

and was at one time a member of the Upper Harlem Section of the Communist Party.

- O. SCOTTSBORO DEFENSE--The informant last mentioned in the report states, "I met LOUISE THOMPSON during the Scottsboro campaign. She was going to Washington, D. C. with [redacted] girl in the Scottsboro case, [redacted] mother of one of the Scottsboro boys, and a large delegation consisting mostly of Communists. That was during the summer of 1933." Confidential informant [redacted], whose identity is known to the Bureau, advises that subject was a member of the sponsoring committee of the Scottsboro Defense, 112 East 19th Street as of October, 1937.
- P. SPANISH LOYALISTS--According to confidential informant [redacted] subject spoke at the November, 1937, convention of the I. L. D. held at Youngstown, Ohio, on behalf of the Loyalists' interest in the Spanish Civil War. This informant is in possession of a circular announcing a mass meeting for November 5, 1937, at George Hall, 1513 Quarry Avenue, Northwest, Grand Rapids, Michigan, and for November 2, 1937, at 188 West Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois. The circular announces that LOUISE THOMPSON would speak. The circulars are headed, "I Saw Spain".
- Q. THIRD WARD PEOPLE'S LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE--On 2/3/43 Bureau informant [redacted] advised that subject attended a meeting of the Third Ward People's Legislative Conference held at 1:00 P.M. on that date at 1520 South Parkway.
- R. WORKERS SCHOOL--Bureau informant No. [redacted] on 8/11/42 reported that subject, a member of the Board of Directors of the Workers School, was at a meeting of the Board held at the school at 8:00 P.M. on that date. On 3/16/42 confidential informant [redacted] reported that subject was a member of the Board of Directors of the Workers School. A copy of the schedule of instructors at the Chicago Workers School for the fall term, October 6 to December 20, 1941, lists LOUISE THOMPSON as instructor in "Fundamental Principles of Communism".

In this connection it is well to note that subject's husband, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, is assistant director of the Abraham Lincoln School, which has supplanted the Workers School in Chicago.

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CHICAGO FILE #100-4092

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION:

At Chicago, Illinois

- Will obtain complete arrest record of subject.

Will continue to follow and report subject's activities in Chicago and vicinity.

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Bureau letter dated 7/10/42 entitled "COMMUNIST PARTY, U. S. A., DISTRICT NO. 8, CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION, which contributes the information to a confidential informant of the Bureau without assigning a number to the informant.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. L. W. C. SMITH
CHIEF, SPECIAL WAR POLICIES UNIT

RE: WILLIAM LORENZO PATTERSON, with aliases;
MRS. WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, with aliases
Chicago, Illinois
CUSTODIAL DETENTION - C

Reference is made to the memorandum dated March 27, 1941, transmitting a dossier with respect to William L. Patterson, whose address was Grand Hotel, 5046 South Parkway, Chicago, Illinois. There is attached a summary report written by Special Agent [redacted] [redacted] dated May 28, 1943 at Chicago, Illinois, reflecting the investigation conducted and information received relative to William Lorenzo Patterson and his Communist activities.

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There is also attached a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 29, 1943 at Chicago, Illinois, in the case entitled "Mrs. William L. Patterson, with aliases, Internal Security - C, Custodial Detention". This report is also a summary of the investigation conducted and information received relative to the Communist activities of Mrs. Patterson. It is requested that she also be considered for custodial detention at this time.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm *12/16/46*
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd *enclosure*
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen *cc - Mr. Wendell Berge*
- Mr. Tracy *Assistant Attorney General*
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Coffey
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

FILE NO. **100-4092**

REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE 7/23/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/5/43	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div> RJS:RMS
TITLE MRS. WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, with aliases: Mrs. Louise Patterson, Mrs. Louise Thurman, Louise Thompson, nee Louise Tolls			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C CUSTODIAL DETENTION

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject presently residing at 5341 South Maryland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Further information relative to subject's relations in Communist Party, District No. 8 set out.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent dated at Chicago, Illinois 5/29/43.

DETAILS:

At Chicago, Illinois:

Confidential Informant whose identity is known to the Bureau, reports that subject and her husband, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, Assistant Director of Abraham Lincoln School, are now residing at 5341 South Maryland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Hereafter set out is additional information relative to subject's associations with the Communist Party and other activities which supplements that contained in the reference report.

On February 25, 1943, Bureau Informant advised that subject spoke at a meeting of the District Committee of the Communist Party for District No. 8 on February 21, 1943.

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Same Informant reported that on February 28, 1943 subject attended a party sponsored by the Young

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: *SJ Drayton* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Communist League at 5525 North Broadway in honor of [redacted]
[redacted] of the Communist Party.

On May 22, 1942, Bureau Informant No. [redacted] advised that subject attended a BROWDER Birthday Party held at the Hamilton Hotel on May 20, 1942.

On April 30, 1942 Bureau Informant No. [redacted] advised that subject was Secretary of the Chicago Committee to Free EARL BROWDER.

Same Informant on April 4, 1942 advised that subject attended a meeting of the Central Committee of the Communist Party held on April 4, 1942 at 188 West Randolph Street, Chicago.

On March 27, 1942, Bureau Informant No. [redacted] reported that subject was calling numerous members of the Central Committee of the Communist Party by phone to induce them to attend a meeting to be held at the Skyline Club, 188 West Randolph on March 27, 1942.

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On March 2, 1942, Bureau Informant No. [redacted] advised that on that date, subject attended a farewell party for [redacted] at [redacted] Chicago. [redacted] is reported to have been closely identified with the Communist Party and Workers School in Chicago.

On December 6, 1941, Bureau Informant No. [redacted] advised that subject spoke at the Midwest Council of An Anti-Hitler Group's meeting held at the La Salle Hotel on December 4, 1941.

On December 13, 1941, Bureau Informant No. [redacted] reported that subject was in attendance at a meeting of the American Youth Congress and the Young Communist League held at the Midland Hotel in Chicago on that day.

On November 14, 1941, [redacted] advised Special Agent [redacted] and [redacted] subject was a member of the National Committee of the International Labor Defense.

On June 12, 1941, Confidential Informant No. [redacted] reported that subject gave [redacted] of Communist Party Headquarters a list of the 201 members who had joined the International Workers Order since the previous May 15,

"Fraternal Outlook" for June and July, 1940 listed the National Officers of the IWO for the 1938-1940 period and includes the name of LOUISE THOMPSON as Recording Secretary.

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A bulletin entitled, "March to Freedom" distributed at a Festival sponsored by the IWO at the Ashland Auditorium in Chicago on May 15, 1943 carries a picture of LOUISE THOMPSON as District President of the Midwest District of the IWO. Photostatic copies of this picture have been made and are being placed in the 1-A Serial of subject's file.

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Chicago File No. 100-4092

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CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION: At Chicago, Illinois will obtain complete arrest record of subject and will continue to follow and report subject's activities in Chicago and vicinity.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

Confidential Informant No. [] is the Informant to which the information set out in this report was attributed in the report of [] dated 6/28/41 appearing in Chicago File No. 100-125-846.

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July 2, 1943

Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois

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ON 3/1/61

RE: CUSTODIAL DETENTION

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that a custodial detention card has been prepared at the Bureau, captioned as follows:

PATTERSON, MRS. WILLIAM L. NATIVE BORN COMMUNIST
nee Louise Tolls
with aliases: Mrs. Louise
Patterson, Mrs. Louise Thurman,
Louise Thompson

Vincennes Hotel
601 E. 36th Street
Chicago, Illinois (Res.)

The above caption should be checked immediately for accuracy against the information contained in your files, and the Bureau should be informed of any discrepancies. You will prepare without delay a white card captioned as above and reflecting your investigative file number for filing in your Confidential Custodial Detention Card file. In the event the above caption is not correct, the card you prepare should be correctly captioned, and the Bureau should be informed of the correct caption.

Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____ The caption of the card prepared and filed in your Office must be kept current at all times and the Bureau immediately advised of any changes made therein in that connection.

Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Gurnea _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Mumford _____
Mr. Starke _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Miss Gandy _____

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

FILE NO. **100-4092**

REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE 10/22/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/14/43	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></div> RJS:mf
TITLE MRS. WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, was.		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (C)	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Results of examination of arrest records of Chicago Police Department set out. Subject continues to be active in Communist Party and as Midwest Director of the International Workers Order in Chicago. Subject leader in Daily Worker Press Fund Drive in Chicago and vicinity.			
-P- ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE <u>11/2/00</u> BY <u>SP10SEL/1/1/10</u>			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div> Chicago, Illinois dated July 23, 1943			
DETAILS: At <u>Chicago, Illinois.</u>			
A news letter issued by the Daily Worker and Worker Drive Committee, 208 North Wells, Chicago, dated June 14, 1943 reveals that subject attended the Victory Press Conference held at the Hamilton Hotel on June 6, 1943 for the purpose of instituting a drive for increasing the circulation of the Daily Worker in the Chicago area. In this news letter the following statement is attributed to her:			
"The Daily Worker over the years has been the champion of all national groups and of Negro rights."			
The Daily Worker for May 30, 1943, page 5, column 4, reports subject as saying relative to the Daily Worker:			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <div style="font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">S. J. Drayton</div> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">100-407934-17</div>		
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"We of the International Workers Order welcome the opportunity to support the Daily Worker because it is the only daily English speaking paper whose columns are always open to the International Workers Order and we call upon all of our members to give it full support as a further contribution on their part to winning the war."

According to Informant [redacted], the IWO in Chicago and vicinity under the leadership of LOUISE THOMPSON, who is the same person as MRS. WILLIAM PATTERSON, contributed over \$2000 to the Press Fund Drive.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advises that subject attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Communist Party at 60 West Randolph Street, Chicago from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2, 1943.

On October 10, 1943 [redacted] reported that subject attended a meeting of the Communist Party leaders for the purpose of discussing organizational activities of the Young Communist League.

Bureau informant [redacted] reported on May 26, 1943 that subject presided at a Communist League meeting held at the Hamilton Hotel in Chicago on that day. The same informant reported on May 23, 1943 that subject was a guest of honor at a surprise party held in the home of [redacted]. This informant advised on May 27, 1943 that subject was present at a meeting of the South Side section of the Communist Party held at the Women's Club, 53rd and South Michigan Avenue on that day.

Examination of the arrest records of the Chicago Police Department on July 5, 1943 reflect that an individual named LOUISE THOMPSON, residing at 5203 Calumet Avenue, was arrested on October 2, 1934 on the complaint of [redacted] charging that she was a patron of a disorderly house. This individual was discharged by Judge Scheffer on October 3, 1934. The physical description of LOUISE THOMPSON according to these arrest records was as follows:

Height	5'6
Weight	121
Build	Slender
Complexion	Dark
Hair	Black
Age	33
Race	Colored
Occupation	Housewife

It is not known whether or not the person arrested as LOUISE THOMPSON on October 2, 1934 is the same person as MRS. WILLIAM L. PATTERSON although it is known that MRS. WILLIAM L. PATTERSON is also known as LOUISE THOMPSON and that she was born September 9, 1901 in Chicago, Illinois.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois, will continue to follow and report subject's activities in Chicago and vicinity.

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SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Confidential Informant is report contained in a letter from the Bureau dated June 23, 1943 relative to the Communist Party, U.S.A. Dist. #8, Chicago Field Division. The source of the information set out in the report attached to the Bureau letter is not specified.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York 7, New York

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January 6, 1944

Director, FBI

Re: LOUISE THOMPSON, was. Laura Starke,
Mrs. Louise Patterson, Mrs. Louise
Thuman, Louise Toll
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to the report of Special [redacted]
[redacted] in the above entitled case, dated December 4, 1941 at New York
City, wherein New York was named the office of origin.

Information has been received to the effect that the subject
of this case is a resident of Chicago, Ill., where she is President of
the Chicago district of the INTERNATIONAL WORKER'S ORDER, well known
Communist organization.

In view of this fact it is believed probable that the Chicago
Field Division has an active investigation pending in its district. In
the event this is verified, it is respectfully requested that the Chicago
Field Division be named office of origin in this case, whereupon copies
of reports in the New York file will be forwarded to Chicago and the
investigation in the New York Field Division will be placed in an RUC
status until the need arises to reopen the investigation in this
district.

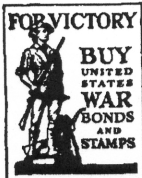
The Chicago Field Division is requested to check its indices
to ascertain whether or not LOUISE THOMPSON is the subject of an inves-
tigation in its district and to appropriately advise the New York Field
Division and the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

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United States Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812
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January 15, 1944.

Director FBI

RE: LOUISE THOMPSON, was Laura Starke,
Mrs. Louise Patterson, Mrs. Louise
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the New York Field Office dated January 6, 1944, directed to the Bureau, a copy of which was received by the Chicago Field Office. (New York File No. 100-15113.)

This is to advise that the above named individual is the Subject of investigation and a key figure in the Chicago Field Division under the following caption: "MRS. WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, with aliases Mrs. Louise Patterson, Mrs. Louise Thurman, Louise Thompson, nee Louise Toils, INTERNAL SECURITY - C.)

From Bureau letter to the Chicago Field Office dated January 4, 1943, it appears that the above named individual is the Subject of Bureau files No. 100-39 and No. 100-165166.

Because Subject is residing in the Chicago Field Division at the present time, it is suggested that the Chicago Office should continue as the office of origin in this matter and that the New York Field Office should forward to the Chicago Field Office all pertinent information relative to her.

Very truly yours,

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United States Department of Justice
New York 7, New York

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February 19, 1944.

Director, FBI

Re: LOUISE THOMPSON, with aliases;
Laura Starke, Mrs. Louise Patterson,
Mrs. Louise Thuman; Louise Toll;
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a letter, dated January 15, 1944, directed to the Bureau from the Chicago Field Division, wherein the Chicago Office advises that the above-named individual is a key figure in the Chicago Field Division and is under active investigation there.

Please be advised that the New York Field Division has in the past carried a pending investigation upon this same subject. In connection with this, the Chicago Field Division suggested that inasmuch as the subject is presently residing in the area covered by the Chicago Field Division the Chicago Office should continue as the Office of Origin in this case.

The New York Field Division will await instructions from the Bureau before placing its investigation in a Referred Upon Completion to the Office of Origin status.

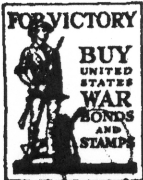
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.**

FILE NO. 100-4092

REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.	DATE WHEN MADE 3/11/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/18/44	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div> RJS:MAH
TITLE MRS. WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, WAS		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p><i>Informants report Subject continues to serve as Mid-West President of IWO and to take active part in Communist Party affairs, particularly recruiting and press fund drives. Active in political movements and reports indicate Subject is presently concentrating on organizing an IWO Lodge among negroes.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 15px;"></div> dated October 22, 1943, at Chicago, Illinois.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:</u></p> <p>Bureau Informant <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 15px;"></div> observed Subject at the Communist Party picnic held at Pilsen Park on July 3, 1943. Bureau Informant <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 15px;"></div> advises Subject was present at a Communist Party meeting relative to the press fund drive on July 2, 1943. The same Informant reports that she was present at a Communist Party meeting held at the Mirror Room in the Hamilton Hotel on June 27, 1943.</p> <p><i>*Confidential Informant <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 15px;"></div> whose identity is known to the Bureau, reported that Subject was present at a Communist Party meeting held at 1014 North Dearborn Street on March 28, 1943.</i></p> <p>Bureau Informant <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 15px;"></div> advises the Subject was present at a meeting of the South Side Section of the Communist Party held at 322 East 43rd Street on August 5, 1943.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COPIES DESTROYED</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>S. J. Drayton</i>		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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*Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that Subject served as secretary of a meeting of the Office and Professional Workers Branch of the Communist Party held at the Hamilton Hotel on May 26, 1943. Confidential Informant [redacted] reported that Subject was on the speakers' platform at a Second Front Rally held at the Armory, located at 16th Street and Michigan Avenue in Chicago, on May 9, 1943. Informant reported that between 2,500 and 3,000 persons attended this rally. Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that Subject was present at a meeting of the Illinois-Indiana District Executive Committee of the Communist Party at the Hamilton Hotel on June 27, 1943.

*Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, has reported that Subject is taking an active part in the IWO political action campaign which closely parallels the Communist Party line relative to political matters.

Confidential Informant [redacted] reported that Subject was present and active at the Emergency Illinois Win the War Legislative Conference held at the Hamilton Hotel on June 13, 1943.

Bureau Informants [redacted] and [redacted] have advised that Subject has been active in the Daily Worker Press Fund Drive and that at a meeting held June 6, 1943, at the Hamilton Hotel, she pledged \$2,000.00 in behalf of the IWO for Daily Worker subscriptions.

Confidential Informants [redacted] and [redacted] reported that Subject is active in behalf of the Communist Party among negro groups.

Confidential Informant [redacted] observed Subject in attendance at the meeting sponsored by the Chicago Industrial Union Council on June 25, 1943, in the Aldermanic Chambers in Chicago. She was also observed at this meeting by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] of the Chicago Field Office.

According to the Milwaukee Journal for November 5, 1943, Subject was scheduled to speak before the Wisconsin State Conference on Social Legislation on January 13, 1944.

Confidential Informant [redacted] reported that the Subject is in regular contact with Communist Party headquarters. This report is confirmed by other Informants of the Chicago Field Office including [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau.

Subject has recently concentrated her activities on establishing a negro section of the IWO. The organization is to be known as the DuSable Fraternal Society of the IWO. The Subject plans to obtain

Confidential Informant

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION:

At Chicago, Illinois, will endeavor to obtain a specimen of Subject's handwriting.

Will continue to follow and report Subject's activities in this area.

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SAC, NEW YORK

April 18, 1944

J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

LOUISE THOMPSON, with aliases;
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

In view of the information contained in your letter of February 19, 1944, the office of origin in the above-captioned case is hereby changed from New York to Chicago.

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May 9, 1944

Director, FBI

RE: LOUISE THOMPSON, was;
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter to New York dated April 18, 1944 in the above captioned case, a copy of which was furnished to the Chicago Office. The office of origin was therein ordered changed from New York to Chicago.

For the information of the Chicago Office the following serials are being forwarded to that office with a copy of this letter:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 12/4/41 at N.Y.C.
Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 1/19/42 at N.Y.C.
Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 1/28/42 at N.Y.C.

For the information of the Chicago Office the following information from the files of the New York Office is being herein set out.

The subject was named one of the members of the Communist Party, National Committee and a former teacher in the YWCA in New York City, according to information obtained from the office of former District Attorney, [redacted] on October 14, 1942.

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The report of [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, dated February 25, 1941 on the INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER, INC. INSURANCE COMPANY, 14th Floor, 80 Fifth Avenue, New York City, reflected that LOUISE THOMPSON was Vice President of this organization.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, on July 8, 1942 advised that LOUISE THOMPSON and [redacted] had sent congratulatory telegrams relative to the BLOOR--WHITNEY CAMPAIGN to [redacted] of the Labor Research Association, alleged Communist Front organization.

The "Daily Worker" of November 22, 1938, Page 2, Column 4, contains a picture of the subject LOUISE THOMPSON and describes her as a "noted negro leader". This item indicated that the subject addressed a meeting held under the auspices of the City Central Committee of the I.W.O.

The "Daily Worker" of November 13, 1941 in an item datelined at Chicago, announced that LOUISE THOMPSON, prominent negro leader and member of the National Executive Board of the National Negro Congress, would leave Chicago for Washington, D.C. to attend a Board meeting of the National Negro Congress.

The "Daily Worker" of May 30, 1943 in an item datelined at Chicago relative to a Win-The-War Press Conference to be held in Chicago on June 6, 1943 by the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker" indicated that LOUISE THOMPSON, President of the Chicago District of the I.W.O. endorsed the "Daily Worker" as the "Best friend of National groups in America".

She was reported as having stated:

"We of the I.W.O. welcome the opportunity to support the 'Daily Worker' because it is the only daily English speaking paper whose columns are always open to the I.W.O. and call upon all our members to give it full support as a further contribution on their part to winning the war".

The "Fraternal Outlook" of June, 1943, Page 11, contains a photograph of LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON, National Vice President of the I.W.O. with her new daughter born in Chicago March 15, 1943.

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It is respectfully suggested that inasmuch as the New York Field Division is office of origin in the investigation of the I.W.O. of which organization LOUISE THOMPSON is Vice President, a copy of the summary report concerning THOMPSON would be of value to this office and should be forwarded by Chicago.

Inasmuch as there is no further investigation to be conducted at this time this case is being considered referred upon completion to office of origin.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy
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cc: Chicago (3 Encs)

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Form No. 1

This Case Originated At CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

File No. 100-4092

Report Made At Chicago, Illinois	Date Made 7/22/44	Period Made 6/26/44	Report Made By [Redacted] RJS:LMC
Title "CHANGED" Mr. WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, was. Mrs. LOUISE ALONE PATTERSON, Mrs. LOUISE ALONE HURMAN Mrs. LOUISE ALONE THOMPSON, nee LOUISE ALONE TOLLS			Character of Case INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis of Facts:

Subject continues to reside at 5341 South Maryland Avenue, with her husband WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, and continues to serve as Midwest President and National Vice President of the International Workers Order. Informants report that she was recently elected to District Committee for District 8 of Communist Political Association. Informants also report that she has recently organized a negro section of the IWO in Chicago, called the "Du Sable Fraternal Society" and that she takes a leading part in Communist Political Association activities, particularly those relating to negroes.

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Reference:

Report of Special Agent [Redacted] 3/11/44, at Chicago, Illinois.

Letter from Chicago to Bureau dated 1/15/44.

Bureau Letter to New York 4/18/44.

Report of Special Agent [Redacted] New York, City, 12/4/41.

Report of Special Agent [Redacted] Little Rock, Arkansas, 1/19/42.

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Report of Special Agent [redacted]
San Francisco, California, 1/28/42.

Details:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The title of this report is being changed to add the name "ALONE" as the middle name of Subject on the basis of facts set out in the referenced report of Special Agent [redacted] to the effect that LOUISE ALONE THOMPSON, born in Chicago, Illinois, September 9, 1901, registered at the University of California, Berkeley, California, in August of 1919. It is believed probable that this individual is identical with Subject of instant case on the basis of information received by this office from Subject's husband WILLIAM L. PATTERSON to the effect that she was born on the above mentioned date in this city.

I. RESIDENCE AND BUSINESS ADDRESS

Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that Subject continues to reside at 6341 South Maryland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, with her husband WILLIAM L. PATTERSON. As hereafter indicated, informants advise that Subject continues to serve as Midwest President and National Vice President of the International Workers Order.

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II. ACTIVITIES

A. Organizational Work Among Negroes

On December 6, 1942, Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that Subject was a speaker at the "People's Forum" sponsored by the South Side Section of the Communist Political Association, at 5108 Prairie Avenue, Chicago.

On December 10, 1942, Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that Subject was active on the Committee for Racial Equality. However, Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that Subject is of the opinion that the Committee for Racial Equality is now under the control of "Social Democrats."

On February 19, 1943, Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that Subject sent a telegram to a Communist Political Association dominated negro achievement meeting, at 22 East 43rd Street, Chicago, expressing the regret of the fact that she was unable to be in attendance.

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According to the "Milwaukee Journal" for November 5, 1943, Subject was scheduled to speak in Milwaukee on January 13, 1944, on the subject "The Negro Woman in the War Effort." Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that recently Subject has been active in organizing a Negro Section of the International Workers Order in Chicago. According to a plan of organization for this system obtained by the Chicago Field Office, it was anticipated that the basis for the Society would be 100 "Charter members," to be recruited among civic and labor leaders on Chicago's South Side. Informant advises that Subject appears to have been very successful in her effort to organize the Negro Section of the International Workers Order, particularly because of organizational assistance given to her by a [redacted]

B. Communist Party

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Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advises that Subject was elected to the District Committee of District 8 of the Communist Political Association. The fact that Subject went to New York as a delegate to the Communist Party Convention, which eventually resulted in the establishment of the Communist Political Association, has been verified by Confidential Informant [redacted] and by newspaper accounts which reflect that Subject was elected to national office in this organization.

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On March 9, 1943, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that Subject spoke at a Communist Political Association meeting held at 3808 South Michigan Avenue. According to Confidential Informant [redacted] Subject attended a special meeting of the Illinois-Indiana Executive meeting of the Communist Party, at 30 North Wells Street, on September 2, 1943.

Confidential Informant [redacted] and [redacted] whose identities are known to the Bureau, advised that Subject is active in the Communist Party and in regular contact with both Communist Party Headquarters, and the headquarters of the South Side Section of the Communist Party.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that Subject attended a Communist Party meeting held at the Hamilton Hotel, at August 5, 1943, and was seated on the Speakers' Platform at this meeting.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that Subject was active in February of 1944, in making preparations for recruiting among negroes in connection with the trip of BEN DAVIS, JR., member of City Council from New York, to the City of Chicago. The same informant advises that Subject is a member of the "Citizens Victory Committee" from a continuation committee formed following

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the BEN DAVIS meeting held in Chicago on February 20, 1944, for the purpose of recruiting Communist Party members among Chicago negroes.

Confidential Informant [] whose identity is known to the Bureau, observed Subject on the Speakers' Platform at Orchestra Hall in Chicago, on January 16, 1944, where a "Daily Worker" anniversary meeting, featuring ROBERT MINOR, a national leader in the Communist Party, was in progress. According to Confidential Informant [] Subject made a financial contribution speech at this assemblage. Report of the informant is corroborated by an account appearing in the "Daily Worker" for June 23, 1944, page 5 column 3, which relates that Subject was one of the speakers on this particular program. Confidential Informant [] advises that Subject attended a meeting of the Illinois-Indiana District Executive Committee, held at 316 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, at 10:00 a.m. on March 21, 1944.

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The Subject was named one of the members of the Communist Party National Committee and a former teacher in the YWCA in New York City, according to information obtained from the office of the former District Attorney [] on October 14, 1942.

Confidential Informant [] whose identity is known to the Bureau, on July 8, 1942, advised that LOUISE THOMPSON and CLAUDIA JONES had sent congratulatory telegrams relative to the BLOOR WHITNEY Campaign to [] of the Labor Research Association, alleged Communist front organization.

Confidential Informant [] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that on June 19, 1943, Subject was a member of the South Side Section of the Communist Party Branch 5W.

Confidential Informant [] advises that the "Daily Worker" addressed to "I. T. PATTERSON" at 5341 South Maryland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and that the subscription is under the "Daily Worker" Press Club Plan.

3. International Workers Order

According to the "Daily Worker" for January 23, 1944, Column 4, page 5, Subject signed a call for the National International Workers Order Convention in New York, as Vice President of the IWO and a member of the General Executive Board,

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Confidential Informant [] advised that Subject continues to serve as Midwest President and National Vice President of the International Workers Order. The report of Confidential Informant [] whose identity is known to the Bureau, dated February 25, 1941, on the IWO Incorporated Insurance Company, 14th Floor

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85th Avenue, New York City, reflected that LOUISE THOMPSON was Vice President of this organization. The "Daily Worker" of November 22, 1938, page 2 column 4, contains a picture of Subject LOUISE THOMPSON and describes her as a "noted negro leader." This item indicated that the Subject addressed a meeting held under the auspices of the City Central Committee of the International Workers Order. The "Fraternal Outlook" of June, 1943, page 11, contains a photograph of LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON, described as Vice President of the International Workers Order with her new daughter born in [redacted]

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that Subject, as local leader of the International Workers Order, was taking an active part in the move to urge the President to prevent the deportation of [redacted]. During the period covered by this report, the Midwest Section of the International Workers Order has been engaged in the following activities of interest:

- (1) The IWO participated actively in Negro History Week in Chicago in February of 1944.
- (2) The IWO has been pursuing a Political Action Program closely paralleling that of the Communist Party, which was climaxed by a mass meeting held at Orchestra Hall, in Chicago, on May 29, 1944, at which the principal speakers were MIKE QUILL, and A. CLAYTON POWELL of New York City.
- (3) The Midwest Section of the IWO, in accord with the National IWO policy, is laying the ground work for the reorganization of the IWO in this area, whereby the various Foreign Language Sections of the IWO will be replaced by "autonomous societies" federated with the IWO.

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D. Other Activities

The "Daily Worker" on November 13, 1941, in an item datelined at Chicago, announced that LOUISE THOMPSON, prominent negro leader and member of the National Executive Board of the National Negro Congress, leaves Chicago for Washington, D.C. to attend a board meeting of the National Negro Congress.

According to Confidential Informant [redacted] Subject is a member of the Executive Board of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York City will consider the feasibility of obtaining background information of the Subject from the YWCA in New York, where according to the records of the former District Attorney [redacted] she was a teacher at one time.

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At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, will check the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization for data concerning the alleged trips to Russia, Spain, and Mexico, as revealed in the Chicago Field Office Files, under each of the names set out in the title of this report. Information in possession of the Chicago Field Office does not indicate when Subject traveled in Mexico, but it appears probably that she traveled in Spain and Russia in 1939.

CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION:

Will continue to follow and report Subject's activities in this Field Division and will endeavor to discreetly obtain a specimen of Subject's handwriting.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

Confidential Informant [] is a pamphlet distributed by the South Side Committee for Racial Equality, which is maintained in the LA Serial of Volume 68 of Chicago File 100-125.

Confidential Informant [] is information enclosed with Bureau letter dated October 5, 1943, captioned Communist Party, USA, District 8, Chicago Field Division, Internal Security - C, which does not reveal the identity of the informant.

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Confidential Informant [] Bureau letter dated April 27, 1944, captioned Communist Party, USA, District 8, Chicago Field Division, Internal Security - C, which does not specify the source of information.

Confidential Informant [] a mailing list of subscribers to the "Daily Worker" made available to the Chicago Field Office by letter from New York, dated November 4, 1943, (100-7480 Volume 2), which stated that this list had been obtained from a reliable and confidential source and that it was current as of December 31, 1943. Bureau letter dated March 4, 1944, contains information to the effect that the letter "P" symbolizes the word "Press" indicating that the individual is a subscriber to the "Daily Worker" under the "Daily Worker" Press Club Plan, and consequently a member of the Communist Party.

Confidential Informant [] is a confidential source of information described for the Bureau in letter dated April 26, 1944, from Chicago, and captioned Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, Internal Security - C.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Records National Board, YWCA, checked with negative results. Records of Negro branches of YWCA in NY, at Brooklyn and Harlem branches checked with negative results. Harlem branch YWCA, stated subject never employed there but had attended numerous concerts and entertainments held there. Not certain whether subject spoke or took part in discussion groups there. Confidential Informant advised that subject registered as Communist in 1936. Member of Editorial Board "New Pioneer" 1933. Associate Editor of the Harlem Liberator, 1933. Communist speaker at Manhattan Labor Lyceum 2/4/33. Files of New York Office reflect subject promoted the showing of Soviet pictures in Gary, Indiana in Summer of 1942. Subject was teacher at Young Fraternalist Leadership School August 1942. Subject's name listed with Communist Party leaders 9/1/39. Subject advocated Second Front at meeting of IWO 1/10/43 at Chicago. Subject was speaker at IWO meeting Manhattan Plaza 7/22/41. Subject was present at Harlem Section meeting of Communist Party when formation of National Negro Congress was first discussed. Subject reported to Fifth National Convention IWO in reference to building up English section IWO.

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DETAILS:

[redacted] of the Personnel Bureau of the National Board, YWCA, 600 Lexington Avenue, New York, was contacted and she made a check of her records to determine if the subject had ever been employed as a teacher or in any other capacity under any of the names in referenced report. The records reflected that the subject had never been so employed. [redacted] suggested that it would have been possible for the subject to have been employed as a non-professional or part-time employee at one of the Negro branches of the YWCA without the National Board having a record of this. She suggested that the writer contact the colored YWCA branches in Brooklyn and Harlem and to contact the New York City headquarters of the YWCA.

[redacted] of the City Office of the YWCA, 129 East 52nd Street, New York, made the records of her office available on all of the names of subject in referenced report with negative results. This check included both regular and part-time employees as well as non-professional employees.

[redacted] of the Ashland Place YWCA, 221 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York, made a check of the records of that branch of the YWCA under the names of the subject in referenced report with negative results.

[redacted] however, stated that it might have been possible that the subject had been employed as a teacher hereunder a WPA project, which records were not available to her.

[redacted] of the Harlem branch, YWCA, 179 West 137th Street, New York, made the records of that institution available concerning the subject's names in referenced report to determine if she had at any time been a teacher, a student, a resident or any other type of employee there with negative results.

[redacted] stated that she had casually known LOUISE THOMPSON for a number of years and to her knowledge could not recall her ever having been a teacher there although it might have been possible that she was employed there under a WPA arrangement which records were not available to her. It was determined that all records of all employees of the WPA prior to May 1, 1943, are now maintained in Washington, D.C. Information concerning any former employees of the WPA may be obtained by contacting [redacted] Federal Works Agency, 1734 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

[redacted] added that the subject had attended numerous concerts and entertainments held at the YWCA during the Thirties and

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that it was possible that she spoke or took part in discussion groups that are often held at the YWCA. She had no idea as to whether this was true or in what discussions the subject may have taken part in.

Confidential Informant [] made the records of his department available, which reflected the following information:

LOUISE THOMPSON was the writer of an article entitled, "And So We Marched" in June, 1933 of the "Working Woman" a magazine published monthly by the Central Committee, Communist Party, USA, section of the Communist International.

The same informant advised that the subject registered for the year 1936 as a Communist in Manhattan, 19th A.D., 11th E.D. The same informant advised that LOUISE THOMPSON was a member of the Editorial Board of "New Pioneer" in 1933.

This informant also advised that LOUISE THOMPSON in 1933 was one of the Associate Editors of the "Harlem Liberator" which is a weekly publication of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, 2162 Seventh Avenue, New York City. The same informant advised that LOUISE THOMPSON was a Communist speaker at the Manhattan Labor Lyceum on February 4, 1933, at which time she spoke on eviction laws and inadequate relief. This informant advised that LOUISE THOMPSON of the Negro National Congress was one of the many speakers during and after the parade on August 22, 1936, held at 112th Street and Lenox Avenue by members of the League Against War and Fascism.

A review of the New York Field Division files reflected the following information in the "Daily Worker" of November 20, 1929, LOUISE THOMPSON is a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, USA.

Confidential Informant [] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised, "It is reported that the National Communist Party leaders held a meeting November 29th and December 1st in New York City and LOUISE THOMPSON is reported to have attended this meeting."

[] at City College of New York, 137th Street and Convent Avenue, New York City, advised that during the latter part of 1932 and in the first half of 1933 he was faculty adviser of the Liberal Club at City College of New York. He advised that this club was nothing more than a group of Communist youths and its activities and policies adhered to the Party line.

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[redacted] made available his files pertaining to the literary club. It reflected that the list of speakers for the term ending June, 1933, included LOUISE THOMPSON and it described her as National Committee for Defense of Political Figures.

The "Daily Worker" dated August 4, 1933, reflected that LOUISE THOMPSON is a member of the International Labor Defense and a member of its committee against war.

From a publication entitled, "Five Years IWO, 1932-1935", it reflected that LOUISE THOMPSON wrote a six page article on the subject of Fraternalism and the Negro People. A picture of the subject appears on the page of this article.

Confidential Informant [redacted], whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that among the outstanding communists present at the First National Negro Congress held at Chicago in February, 1936, was LOUISE THOMPSON, New York national organizer of the IWO.

The same informant advised that the suggestion for the formation of the National Negro Congress was made by [redacted] at a meeting of the leading New York Communists held at the headquarters of the Harlem Section of the Communist Party, District 2, 341 Lenox Avenue, New York City, and among those present was LOUISE THOMPSON.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that LOUISE THOMPSON, 530 Manhattan Avenue, New York, enrolled in the Communist Party in 1936 elections.

In the "Daily Worker" issue of June 22, 1937, LOUISE THOMPSON is referred to as the head of the English Section of the IWO and as being a Communist leader in Harlem.

In the "Daily Worker" issue of September 6, 1937, LOUISE THOMPSON was one of twelve leading members of the IWO who signed a statement calling on the IWO to assume a quota of \$40,000 in the press building campaign. The statement calls the "Daily Worker" the only English daily newspaper which is a steady and directed force in the fight against reaction. The statement commented that the signers had constituted themselves as a subcommittee to promote support for the press campaign and to establish two new daily English language newspapers which would be the people's champion of liberty.

From a pamphlet entitled, "The Communists in the People's Front" published in 1937, LOUISE THOMPSON was called an active Negro member of the Communist Party.

From the proceedings of the Fourth National Convention of the IWO, there was reflected information that LOUISE THOMPSON was the Recording Secretary of this organization from 1935 to 1938 and was nominated for the General Executive Board.

Confidential Informant [] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that LOUISE THOMPSON's name appeared on a list of Communist Party leaders September 11, 1939, under the section devoted to the State of New York.

Confidential Informant [] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that LOUISE THOMPSON is a member of the Communist Party and Secretary of the IWO and is very active at present in Detroit and Fort Wayne. Informant stated that LOUISE THOMPSON worked with [] and that THOMPSON will arrive in Cleveland on November 28, 1939 to attend a meeting at Ukrainian Hall, 1051 Auburn Avenue. This was to be a meeting of Polish and Ukrainian Communists and the purpose was the solicitation of funds for the press and propaganda funds.

In the "Daily Worker" issued May 19, 1940, it was reflected that LOUISE THOMPSON was arrested while acting as a Negro organizer for the ILL.

The proceedings of a Fifth National Convention of the IWO which was held June 8th through June 14, 1940, reflected that Louise THOMPSON took part in discussions on "Panel On Women's Work" and "Panel on Negro Work." LOUISE THOMPSON also made a report to the National Convention concerning the matter of the building up of the English section of the IWO.

In the "Daily Worker" dated June 15, 1944, page 4, column 5, LOUISE THOMPSON's election as Vice President of the IWO is reported.

The "Sunday Worker" of June 30, 1940, page 4, column 1, carried a biography of LOUISE THOMPSON as well as her photograph.

Confidential Informant [] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised in a report that in August, 1940, National Chairman WILLIAM Z. FOSTER at the first meeting of the National Committee, announced the appointment of LOUISE THOMPSON to the "Commission to Put America Back to Work."

Confidential Informant [] advised that as of February 25, 1941, LOUISE THOMPSON was Vice President of the IWO and advised that she

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had been a field worker of this organization for the past five years.

Confidential Informant [] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised on July 22, 1941, that the IWO held a banquet in honor of WILLIAM WEINER, President of the IWO at the Manhattan Plaza. Speeches were made by ROCKWELL KENT, LOUISE THOMPSON, MAX BEDACHT and JOSEPH BRODSKY in which they expressed in the name of the IWO memberships, their appreciation for the great work that Comrade WEINER had done for the Order.

Confidential Informant [] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that the written signature of LOUISE THOMPSON appeared on a list which is believed to be the attendance record of a General Executive Board meeting of the IWO held June 27, 1942, at New York City.

Confidential Informant [] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that during the Summer of 1942, LOUISE THOMPSON, President of the IWO, and [] of the IWO for the Midwestern District, had told him that they had visited several movie picture houses in Gary and Hammond, Indiana, which showed double features in an attempt to replace one of the pictures with a Soviet picture. Their plans in this direction also included a visit to the mayor in an effort to persuade him to show Soviet pictures in the city parks of Gary.

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The same informant advised that some of the leaders of the IWO, particularly LOUISE THOMPSON, President of the Mid-west District, advised that although it is satisfactory for IWO members to associate with Communist Party leaders who are known in the Calumet area, they should not do this in public because they do not want it to be commonly known that the IWO is connected with the Communist Party.

The same informant advised that on August 8th and August 9th, 1942, a two-day camp was held at Diamond Lake, Illinois, by the "Young Fraternalist Leadership Week and School." LOUISE THOMPSON was reported to be a teacher at this camp and school.

The same informant advised that LOUISE THOMPSON, President of the Midwestern District of the IWO, party officials and IWO dignitaries visits "Nature's Friend Camp" on State Road 20 outside Gary, Indiana, and often hold all night pow wows.

Confidential Informant [] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that one WAGENKNECT and LOUISE PATTERSON would make a broadcast October 29, 1942, at 9:15 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. over station WENR as part of the Communist Party election campaign.

Confidential Informant [] whose identity is known to the Bureau, attended a meeting of the IWO on November 22, 1942, 316 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, at which Meeting LOUISE THOMPSON spoke about the considerable progress which had been made since Pearl Harbor in developing unity between the various national groups. She stressed the point of a better world and a better life after the war. She stated that in the drive for recruiting new members that the points of a better world and a better life after the war should be stressed. She also stated that as a result of recent activities priests, ministers, school teachers, union leaders and other leaders of similar positions were now following the Party line.

Confidential Informant [] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised on July 11, 1942, that LOUISE THOMPSON, Vice President of the IWO, had been reported as being active with the following Communist front groups: National Committee for Defense of Political Prisoners, International Women's Congress Against War and Fascism, Young Communist League, and the American League Against War and Fascism.

Confidential Informant [] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised on January 10, 1943, a conference of the Midwest District of the IWO was held in Chicago at 316 North Michigan Avenue. LOUISE THOMPSON, the President of the District, addressed the members of the conference at which time she stated that the greatest task facing the organization was the promotion of the Second Front in Europe. She thought that the United States and England were doing everything possible to postpone their participation in actual fighting. In showing that Soviet Russia was bearing the real burden of the war against Germany, she quoted figures of the number of actual fighting men on each front and the number of enemy troops opposing the Allies on each front.

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In a souvenir booklet entitled, "March to Freedom" distributed by the IWO dated May 15, 1943, it reflected that LOUISE THOMPSON continued to serve as District President of the Midwest section of the IWO and that she was on the Council of national groups.

Confidential Informant [] whose identity is known to the Bureau, furnished ticket [] to the Community Forum of Milwaukee. It is noted that on January 13, 1944, the speaker was to be LOUISE THOMPSON, President of the IWO.

Confidential Informant [] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that LOUISE THOMPSON has been requested by [] to speak at a meeting being sponsored by a group of B'nai B'rith on an unspecified date and also spoke before the group

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on March 8, 1944. The informant also advised that LOUISE THOMPSON attended a meeting called by [redacted] which was held February 29, 1944, at the Midland Hotel.

Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON attended the Illinois-Indiana District of the Communist Party of America annual picnic at Pilsen Park and that she was a speaker. She talked on unity, race equality, and possible war planning for all the United Nations. The informant further advised that this subject was well timed inasmuch as the Negro element was well represented at the picnic and it should be noted that LOUISE PATTERSON is a Negress.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report
of Special Agent [redacted] dated SEP 15 1944
at New York City are as follows:

[redacted] The [redacted] [redacted]
[redacted] New York, New York.

[redacted] Is a [redacted] from [redacted]
[redacted] New York, New York.

[redacted] - Is a report of [redacted]
New York City.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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DATE: September 30, 1944

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA

SUBJECT: Mrs. WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, Was.
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Russia - Int. Sec. - C.
Spain - Int. Sec. - C.
Mexico - Int. Sec. - C.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 22, 1944 at Chicago, Illinois in which the Philadelphia Office was requested to obtain data concerning the subject's alleged trips to Russia, Spain and Mexico. b7C

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The records of Immigration, Naturalization, Visa, Reentry, and Alien Registration were checked under the subject's name and aliases with negative results.

It should be noted by the Chicago Field Division that if the subject was born in Chicago, as set out in reference report, a record of her alleged trips to Spain, Russia, and Mexico would be kept at the State Department at Washington, D.C.

This case is considered referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/20/44

FROM : S. J. DRAYTON, SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: MRS. WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, was, Mrs. Louise Alone
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Alone Thompson, nee Louise Alone Tolis.

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INTERNAL SECURITY-C. Bureau File 100-39.

Information in the files of the Chicago Field Office indicates that subject has traveled in Russia, Spain and Mexico. It is not known when subject traveled in Mexico, but it appears probable that she traveled in Spain and Russia in 1939.

Since it appears that subject was born in Chicago, Illinois, on September 9, 1901, it is believed probable that a record of subject's travel in foreign countries may be available at the State Department. Accordingly, the Washington Field Division is being hereby requested to make appropriate check at the Department of State in an effort to ascertain if subject traveled in any foreign country under any of the names above listed, and a copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Washington Field Division.

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Mrs. WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, with aliases
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Inspector

Serial No. 40 is a letter from the Philadelphia Field Office dated September 30, 1944, pointing out that the information concerning subject's foreign travels was not available at the Immigration and Naturalization Service, but might be secured through the State Department at Washington, D. C.

No copies of this letter were referred to the Washington Field Office, and it does not appear that any effort is being made to check with the State Department for the desired information. A letter should be sent to the Washington Field Office to have this matter handled.

SAC DRAFTING:

A letter has been submitted to the Washington Field requesting information regarding the details of subject's departure from the United States.

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Inspection Report
Chicago Field Office
Inspector
November 14, 1944

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO, ILL.**

FILE NO. **100-16901**

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 12/16/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/30; 12/11/44	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div> WBW:CC
TITLE MRS. WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, with aliases		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Passport issued to subject in name of LOUISE TOMPSON on 8/5/37, for a contemplated trip to France, England and Spain as a press correspondent and relief worker. Traveled abroad under the auspices of the American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy. Prior passport issued for travel to Germany for 2 years on June 6, 1932.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file 100-39.
Letter from Chicago to Bureau 11/20/44.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Confidential National Defense Informant whose identity is known to the Bureau, made available the passport file of the subject and the following information was noted therein:

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Passport No. 468361 was issued to LOUISE TOMPSON on August 5, 1937, for a contemplated trip of 2 months duration to France, England and Spain as a press correspondent and relief investigator. She intended leaving New York City on August 11, 1937 via the SS QUEEN MARY. She was a member of a group known as the North America Committee to

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North American Committee to Aid
Air Spanish Democracy, whose purpose was to investigate social conditions in Spain and conduct relief work. This group traveled under the auspices of the Open Road Tourist Agency.

Prior Passport No. 516630 was issued to the subject on June 6, 1932, for a contemplated trip of 2 years duration for study.

A letter dated 8/5/37 from [redacted] of the North America Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, furnished to the State Department a list of individuals who were applying for membership in the North America Committee group to Spain. Included in this list was the subject, and the following activities of the subject were reported there:

"Miss LOUISE TOMPSON, of New York. Graduate of the University of California. An Officer of the International Workers Order for 4 years. One year in New York School of Social Work as Fellow of the National Urban League. Worked for 3 years with [redacted] Member of the National Committee of the American League Against War and Fascism. Also National Committee of the National Negro Congress. Her passport application reflects that she was born on Sept. 9, 1901 at Chicago, Ill. Her residence in 1937 was 530 Manhattan Avenue, New York City. She was married in August, 1928, to WALLACE THURMAN, who was born August, 1902, at Salt Lake City, and is now deceased. She, however, was divorced from him in Mexico in 1931."

The following two individuals executed affidavits on behalf of the subject, swearing as to her birth in this country:

[redacted]

New York City

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New York City

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SAC, Chicago

January 13, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

MRS. WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, With Aliases
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Chicago File 100-16901

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A review of the files in this matter discloses that the Bureau has not received handwriting specimens or a photograph of the subject and it is requested that this delinquency be removed at an early date.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

FILE NO. 100-4092

REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE 1/31/45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/26/45	REPORT MADE BY [Redacted] RJS:LGS
TITLE MRS. WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, with aliases			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject resides at 5341 S. Maryland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Subject continues to serve as National Vice President and Midwest President of IWO and has been active principally in organizing a section of the IWO amongst Chicago's 300,000 Negroes. Prior to November election she was active in behalf of Democratic candidates and formed the "Midwest Fraternal Committee for Re-Election of President Roosevelt" for political activity by IWO leaders. Subject maintains regular contact with Communist leaders in District No. 8. She maintains a joint account with her husband WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, also reputed to be a Communist leader, at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank in Chicago.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau letter dated January 13, 1945
Report of Special Agent [Redacted] Chicago, Illinois,
dated July 22, 1944.

DETAILS:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

According to the "Fraternal Outlook" for August-September, 1944, subject was re-elected as General Vice President of the International Workers Order at its National Convention held in New York City in July, 1944. She also continues to serve as Midwest President of the organization.

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During the period covered by this report the IWO under the leadership of LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON has engaged in the following activities.

1. Political Activity

According to Confidential Informants [redacted] and [redacted] whose identities are known to the Bureau, the subject was instrumental in establishing the "Midwest Fraternal Committee for the Re-Election of President Roosevelt" which was used as a paper organization through which the IWO members could engage in political activity, most of which was in cooperation with the CIO Political Action Committee and the National Citizens Committee for Political Action.

2. Recruiting

Since the election, according to Informants [redacted] and [redacted] the subject has been engaged principally in organizing Negroes on the South Side of Chicago into the IWO. These informants report that the national organization has given an objective of 200,000 members to be recruited among the Negroes on the South Side of the city, and according to present indications, this quota will be filled. In recruiting members subject and her associates have emphasized the fact that through the IWO they are given an opportunity of fraternizing with members of the white race on an equal basis and this argument coupled with the insurance available to recruits has proved persuasive in obtaining members from amongst Chicago Negroes. The informants report that the recruiting drive is being financed by the National Office of the IWO and that sums of money are placed in subject's account at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago, to be distributed by her in connection with the recruiting program.

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Informants also report that the subject has received instructions to hold a mass rally at Chicago, Illinois, during the months of March and April at which a prominent speaker for the East will appear to discuss the development of a Negro section of the IWO.

The informants report that the subject maintains regular contact with Communist leaders in District No. 8, particularly MORRIS CHILDS, president, Communist Political Association, District No. 8, ALFRED WAGENKNECHT, first vice president, and [redacted]

The informants advised that from October 12 to October 17 the subject was traveling in Washington, D. C., and New York City and that from October 21 through October 31, 1944, she was traveling in Southern Illinois. Part of this time, according to the informants, she spent in East St. Louis, Illinois, and Alton. While in East St. Louis, she stayed with friends residing at [redacted] East St. Louis, telephone [redacted]

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Confidential Informant [redacted] reported that the subject maintains a joint account at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank with her husband, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, assistant director of the Abraham Lincoln School, and reputed Communist leader in the Chicago Field Division.

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Pictures of the subject are available in this file and two copies of a picture which is a good likeness of her as she appeared to the writer within the past year are being forwarded to the Bureau as an enclosure with this report.

According to Confidential Informant [redacted] subject still resides at 5341 South Maryland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

ENCLOSURE TO BUREAU - Two copies of photograph of the subject.

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