNTON, YVONNE GODFREY and FRANK STANLEY".

Page 546 in the 1949 California Report reflects the following concerning THE REPORTER: "THE REPORTER is a bi-weekly publication, is published by the National Council of American Soviet Friendship, Inc., New York, New York. The editor is WILLIAM H. MELISH."

From a review of the above material it would appear that the NEGRO DIGEST and OUR WORLD magazines described above are identical with the magazines of the same name described in relet. It further appears that the REPORTER described above is not identical with the REPORTER described in relet.

COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY PUBLISHED EDITORIAL STAFF  
John H. Johnson EMPLOYED BY "Negro Digest"  
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COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY EMPLOYED BY  
(EMPL. CARD)  
Henrietta Buckmaster  
Langston Hughes  
Carey McWilliams  
Paul Robeson  
"Negro Digest"

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COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY EMPLOYED BY (EMPL. CARD)

November 19, 1951

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DATE 6-18-80 BY SP-5 RJK/192  
"NEGRO DIGEST,"  
"OUR WORLD,"  
"THE REPORTER" - Magazines

Reference was made to the communication from the Bureau to you dated September 11, 1951, wherein you were advised that a check was being made to determine if the magazines listed above were identical to those cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities on page 225 of their 1948 report.

A check of the records of the California Committee on Un-American Activities, specifically, their 1948 report failed to reveal any further identification concerning the captioned magazines other than that set forth on page 225 of the 1948 report of that committee.

However, a review of the Fifth Report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities, 1949, reflects the following information concerning "Negro Digest", "Our World" and "The Reporter".

Page 547 of the 1949 California Report reflects the following concerning "Negro Digest": "'Negro Digest', published weekly in Chicago, Illinois, is published and edited by John H. Johnson; contributing editors include Henrietta Buckmaster, Langston Hughes, Carey McWilliams and Mrs. Paul Robeson".

The September, 1945, issue of "Negro Digest", Volume III, No. 11, on file at the H.C.U.A. lists John H. Johnson as publisher and managing editor and Ben Byrns, associate editor. The magazine is published monthly at 5619 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Page 547 of the 1949 California Report reflects the following concerning "Our World": "'Our World' is published monthly by John P. Davis in New York; contributors are Edward S. Lewis, Alphaeus Hunton, Yvonne Godfrey and Frank Stanley".

Original to Veterans Administration  
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- Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Harbo \_\_\_\_\_
- Alden \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Laughlin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Page 546 of the 1949 California Report reflects the following concerning "The Reporter": "'The Reporter' is a bi-weekly publication, published by the National Council of American Soviet Friendship, Inc., New York, New York. The editor is William H. Melish." (100-71654 Ser. 19)

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In referenced letter of September 11, 1951, <sup>it</sup> was pointed out that Veterans Administration had asked this Bureau to determine if the captioned magazines listed on page 225 of the 1948 California Report on Un-American Activities were similar to certain magazines which they had submitted to the Bureau. Veterans Administration was advised on September 11, 1951, that a check would have to be made with the California Committee to find out if they had any additional information concerning the magazines they listed on page 225 in order to furnish to Veterans Administration. The above memorandum reflects the results of this check.

February 27, 1968

① "NEGRO DIGEST"

No investigation pertinent to your inquiry has been conducted by the FBI concerning the captioned publication. However, a review of the Fifth Report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities, 1949, reveals the following information concerning "Negro Digest."

~~Summary~~  
Page 547 of the 1949 California Report reveals that ~~"Negro Digest,"~~ published weekly in Chicago, Illinois, is published and edited by John H. Johnson; contributing editors include Henrietta Buckmaster, Langston Hughes, Carey McWilliams and Mrs. Paul Robeson."

The September, 1945, issue of "Negro Digest," Volume III, No. II, on file at the United States House Committee on Un-American Activities, lists John H. Johnson as publisher and managing editor; Ben Byrns, associate editor; and was indicated as being published monthly at 5619 South State Street, Chicago. (100-71654-20)

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SAC, Chicago

Director, FBI (100-415762)

**PUBLICATIONS - HANDLING OF BY  
RESEARCH-SATELLITE SECTION**

"Negro Digest" (Bufile 100-71654) is a monthly magazine published at 1820 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60616, by the Johnson Publishing Company, Inc.; subscription price is \$5 per year.

You are authorized to arrange discreetly for a one-year subscription to "Negro Digest" for the use of the Bureau. Issues of the magazine should be forwarded on a regular, current basis marked to the attention of the Research-Satellite Section, Domestic Intelligence Division.

Instructions in the Manual of Rules and Regulations, Part II, Section G, H, 4, page 5a, should be followed in handling subscription.

Bureau should be advised 30 days prior to 1970 expiration of subscription to allow time to consider renewal.

- 1 - Racial Intelligence (Route through for review)
- 1 - [redacted] 5221, IB
- ① - 100-71654 ("Negro Digest")

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NOTE:

Subscription requested by Section Chief G.C. Moore and SA T.J. Deakin, RIS, Domestic Intelligence Division. "Negro Digest" is a national magazine of Negro news which often contains articles germane to black nationalists and/or black extremists. Regular review will insure that the Racial Intelligence Section is informed on pertinent material. After routing, magazine will be filed in the Publications Files, IB.

- 1 - [redacted] P. Callahan
- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - Mr. Garner

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- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - Publications Subscriptions Control Folder

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Director, FBI (100-415762)

**PUBLICATIONS HANDLED BY  
RESEARCH SECTION**

You are authorized to renew discreetly a one-year subscription to "Black World" for use of the Bureau. Continue to mark all issues of the magazine to the attention of the Research Section, Domestic Intelligence Division.

Advise Bureau 30 days prior to 1971 expiration to allow time to consider renewal.

- 1 - Racial Intelligence Section (Route through for review)
- 1 - [redacted] (6221 IB)
- ① - 100-71654 ("Black World")

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NOTE:

Renewal requested by Section Chief G. C. Moore, RIS, DID. "Black World" (formerly "Negro Digest") is a national Negro news magazine which often contains articles germane to black nationalists and/or black extremists. Regular review will insure that the RIS is informed on pertinent matters. Yearly subscription \$5 for monthly.

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55 AUG 26 1970  
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SAC, Chicago (66-3705)

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Director, FBI (100-415702)

1 - [redacted]

**PUBLICATIONS HANDLED BY  
RESEARCH SECTION**

You are authorized to renew discreetly a one-year subscription to "Black World" for use of Bureau. Continue to mark issues of magazine to attention of the Research Section, Domestic Intelligence Division.

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Advise Bureau 30 days prior to 1972 expiration to allow time to consider renewal.

- 1 - Racial Intelligence Section (Route through for review) (Moore)
- 1 - [redacted] 6221 IB
- ① - 100-71654 ("Black World")

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NOTE:

Renewal requested by Section Chief G. C. Moore, RIS, Domestic Intelligence Division. "Black World" needed to furnish background regarding Bureau investigation of Extremist Matters. Cost is \$5 a year for the monthly.

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Acting Director, FBI (100-415762)

**PUBLICATIONS HANDLED BY  
RESEARCH SECTION**

You are authorized to renew discreetly a one-year subscription to "Black World" for use of Bureau. Continue to forward issues on a current, regular basis marked to attention of the Research Section, Domestic Intelligence Division.

Advise Bureau 30 days prior to 1973 expiration to allow time to consider renewal.

1 - Extremist Intelligence Section (Route through for review)  
(G. C. Moore)

1 - [Redacted] (6221 IB)  
① - 100-71654 ("Black World")

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NOTE:

Renewal requested by Inspector G. C. Moore, Extremist Intelligence Section, Domestic Intelligence Division. "Black World" is needed for review for background purposes. Annual cost is \$5.00 for the monthly.

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**PUBLICATIONS HANDLED  
BY IS-3 SECTION**

You are authorized to renew discreetly a one-year sub-  
scription to "Black World" for use of Bureau. Forward issues on a  
current, regular basis marked to attention of the IS-3 Section, Intelligence  
Division.

Advise Bureau 30 days prior to 1974 expiration to allow time  
to consider renewal.

- 1 - IS-1 Section (Route through for review) (G. C. Moore)
- 1 - [redacted] 6221 IB
- 1 - 100-71654 ("Black World")

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NOTE:

Renewal requested by Inspector G. C. Moore, IS-1 Section,  
Intelligence Division. "Black World" is needed for review for background  
purposes. Annual cost is \$5 for the monthly.

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9 AUG 24 1973

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145 AUG 21 1973

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**PUBLICATIONS HANDLED  
BY IS - 3 SECTION**

You are authorized to renew discreetly a one-year subscription to "Black World" for use of Bureau. Forward issues on a current, regular basis marked to attention of the IS-3 Section, Intelligence Division.

Advise Bureau 30 days prior to 1975 expiration to allow time to consider renewal.

- 1 - IS-1 Section (Route through for review)
- 1 - [redacted] (6221 IB)
- 1 - 100-71654 ("Black World")

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NOTE:

Renewal requested by Inspector G. C. Moore, IS-1 Section, Intelligence Division. "Black World" is needed for review for background purposes. Annual cost is \$5 for the monthly.

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Director, FBI (100-415762)

PUBLICATIONS HANDLED  
BY IS-3 SECTION

Bureau desires that you not renew subscription to "Black World."

1 - IS-1 Section (Route through for review)

1 - [redacted] (6221 IB)  
1 - 100-71654 ("Black World")

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SA [redacted] IS-1 Section, Intelligence Division, determined that  
renewal to above publication not necessary. Bureau saves \$5 annually.

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192 JUL 21 1975

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