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## Memorandum



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| FROM : | SA | (\#42) |  |  |
| SUbject: | JAMES BALDWIN SM ~ C |  |  |  |

on $8 / 11 / 64$, there was received from a confidential mailbox of the NYO a form letter bearing the signature of JAMES BALDWIN which referred to the 1,000 volunteers who are working in Mississippi on the Mississippi Summer Project and asked for a generous contribution for this project. BALDWIN requested that the contribution be sent to him at the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), 100 Fifth Ave., NYC. THIS. LETTER WAS SENT FBOM THE SNEC CFFICE in gTLANTA.

Also enclosed was a business reply envelope addressed to JAMES BALDWIN, Suite 803, 100 Fifth Avenue, to enclose a contribution for the Mississippi Summer Project. It asked that the checks be made out to SNCC.

Also enclosed was a reprint from "Newsweek" of $2 / 24 / 64$, which concerns the fepre that Mayor ALLEN THOMPSON of Jackson, Mississippi, was gathering together in expectation of a wave of civil rights demonstrations during the Summer of 1964.

The above items received throught the confidential mailbox are being made an exhibit in the BALDWIN file.

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 collected from the China Daily News, 20 Elizabeth Street, NYC. to SA

Included in the trash were 3 envelopes addressed to the China Daily News bearing the following return addresses:

The above informant was unable to advise any information regarding the contents of the above correspondence.

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 vow James Baldivin has country if Senator Barry Goldwater is elected President of the United States. * At the saline time, he denounced the American Black Muslim movemont and racial violence in the United States.
Baldwin discussed the American racial problem in an isiterview given in Paris to the West Berlin newspaper Spandauer Volssablatt.
The newspaper bannerlined the interview on the front page under the headline "Harlem Is A Getto."
Asked for his opinion of Goldwater's nomination as the Republican candidate for President the

Negro writer, said, That is a scandal for the United States I do not believe saying too much, but the San Francisco convention showed what the nation really thinks of us 20 million Negroes.
"It was a bitter lesson. If he becomes president $I$ will emigrate. And I would not be tic only one to do so."

Asked if he would support Tres:dent Johnson's nampaja: it: re election, Panda m replied, "As must as $\vdots \mathrm{L}$ is in my power fo do sc."

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## VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARDS

## MEMORANDUM RE:

## Office File $\quad$ 100-146553

The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

Residence: Apartment 6, 470 West End Avenue, New York, New York Employment: Address:

Labor Union Affiliation:
Defense Facility:
Key Facility:
Security Flash:


It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and posting of a Security Flash should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a criminal record.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE CONTD

The pretext utilized by SA on
$3 / 23 / 65$, to verify the subject's residence consisted of an attempt to locate an individual named BEHRINGER who resided in the subject's building. During the conversation between the agent and
the latter advised that the subject resides in Apartment 6 at 470 West End Avenue and is well known in the building as an author and playwright.

The Los Angeles Civic Light Opera Edition of Playbill entitled "Curtain Call" Volume 1, No. 7, dated July, 1964, on page 36, published an interview entitled "Playwright At Work: JAMES BALDWIN." A notation by the editor of Playbill noted that JAMES BALDWIN is a "brilliant burning tiger who is probably the monarch of the current literary jungle, (who) has won international acclaim as both a major writer and as the angry conscience of a nation." The notation continues "This blunt, lonely, perceptive forty year old bachelor has created three novels, three books of essays and the two plays. His latest work may be seen on Broadway in the Actors Studio's explosive production of 'Blues for Mr. Charlie.'" The notation concluded with the statement that BALDWIN recently discussed his career and views on the American theatre in a two hour interview.

It is to be noted that in the interview mentioned above wherein the subject was asked, "Will you write for the stage again?" BALDWIN replied, "I will do more plays. I am now finishing a book with RICHARD AVEDON on the way we now live in America. His pictures, my text-entitled 'An Essay'. Then I have a long article to do on the FBI and how it treats Negroes. It will be called, 'The Blood Counters', which is the Negroes nickname for the FBI. After that, perhaps a play."

Information pertaining to the subject's name being in the possession of the "China Daily News" in September, 1964, has been paraphraspdif this report in order to protect the source.



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2. Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
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The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.

Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. $X$ A suitable photograph $\square$ is $\square$ is not available.
5. $\square$ Subject is employed in a key facility and $\qquad$ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are
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(state reason) of information furnished by NY T-1 through NY T-7, the unauthorized disclosure of which could reveal these sources of continuing value which would be detrimental to the national defense interests of the United States.
7. $\square$ Subject previously interviewed (dates)

Subject was not xecinterviewed because (state reason)
of his prominent position as a Negro author
and his personal involvement in the civil rights struggles by the Negroes in the United States as well as his implied dislike for the FBI is evidenced by the fact it has been stated he is planning to write a book criticizing the FBI on its activity in the civil rights field in the South. It is felt
This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) of the subject's outspoken stand on the civil rights issue, his curwent prominence as an author and the inflammatory nature of his writings which show him to be a dangerous individual who could be expected to commit acts inimical to the national defense and public safety of the United States in time of emergency.

10\% [X] Subject's SI card $\square$ is $\square$ is not tabbed Detcom. Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons)
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## Residence and Employment

On March 23, 1965, it was determined by a pretext conducted by a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that JAMES BALDWIN, Negro Author and Playwright, resides in Apartment 6 at 470 West Hnd Avenue, New Yorik, New York.

On April 23, 1964, NY T-1 advised that the subject's play, "Bluea for in. Charlie" was scheduled to open on April 23, 1964, at the Anta Theatre, 252 kest 52nd Street. New York City.

In June, 1964, NY T-1 advised that the subject's play, "Elues for Mr. Charlie" which opened on April 23. 1964, was scheduled to close in June, 1964.

The "New York Hexald Tribune" edition of July 14, 1964, contained an article which stated that a book about the FEI by JAMES BALDPIN was scheduled to de published by Dial fress in the Spring of 1965. This article also stated that this book will be featured in the "New Yorker" magazine before it appears as a book.

## II. ASSOCIATION WITH COMUNIST PARTY (CP) MEMBERS

On April 5, 1964, NY T-1 advised that JAMES BALDWIN was in contact with KUNIRE PITMS O'DELL in early April, 1964. NX T-1 was unable to detemine the purpose of this contact between orpehi and the subject. ( $f$ ) U


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on April 20, 1964, NY T-1 advi sed that the subject was in contact with HUNMR"PITH O!DELKi in April. 2964, in New York City regarding the subject's pily, "Rlues for Mr. Charlie" acheduled to ggen on paroadway, New Yoxk city, on April 23, 1964. (U)U

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On June 9, 1964, NY T-1 advised that the subject was in contact with HUNTER PITMS O'DELL in early June, 1964, regarding the subject's play "Blues for Mr. Charlie". (\&) U
III. AFFILIATION WITH

SUBVERSIVE OROANIZATIONS AND MUBLICATIONS

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The Socialist Workers Party has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

## Emergency Civil Liberties Committee

A characterization of the Emergency divil Liberties Comittee is contained in the Appendix attached hereto.

On April 16, 1964, NY T-G made available a copy of the pebruary-March, 1964 issue of "R1ghts" distributed by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC) which contained portions of a speech given by the subject at an ECLC 3111 of R1ghts dinner held in December, 1063. in New York City.
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> A characterization of "Preedomways" is contalned in the Appendix attached hereto.

The Spring, 1954 1ssue of "Preedomays", Volume 4, Number 2, self-described as "a quarterly review of the Negro freedom movement", published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York, New York, contains an article entitied, "What Price Freedom" by JAMES BALDHIA.

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On march 19, 1964, NY T-7 and on Marah 24, 1964 HY T-8 advised that at a Corum sponsored by the New York School for Marxist Studies, held on March 17, 1964, at 853 Broadway, Now York City, JOE NORTH, who spoke on the topic, "Where Is American interature Going?", remarked that there should be more writers like JAMES EALDWIN and heaped praise on Barduins.
"The Worker" dated March 15, 1964, in its masthead identified JOSEPH NORTH as being a member of the Editorial Starf or that publication.
"The worker" is an east coast Commist newspaper.

## IV. MISCELLANEOUS

The August 2, 1964 edition of the "Now York post". a dally newsyaper published at New York, New York, contained an article written by the subject on the darlem riots which had occurred in New York city durins the summer of 1964. In this article, BALDwif set forth the reasons which he felt caused the riots by Negroes in Harlem. The lead to this artiole noted that it had been written by the subject in Paris. Prance, where he was then writing a new novel and had been sent directly to the "Wew York Post".

The "Now Crusader", Chicago, Illinois, weekly edition dated September 15, 1964, contained an article daptioned, "BALDNIN W111 cutt US If GOLDUATER Wins." In this article, the subject, who was interviewed in paris, France, on an unspecified date by a West Berlin newspaper, stated that he would emigrate from the United States if BARRY COLDWATER, nominated as a Ropublicain candidate for President of the United States wis elected president.

## Nagative contaots With informants

Confidential informants who are familiar with certain phases of Communist Party activity or hate groups in the New York city area advised during February and march, 1965, that they had no information pertaining to the subject.


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On May 19, 1964, a source advised that the "China Daily News" (CDN) was founded in 1940 by a group of Chinese Communists and that the persons who controlled its policies from then to the present time have all been known to him as Chinese Communist leaders within the Chinese Communist movement in the New York area.

LOUIE TOM, a former employee of the CDN stated on October 30, 1962, that the people in the Chinese Community consider the CDN to be in favor of the Chinese Communists, and he now believes that they are correct. He stated that he and many other Chinese began reading the CDN because it reprinted stories from the homeland. He conceded that most of these stories favored the Chinese Communists.

The CDN, on December 29, 1962, contained an article on page 1 which stated that the financial situation has become more acute in recent days, and in order to operate it was necessary to economize. The article also stated that the CDN would only be published twice weekly, on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Another source has advised during 1963 and 1964 that the CDN receives current news releases from the China News Service. The news releases are from Peking, Shanghai, and Canton, China.

On February 16, 1955, the CDN paid a fine of $\$ 25,000.00$, and EUGENE MOY, its managing editor, began serving a one-year prison sentence after conviction in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for a violation of the Trading with the Enemy Act, in connection with the paper's printing of advertisements for Chinese Communist banks which sought to induce Chinese in the United States to send money to Communist China. EUGENE MOY died on December 14, 1958.

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COMMITTEE TO AID MTE MONEOE DEFENDANTS

A scurce advised on October 10, 1961, that the Comalttee to Ald the Monroe Defendants (CAMD) was formed during ieptember, 1961, by the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) in New York city.

Source advised on May 6, 1964, that the aims of the CAMD were to afford financial support and counsel for ROBERT F F WILLIAMS and four other defendants who were f.nvolved in a racial incident on August 27, 1961, at Monroe, North Carolina. The SWP hoped to dramatize this inciderit nationally and internationally through the CAMD and this attract individuals to the SWP aims and principles by polrg a leading role in the integration struggle. The CAMi mo also active in promoting the philosophy of utilizing counterwvicience to achieve integration as espoused by WILLIANS.

According to the source, the organization and impetus of CAMD activities throughout the varjous parts of the United States; such as obtaining sponsors and the raising of funds, were the results of the efforts of various SWP branches.

The March 23, 1964, issue of "The Militant," a weekly SWP newspaper, stated the CAMD suspended activities. This article relatied that this action was taken following the rojection of this committee by the defendants just prior to the trial held February 18-28, 1964, at Monroe, North Carolina, which resulted in the conviction of all of the defendants, except ROBERT F. WILLIAMS.

- ROBERT F. WILKIAMS has fled the United States and is reportedly residing in Cuba.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to-
Executive order 10450.


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EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE
The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December l, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on UnAmerican Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee:
"Emergency Civil Liberties Committee
"1. The Emergency Civil Liberties Committee is an organization with headquarters in New York, whose avowed purpose is to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities and discredit the FBI. * * * The committee finds that the Emergency Civil Liberties Coinmittee, established in 1951, although representing itself as a non-Communist group, actually operates as a front for the Communist Party. It has repeatedly assisted, by means of funds and legal aid, Communists involved in Smith Act violations and similar legal proceedings. One of its chief activities has been and still is the dissemination of voluminous Communist propaganda material.'
'FRANK WILKINSON was called as a witness when he appeared in Atlanta as a representative of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee to propagandize against the Committee on Un-American Activities and to protest its hearings. In 1956 WILKINSON was identified as a Communist Party member by a former FBI undercover agent within the party. Summoned at that time to answer *. the allegattion, his reply to all questions was, "I am answering no questions of this committee." This also became his stock repiy to questions when he appeared during the Atlanta hearings. * * * WILKINSON has since been connvicted of contempt of Congress and sentenced to one year in jail.'
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## EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTTES COMMITTEE

${ }^{1}$ Disputing the non-Communist claim of the organization, the committee finds that a number of other individuals connected with the ECLC also have been identified under oath as Communists. * * *
(Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report for 1958, House Reporit 187, March 9, 1959, pp. 34 and 35.)
'To defend the cases of communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these fronts offer a bulwark of protection.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 1i7, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED


The records of the New York Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the certificate of incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, was filed on March 2, 1961.

The Spring, 1964, issue of "Freedomways" is selfdescribed as "A Quarterly Review of the Negio Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City.

On May 24, 1961, a source advised that a report was given on "Freedomways" at a meeting of the National Board, Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), held on May 24, 1961. It was stated that the original plan called for the publication to be openly Marxist, but that it was later decided it would not be avowedly a Marxist publication. Editorials are in the hands of a mixed group of Marxists and non-Marxists. It was stated that the central purpose of "Freedomways" is to develop a theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro movement, as well as to raise the level of understanding and discussion taking place in Negro life today and to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation.

On May 25, 1961, another source advised that "Freedomways" was set up for the CPUSA by JAMES JACKSON, a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

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NEW YORK SCHOOL FOR MARXIST STUDIES
In September, 1960, a source advised it was announced at a meeting of the Communist party, United States of America, (CP, USA), New York District (NYD), Staff, held September 16, 1960, that the People's School for Marxist Studies was founded in September, 1960; as the result of a decision of the CP, USA, NYD. Adult classes were scheduled to start October 17, 1960.
"The Worker," an East Coast Communist newspaper, October 16, 1960, issue, announced the opening of the New York School for Marxist Studies (NYSMS) with general classes beginning October 17, 1960, and Student Committee on Progressive Education (SCOPE) (Youth) Classes beginning October 14, 1960. The address of the School is Room 1922, 853 Broadway at 14th Street, New York, New York.

The records of Pierce Mayer \& Greer, 41 East 42nd Street, New York City, reflect that on August 29, 1960, HERBERT APTHEKER leased Room 1922-23, 853 Broadway, New York City, for the period starting october 1, 1960. The premises were to be occupied by a "People's School." on July 3, 1962, HERBERT APTHEKER signed a new lease for Room 1922-23, 853 Broadway, New York City, to start October 1, 1962, which reflects that the premises were to be used as an office for the NYSMS.

During April and May, 1964, a second source furnished information that the NYSMS was then in operation at 853 Broadway, New York, New York.

A third source advised on December 14, 1959, that at the 17th National Convention of the CP, USA, held December 10 . 13, 1959, HERBERT APTHEKER was elected a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA.

The May, 1963, 1ssue of "Political Affairs," seifdescribed as the theoretical organ of the CP, USA, reflects that HERBERT APTHEKER has been replaced as editor of that publication after holding this position for several years.

A characterization of SCOPE is included in the appendix.

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STUDENT COMMITTEE E ON PROGRESSIVE EDUCATION (SCOPE)


A source advised on June 16, 1958, that the formed in early 1958, by a group of individuals who were believed to be, by the source, sympathizers of the former Labor Youth League (IYL).

The LYL has been designated pursuant to
Executive Order 10450.
A second source advised on November 20, 1958, that at the third day's session of the National Executive Committee (NEC), Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), held that day in New York City, ROBERT THOMPSON, Executive Secretary, CP, USA, stated that in New York there is a group of about twenty-one youths who have been a very active force in youth and formed a group called SCOPE, a Student Committee On Progressive Education, which has run for the last year with young people with a Marxist character. THOMPSON stated that approximately eight or ten of this group are CP members.

A third source advised on March 24, 1959, that during a meeting of the NEC, CP, USA, held on March 21, 1959, HYMAN LUNER, CP, USA Educational Director, stated that in New York most of the discussions on youth are between the National Office (CP) and two groups of young people who function in New York, which are either Party groups or proParty groups. The first group is called SCOPE (Student Committee on Progressive Education), and this group stands closest to the CP leadership.

A fourth source made available on March 23, 1961, a mimeographed letter signed by "The SCOPE Committee." This letter sets forth that last fall SCOPE became a part of the newly formed New York School for Marxist Studies (NYSMS) as its autonomous youth division.

The Winter (January 30, 1964 - March 6, 1964) Term 1964 Bulletin of the NYSMS states that SCOPE "believes that knowledge can be achieved and intellectual conformity and apathy avoided only through continual study and discussion. All students are encouraged to participate actively, as the goal of SCOPE is to provide a unique opportunity for the study and discussion of Marxism."


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On May 13, 1964, a fifth source advised that SCOPE continues to share the office space in Room 1922, 853 Broaduay, New York City, with the NYSMS.

A characterization of the NYSMS is included in the appendix.

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On the same date, according to the source,
contacted CLARENCE JONES and inquired ink stars hew on the insurance company. JONES said he was trying to get PEIER PELENRSON, Bell \& Hotel, for a director, also WHEELER from plitney-Borles. He said he also is wowing on investments from LESTIE VGGAMS (the singer) BROOS GEHTION, HANRY BEIAFONIE, SIDNEY POMIIER, and JAMES BALDViIN. He added that "our money" is coming in slow il and that he was wasting for a check from the Chemical Bank.


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Freedomanys Magezine sponsored, on April 22ad, a cocktail party s testimonial entertainment in honor oi PAIII ROBESON. This tooir place at the Americana Hotel incatcd at Seventh Avenue fis Fisfoy Second Street in New York Citj.

Entry fee to fohe cocktail perty was $\$ 10$ - this was also good for the entertainment which follcried later in a larger room. Approximately 500 persons attended the cocktail party with app. 20\% heing negro. [Among those attending the cocktain party wers

Mro \&f Mre. BAJIDIN who reside in Fennsylvania \& have an apartment in New York - it is believed Mr. BALDNIN is an artist, this couple is white \& elaeriyg ( $(4)(u)$

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Who it is knowm, spoke to PHIL \& told him she hac neard he would attendg $(\%) U$

Mrs. FOBESON EDOke and, also, PAUC RODESON who, in acaition to smakeing, broke finto song on a couple of occasions.

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On the night of $4 / 22 / 65$, "Treedomways" magazine held a salute to PAUL ROBESON at the Hotel Americana, NYC. A physical surveillance was conducted at the Hotel Americana on the night of $4 / 22 / 65$, between the hours of 5:30 P.M. and 3:00 P.M. at 5:30 P.M., HUNTER PIITS O'DELL was observed in the lobby at the main entrance to the hotel and he vas observed in the lobijy on numerous occasions during the evening, at times conversing with other Negroes and occasionally on the hotel telephones in the lobby. O'DELL ::as wearing a boutomivie and carried a program. One of the persons seen conversing with odELL was hiTHUR KNIGHT. The following persons were observed entering the lobby of the hotel and walking to the near of the hotel where there was access to the ballroom their the "Freedomuasi" afar vas being held:

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The following information was furnished by who has furnished reliable information in the past.

On $7 / 5 / 65$, ELIJAH MUHAMMAD remarked to in connection with a discussion regardinm activities, particularly the NOI newspaper "MUHAMMAD SPEAKS", that he keeps hearing from British Columbia, urging him to come up there after he has previously turned them down. He added that they keep telling him they will give him more money for expenses and pay him more. He also stated there was another place in Maine that is doing about the same thing. He also stated that he has to do something about the Saturday Evening Post, as he promised them that he would give b/C-2 them an article as well as other magazines. He added that (ERIC) LINCOLN and (JAMES) BALDWIN both want to do some writing and go 50-50 with him, but that he has told them he will have no part of it. He added that he desires to give the material to and have write it for MUHAMMAD for which he, , will be compensated. He added that "these fellows just want to get fat off of us".

ELIJAH also stated that he desires to go to Tuskegee (Alabama) and that he desired to take DURHAM with him. apparently jumped at the chance, stating he

would be delighted and it would give him a chance to jump between ELIJAR and the Gu Klux Klan. MUHAMMAD explained that that would not be right as he, MUHAMMAD, was too strong for them. MUHAMMAD indicated that the affair in Tuskegee, if it took place, would be in the latter part of September, 1965, and that he would want to have brc-2 write his speech for him and accompany him there as the. editor of the newspaper.

The above is submitted for the information of the Bureau and interested offices.

In view of the vagueness and non-specific nature of the above, it is not being placed in LHM form at this time. Chicago will follow this matter closely and in the event additional specific information is developed, the Bureau and interested offices will be appropriately advised. In addition, this information is not being put into LHM form as it could conceivably jeopardize UACB. $Y$

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information in the past, furnished the following information on the dates indicated. Information furnished by this source should be carefully paraphrased when used in any communication which will be disseminated outside the Bureau so that this confidential technique may not be compromised.


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her that he would be going pretty soon. and told
GLEN (INU) (Female) contacted the League of Women Voters and said that she lives at Street, NYC. She inquired if she was in the 31 st Senatorial District.

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7/5/65 GRAY was not in.

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said his chances of winning are good because none of his opponents have his militancy and background of fighting. asked to help him get into the He said use main thing is the solicitation of
signatures for petitions. The campaign right now is to get on the ballot. The August campaign will be a campaign of registration is running in the Democratic Primary. says that it might be worthwhile getting involved because it's a short term thing.
said that we can use help any time and the main thing right now is that JESSE GRAY needs 5,000 signatures;
 needs 750 signatures. says, 'I'm going to see what we can or can't do". 7/6/65

( PH ) from Hep ( PH ) attempted to reach Major WILLIAMS who was not in.

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I am renewing my subscription today.
Won't you join me in using the enclosed envelope to mail a check for your subscription? You will be in time for the special Mississippi Issue, which is now available.
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on $7 / 13 / 65$, made available the following information which was maintained by Freedomways Associates, Inc.., 799 Broadway, NYC (\&) U

A form letter on the stationery of JHMES BALDWIN, NY, NY, bearing the signature of JAMES BALDWIN and addressed "Freedomways," BALDWIN comments on a recent trip made to Alabama where he witnessed the effort by the Negros there to achieve voting rights. He said that the example of Selma is of great importance to all of them.

BALDWIN continues that he found the recent issue of "Freedomways" on his desk when he returned and said that this magazine, during the past five years, has been in the forefront of those magazines providing articles on the many facets of the Civil Rights Crises.

BALDWIN asks that the recipient join him in using the enclosed envelope to subscribe to "Freedomways.'

Enclosed with this letter was a flier showing the cover page of the winter, 1965 issue devoted to F . E .E. DuBois and the spring, 1965 issue devoted to Mississippi. Also enclosed was a self-addressed envelope to Freedomways Associates, 799 Broadway, containing space for a subscription to the magazine.

The above information is filed in NY file 100-144139-iB.
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