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FOIPA No. 1060246- 000

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

FILE NO. **100-15799**

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| TITLE<br><b>FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS</b>       |                                 |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>          |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject, a negro poet and author, reported to be member of Communist Party and instructor-guest lecturer Abraham Lincoln School. Is reported to associate with high functionaries in the Communist Political Association in Chicago and active as Secretary in organization of National Negro Museum Historical Foundation. Subject also reported to have lectured to gatherings of American Youth for Democracy and Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, and similar groups, and to have written President ROOSEVELT urging him to intervene in the deportation proceedings against Mrs. BROWDER. Subject was born 12/31/04, Arkansas City, Kansas, and resides 3559 Vincennes. Is employed as Executive Editor of Associated Negro Press. Registered Local Draft Board 82, classified 1A(H). No criminal or credit record. Description set out.

**DETAILS:**

**AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:**

This investigation is predicated upon information received from confidential informants that Subject was a national sponsor of the American Youth for Democracy, and a guest lecturer at the Abraham Lincoln School for the spring session of 1944.

**I. RESIDENCE AND BUSINESS ADDRESS**

Subject's residence at 3559 South Vincennes Avenue was verified, as was his employment at 3507 South Parkway.

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## II. OCCUPATION

Subject is employed as Executive Editor for the Associated Negro Press, according to the Selective Service file. His duties are described as "General supervision of getting and preparing news and features for distribution to member newspapers of the Associated Negro Press."

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## III. SELECTIVE SERVICE STATUS

Subject was a registrant of Local Board 82, 3858 South Parkway. [redacted] made available his file which reflected that he registered on October 16, 1940, and was assigned Order Number 1131, and Serial Number 1655. At the time of registration, he resided at 3559 Vincennes, and gave his age as 35, having been born December 31, 1904, at Arkansas City, Kansas. He indicated he was a citizen of the United States, and listed the person who would always know his address as his wife, Mrs. THELMA DAVIS, at the above address.

Upon executing DSS Form 40, Selective Service Questionnaire, on March 25, 1941, Subject stated that he had 9 years elementary school, 3 years high school, and attended Kansas State College for 3½ years, studying journalism. He indicated he was employed by the Associated Negro Press as a feature editor, in which work he had had 14 years experience. His earnings were shown as \$37.50 weekly. Subject further stated that from March 15, 1940, to September 1, 1940, he was Publicity Director for the American Negro Exposition.

In the questionnaire Subject stated he was born December 31, 1905, at Arkansas City, Kansas, was married July 12, 1931, at Atlanta, Georgia, and has no children. The file reflected that he rents his residence at 3559 Vincennes for \$32.50 monthly from [redacted]. In completing his questionnaire, it was noted that the sections referring to court record and military service were left blank.

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On June 19, 1942, Local Board 82 sent the Subject his Occupational Questionnaire, which he executed and returned indicating his Social Security Number as 337-16-3458, and indicated his past employment as Executive Editor for Associated Negro Press, whose business was shown as "National News Service."

On January 15, 1942, Subject, as well as his employer, executed Form DSS 42B. On April 14, 1943, Subject executed DSS Form 41, Registrant's Affidavit--Family Status and Dependents, in which he listed his wife THELMA B. DAVIS, who was stated to have been born May 8, 1903. It was noted that at the time this form

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was executed Subject stated his wife had accepted a civil service position as typist in Washington, but would be transferred back to Chicago soon. Her address was given as 1804 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. Subject further stated that in addition to himself and wife, JAMES B. BOUGANEY, age 62, and Subject's step father, also resides at 3559 Vincennes.

On July 19, 1943, DSS Form 42A was filed on behalf of Subject by his employer, which stated that the Subject was employed by the company from September 18, 1935, and entered upon his present job in January of 1942, earning \$50 weekly. His prior work experience was shown as "reporter, feature writer, columnist, and editor on various publications in Chicago, Gary, Indiana, and Atlanta, since 1927." His educational background was shown as student in Journalism School of Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas, from September, 1924, to February, 1927, and from September, 1929, to June, 1930.

Subject was classified 1A(H) by Local Board 82, on January 7, 1944.

IV. CITIZENSHIP STATUS:

According to Subject's Selective Service File, he was born on December 31, 1905, at Arkansas City, Kansas, and is a citizen of the United States of America.

V. CREDIT AND CRIMINAL RECORD:

A check of the credit records of Hills Reports was made by Special Agent ROBERT J. HORNUNG for any record of Subject, with negative results.

The records of the Chicago Police Department were checked by this same agent. No record of any arrest was located, however, the Industrial Detail of the Department reflected that Subject was active as Executive Secretary of the Associated Negro Press, spoke at a meeting of the American Youth for Democracy at the Fine Arts Building, on December 5, 1943, and was one of the Sponsoring Committee to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the "Daily Worker" held at Orchestra Hall, on January 6, 1944.

VI. BACKGROUND OF ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS:

On April 20, 1942, Bureau advised by letter that the Subject addressed to Mr. TRUMAN K. GIBSON, Junior Assistant Civilian Aid to the Secretary of War, a letter reporting that various unnamed dining car stewards on the Santa Fe



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Trains were pro-Nazi and may be engaged in Nazi espionage activities. Subsequent investigation revealed that Subject's information came from a negro friend employed on the Santa Fe Railroad, whose identity he did not desire to reveal. Investigation was subsequently discontinued, upon the failure to substantiate the allegations in the complaint.

Subject as Executive Secretary of the Associated Negro Press was listed as speaker in a flyer entitled "Meet American Youth for Democracy at the Town Hall Meeting for Interracial Unity for Victory" to be held Sunday, December 5, 1943, at Curtis Hall of the Fine Arts Building.

A clipping in the "Chicago Defender" of February 13, 1944, stated that Subject was a member of the "Negro History Museum Committee, which committee was planned for a Permanent Negro History Museum in Chicago. Members of the organization were to meet at a celebration, Sunday February 20, 1944, at Wendell Phillips High School Auditorium, where BEN DAVIS, New York Councilman, was to speak.

In this same newspaper of May 6, 1944, a clipping stated that Subject, an Executive Editor of the Associated Negro Press and poet, was elected Secretary of the National Negro Museum Historical Foundation, which organization was seeking an Illinois charter and planned to become part of a nation-wide organization to promote the study of negro history and collect and preserve all available material of this nature.

Miss THELMA DALE, a member of the National Council of the National Negro Congress in New York, had conferences with Subject when she came to Chicago on February 19, 1944, to attend a meeting of the National Sorority, according to Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] reported on August 13, 1943, that Subject was present at the Abraham Lincoln School on August 8, 1943, to review "New World A'Coming," a novel concerning life in Harlem. It was further reported that Subject is the author of "Black Man's Verse" and "I Am the American Negro." Subject was reported to be Executive Editor of the Associated Negro Press, and both KELLY and GREEN were bidding for his services in their respective campaigns.

Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, reported in November of 1943, that Subject was scheduled to speak at a meeting of the American Youth for Democracy Organization on December 5, 1943, to be held at 7:30 p.m. in Curtis Hall, 410 South Michigan.

Confidential Informant [redacted] reported on December 4, 1943, that JAMES DILLIER, of the "Daily Worker" was in Chicago contacting various people for statements

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of opinions on the Teheran Conference. Subject gave the following statement:

"I would say that it could go a long way toward denouncing HITLER and HIROHITO, who have been using every means of keeping the Soviet Union, Great Britain, and America apart. I would say also that the results laid future basis for cooperation toward building the kind of world which would be free from war and Fascism. I would say also that, of course, there will be attempts to belittle the results but the program of the forces is in the ascending stage and nothing will be able to stop the forward march. Here in Chicago "The Tribune" will dispell its efforts to bring about disunity, but I believe that the majority of the people here are becoming aware of what the Tribune's real purpose is, and they are effectively turning the Midwestern Section in the direction that they want it to go."

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Confidential Informant [ ] reported in December of 1943 that WILLIAM L. PATTERSON was discussing with the Subject regarding the Abraham Lincoln School getting space in the Art Institute on the South side, and also in regard to the matter of deportation proceedings of Mrs. EARL BROWDER on which DAVIS agreed to write a letter to President ROOSEVELT.

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In January, 1944, [ ] advised Confidential Informant [ ] that ISHMAEL FLORY had suggested that she contact the Subject to teach WILLIAM L. PATTERSON'S course on the outline of Negro History, but that subsequently FLORY had persuaded [ ] to teach the class.

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This same Informant reported that [ ] Branch Organizer for the Third Ward Branch of the South Side Section of the Communist Party, had obtained Subject as a speaker for a mass meeting of the American Youth for Democracy to be held at the Central YMCA on January 9, 1944.

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In the same month a program called due to a community conference to discuss ways and means of combating anti-Semitism to be held under the auspices of the South Side Committee for Racial Unity lists Subject as one of the sponsors, and on February 4, 1944, this Informant reported that in connection with the Abraham Lincoln School anniversary party to be held on February 13, 1944,

[ ] WILLIAM L. PATTERSON'S wife, had suggested a list of persons to whom invitations should be sent. This list contained the name of the Subject.

[ ] further reported that Subject would give a short speech at the anniversary party on the National Negro History Week, and was scheduled to give a speech at a Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee party here February 12, 1944, in celebration of American Night.

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[redacted] was advised by [redacted] that Subject was scheduled to address the American Youth for Democracy meeting at the University of Chicago on the evening of February 10, 1944, and [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that Subject was listed on the official program as a member of the Sponsoring Committee of a conference held January 17, 1944, in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the "Daily Worker."

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[redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, reported that on January 26, 1944, [redacted] and [redacted] had obtained a list of sponsors for the BEN DAVIS meeting, which was scheduled for February 20, 1944, in which Subject's name was included. This same informant furnished a partial list of the sponsors of the BEN DAVIS meeting, which included the name of the Subject.

On February 14, 1944, Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that Subject, associated with the Associated Negro Press and member of the Communist Party, was a member of the Planning Committee planning the Negro History Program for Sunday, February 20, at the Wendell Phillips High School. [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, reported that at a regular meeting of the Second Ward Branch held at the Carver Center on February 17, 1944, it was announced that on March 12, 1944, Subject would give a lecture on GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER'S Life at the Carver Center, which would be the first of a series of educational lectures to be held.

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According to Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, the Abraham Lincoln School in February of 1944 was organizing a new class called "United Nations On the March", the class to be given one evening each week, each lecture to be devoted to a different major United Nation and its participation in the war. It was the Informant's belief Subject would give a lecture on "Africa and the Colonial World."

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This same Informant advised in February of 1944, that [redacted] had arranged with the Subject to help publicize a course on LEADBELLY, who is a negro folk singer.

According to [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, [redacted] had stated that she had made reservations for 12 for a dinner to precede the affair at the Abraham Lincoln School, at which [redacted] was to be featured. She advised that among others, the following would be present: WILLIAM L. PATTERSON [redacted] ISHMARL FLORY, [redacted] and the Subject.

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According to [redacted] WILLIAM L. PATTERSON had advised that Subject, whom he referred to as "a new guest lecturer at the School" is a member of the "Church" evidently referring to the Communist Party. This Informant advised that in April, of 1944, PATTERSON had [redacted] that the Subject was a poet in his own right, is very progressive, and very much interested in the Soviet Union, and that DAVIS at the present time is an instructor at the School.

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According to [redacted] Subject was working with [redacted] in obtaining recruits for the Communist Party among International Workers Order members, and that [redacted] had stated in March, 1944, that she had been charged by the Chicago Executive Board of the Communist Party with the responsibility of organizing negroes throughout the nation into an autonomous national group society and that Subject was working with her in this connection. It was further indicated by the Informant Subject had been in contact with the International Workers Order Headquarters during the latter part of March and early part of April.

In the "Daily Worker" of January 23, 1944, an article entitled "Negro Writer Pleads for Mrs. BROWDER" was printed. In his letter to President ROOSEVELT, DAVIS was quoted as saying the following:

"Because I am also a member of the minority group, I cannot help but feel the injustice of the persecution heaped by Attorney General BIDDLE on Mrs. EARL BROWDER, who faces deportation because of a mere technicality.

"Mrs. BROWDER has committed no crime. She is not a dangerous alien. There is no evidence she has ever actively participated in American politics. She is the mother of three children, who are at least as American as any other.

"But she is the wife of the General Secretary of the Communist Party. This means she is married to a man who places winning the war against Fascism and complete unity of all the people above any and all considerations. Does this, therefore, make Mrs. BROWDER unfit to live in our great nation?"

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Confidential Informants [redacted] and [redacted] were contacted for any record of Subject with negative results. [redacted] made available a leaflet purported to have been distributed by the Communist Party, entitled "Meet American Youth For Democracy," setting forth a town hall meeting of the Interracial Unity for Victory on December 5, 1944, at which Subject was listed as a speaker. The same Informant made available a leaflet purported to have been distributed from local Chicago Communist Party Headquarters on April 15, 1944, entitled "Friends of the New Masses in Chicago Presents the Sugar Brought Against America," and urged that the people come and hear BRUCE MINTON, Washington editor of the "New Masses." Subject was listed as a sponsor for this event.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that Subject had resided at 3559 Vincennes

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since 1940, and that he was employed as associate editor for the Associated Negro Press, 3507 South Parkway, earning \$115 monthly.

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Confidential Informant  advised he knew of no Communist activities on the part of Subject; that he was not one to talk to other individuals to any extent. This Informant stated he did not believe that Subject held any Communist Party meetings at his residence. It is further stated that Subject to his knowledge lived at the residence with his wife and that they had very few guests in the apartment and in fact their activities were such that no suspicion could be past upon them.

V. DESCRIPTION

The following description of Subject was obtained from his Selective Service file:

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| Name                   | FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS   |
| Address                | 3559 Vincennes   |
| Age                    | 39   |
| Birth date and place   | 12/31/05, Arkansas City, Kansas                                |
| Race                   | Negro  |
| Nationality            | American   |
| Height                 | 6'1"   |
| Weight                 | 230 lbs.   |
| Eyes                   | Brown  |
| Hair                   | Black  |
| Complexion             | Light Brown  |
| Employment             | Executive Editor Associated<br>Negro Press, 3507 South Parkway |
| Order Number           | 1121   |
| Social Security Number | 337-16-3458  |

No photograph of Subject is available.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

Confidential Informant [redacted] is [redacted]  
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Confidential Informant [redacted] is [redacted]  
[redacted]

These informants requested that their identity remain confidential.

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS** continues to reside at 3559 S. Vincennes Ave., Chicago, and is employed as Executive Editor of the Associated Negro Press. Subject has been reported by Confidential Informant [redacted] to be a member of the Doris Miller Club, CPA. He is on the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee in an executive capacity. He opposed the disaffiliation of the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee from the American Civil Liberties Union, believing that more support could be gained for the Negro minority group if the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee was ousted by the American Civil Liberties Union instead of the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee withdrawing from the American Civil Liberties Union. However, [redacted] Executive Secretary of the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee and CPA officials in Chicago believed that more could be gained by a withdrawal of the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee from the American Civil Liberties Union. According to Confidential Informant [redacted] the Subject was "put straight" on this issue by [redacted] President of the South Side Council, CPA. A resume of Subject's activities with the Abraham Lincoln School and the American Youth for Democracy set forth.

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Chicago, Illinois, dated 7/5/44.

DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

This case has been reopened for further investigation in view of the Subject's connection as Executive Editor of the Associated Negro Press, and reports that the Associated Negro Press has been receiving news releases from Chatwood Hall, Moscow correspondent of the Associated Negro Press, which have had a definite Soviet propaganda flavor.

Residence and Business Address

Subject's residence at 3559 South Vincennes Avenue was verified by Reporting Agent.

Subject continues to be employed as Executive Editor in the offices of the Associated Negro Press, 3507 South Parkway, Chicago.

Activities with the Communist Political Association

Confidential Informant [ ] reported on March 6, 1945, that [ ] Organizer of the South Side Council, CPA, told him that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS is now in the Doris Miller Club, CPA. This group meets at 3865 South Cottage Grove Avenue, and covers the general area of the eastern section of the Second Ward. Previous reports from Confidential Informants indicated that the Subject might have been a member of the Carver Club, CPA, which holds its meetings at 4241 South Michigan Avenue, and covers the western section of the Second Ward. In view of the fact that the Subject resides at 3559 South Vincennes Avenue he resides in the general area of the eastern half of the Second Ward which is covered by the Doris Miller Club, CPA.

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Activities with the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee

On April 4, 1945, Confidential Informant [ ] advised that [ ] Executive Secretary of the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee told him he was having trouble with FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, who is Executive Editor of the Associated Negro Press. The trouble arose because DAVIS felt that the Chicago Committee should remain in the American Civil Liberties Union, and that the American Civil Liberties Union should put the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee out later on. [ ] said he had talked to MORRIS CHILDS and PHIL BART, District #8, CPA officials, and they believed that a more progressive job can be done in Chicago if the Chicago Civil Liberties

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Committee cuts loose immediately from the American Civil Liberties Union. According to this Informant [redacted] wanted [redacted] President of the South Side Council, CPA, to put DAVIS straight on the issue. According to [redacted] DAVIS was of the opinion that it would be better to have the American Civil Liberties Union oust the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee from the organization. DAVIS felt that more support could be gained from the Negro minority if this method of disaffiliation was used. It should be noted that the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee has divorced itself from the American Civil Liberties Union. According to this Informant [redacted] [redacted] persuaded DAVIS and "put him straight" on what view he should take of this issue.

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The above information is being set forth to indicate the close connection between [redacted] President of the South Side Council, CPA, and FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS of the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee. Apropos of this connection it should be noted that DAVIS is regarded by members of the Communist Political Association as an outlet for the distribution of news and propaganda which the CPA wishes to get out to the Negro people. As Executive Editor of the Associated Negro Press DAVIS is in a position to determine what news releases shall be made by the Associated Negro Press to the various member newspapers to whom it supplies news. As an example of what kind of work DAVIS will do for the CPA and CPA Front groups, the Du Sable Lodge 751, of the IWO, prevailed upon DAVIS to write a memorial article for a special pamphlet put out by the Du Sable Lodge for the PAUL ROBESON meeting held at the Du Sable High School on June 17, 1945. In this article DAVIS very cleverly eulogized former PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, and at the same time subtly pointed out how essential it is for the Negro to demand that the new administration carry out the policies of PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT. It should be noted that this continues to be the party line of the Communist Political Association. This pamphlet, in which numerous reportedly Communist dominated labor unions placed advertisements, was distributed to approximately two thousand persons who attended the PAUL ROBESON affair.

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Abraham Lincoln School

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on May 10, 1944, that the "Friends of New Masses" in Chicago would sponsor a meeting at which BRUCE MINTON, Washington Editor of the "New Masses" discussed "The Secret Plot Against America" on April 23, 1944. FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was one of the sponsors of this meeting. In June, 1944, Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that he had learned that one

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[redacted] had made arrangements to hold a cocktail party for EARL BROWDER in the apartment of [redacted]. According to this Informant FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was among numerous guests to be invited to this party. Numerous instructors and teachers of the Abraham Lincoln School were to be present at this affair.

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In an article in the "Chicago Defender" for April 8, 1944, it was stated that a special course was being given at the Abraham Lincoln School, Chicago, on facts about racial matters. Classes were to be taught by WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, Assistant Director of the Abraham Lincoln School, DR. METZ, T. P. LOCHARD, Editor of the "Chicago Defender", and FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, Executive Editor of the Associated Negro Press.

Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, reported that it was learned on August 2, 1944, that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS gave a special commentary lecture at a showing of the "Negro Soldier" at Northwestern University. He gave this commentary as a representative of the Abraham Lincoln School.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] reported on September 7, 1944, that DAVIS was giving a special course on jazz at the Abraham Lincoln School. This same informant learned on September 8, 1944, that DAVIS was lecturing at some forums on the south side, which were being sponsored by the Abraham Lincoln School, on Sunday evenings. These forums were to take place in October, 1944, to discuss labor problems facing the American people today. The subjects covered such things as propoganda in the radio and movies and its influence on the American mind, particularly on minority groups. FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was to be the chairman of these forum discussions. Speakers were to include STUDDY TERKEL, ROD HOLMGREN, ED SCHOENFELD and ALBAN WINSPEAR.

Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, reported on October 4, 1944, that a house party, which was to be called "Freedom Road", was to be held at the home of [redacted] on October 7, 1944. According to [redacted] FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was to be the principal speaker in giving a book review of HOWARD FAST'S "Freedom Road". Admission to this book review was to be seventy-five cents and the proceeds were to be given to the Abraham Lincoln School.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, reported on December 18, 1944, that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS would conduct a course at the Abraham Lincoln School beginning in January, 1945, entitled "Artists Can Talk". DAVIS was to take one of the final lectures in this course, and was to lecture on his activities as Chairman of the South Side Cultural Group.

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The above does not consist of a complete summary of the Subject's activities with the Abraham Lincoln School. The summary is set forth merely to indicate the general nature of his affiliation with this reported Communist Front group.

Activities with the American Youth for Democracy

On September 23, 1944, Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was a sponsor for the American Youth for Democracy first anniversary banquet to be held at the Morrison Hotel October 14, 1944. Information from other Confidential Informants indicates FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS has been considered a national sponsor of the AYD, and that he has been connected with the AYD in drives they have had to eliminate JIM CROW in the armed forces. In an article in the "Chicago Sun" dated May 21, 1945, it was stated that a protest meeting would be held over the referral of legislation on the whole FEPC bill to a sub-committee. This meeting was to be called by the AYD at 7:30 P.M. at the Midland Hotel on the following Sunday. A featured speaker on this program was to be FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS.

The above data are merely a summary of the activities of DAVIS in connection with the AYD. According to Confidential Informant [redacted] [redacted] considers him as one of their best Negro contacts.

South Side Cultural Conference

On November 18, 1944, Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that a Communist Front organization known as the "Cultural Group" is sponsoring a cultural conference on the south side. FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was stated to be a committee member.

In the "Chicago Defender" dated November 25, 1944, Page 4, Column 5, it is stated that the South Side Cultural Conference was to be held on November 26, 1944, at the Corpus Christi Center, 4622 South Parkway, with DAVIS acting as Chairman of the meeting. Speakers on the program included A. C. SPECTORSKY, "Chicago Sun" Book Week Editor, and WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, Assistant Director of the Abraham Lincoln School.

Confidential Informant [redacted] reported that a second meeting of this group was held at the Lincoln Center, 700 Oakwood Blvd, on December 30, 1944. FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, assisted by WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, conducted the conference. According to [redacted] numerous Negro CPA members were present at this meeting.

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DU SABLE LODGE 751 IWO

An article in the "Chicago Defender" dated December 23, 1944, Page 8, Column 3, stated that ROCKWELL KENT would be present at a special meeting of the IWO Lodge at the Ida B. Wells Community Center on December 22, 1944. The meeting and banquet were to be the official opening for a drive for two thousand Negro members in the Du Sable Lodge. The "Defender" article stated FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was an endorser of the Du Sable Lodge.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] is [redacted] This informant is being carried as a temporary symbol in order to better protect a technical surveillance.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] is a trash cover of the Abraham Lincoln School by SPECIAL AGENT ROBERT J. SHERAN. This is being carried as a Confidential Informant to protect a valuable technique of investigation.

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FROM HONOLULU

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9:30 P.M.

DIRECTOR AND SAC, CHICAGO URGENT

FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, IS - C. DAVIS AND WIFE [Redacted] ARRIVED HONOLULU 9:18 A.M. DECEMBER 8 FROM SAN FRANCISCO VIA PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS SYSTEM. [Redacted] ADVISED DAVIS ARRANGED APPOINTMENT ON DECEMBER 10 WITH JOHN WAYNE HALL, ILWU REGIONAL DIRECTOR IN HAWAII AND IDENTIFIED 1946 AND 1947 COMMUNIST PARTY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER HERE. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM [Redacted] ON DECEMBER 13 INDICATES DAVIS VICE CHAIRMAN OF ASSOCIATED NEGRO PRESS AND MEMBER OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS WHO WAS COMING TO HONOLULU TO LIVE. DAVIS AND WIFE LISTED PERMANENT ADDRESS IN PAN AMERICAN PASSENGER MANIFEST AS 55073 PARKWAY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. BUREAU AND CHICAGO REQUESTED TO FURNISH HONOLULU PERTINENT AVAILABLE INFORMATION RELATIVE TO DAVIS AND WIFE [Redacted] EXPEDITE RADIO REPLY.

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DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, HONOLULU

FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, IS - C. RE HONOLULU TEL [Redacted] (C)  
 FOLLOWING INFORMATION FURNISHED RE SUBJECT. DAVIS HAS BEEN  
 CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH TOP COMMUNIST PARTY LEADERS, DISTRICT  
 EIGHT, FOR PAST SEVERAL YEARS. WAS EXECUTIVE EDITOR OF CHICAGO  
 STAR, COMMUNIST PARTY WEEKLY NEWSPAPER, WHICH CEASED PUBLICATION  
 SEPTEMBER 11, 1948. REPORTED MEMBER OF COMMUNIST PARTY. WAS  
 ACTIVE IN AYD, CHICAGO, AND ABRAHAM LINCOLN SCHOOL, COMMUNIST  
 PARTY FRONTS. LAST ADDRESS IN CHICAGO 3852 SOUTH LAKE PARK  
 AVENUE, APARTMENT 301. WAS EMPLOYED AS EXECUTIVE EDITOR OF  
 ASSOCIATED NEGRO PRESS, 1905 ARKANSAS CITY, KANSAS. CHICAGO  
 5609 ADVISED MRS. FRANK M. DAVIS WAS ACTIVE IN COMMUNIST PARTY.  
 SUBJECT IN SS FORM DATED APRIL 14, 1943, LISTED WIFE AS THELMA  
 B. DAVIS. HER DATE OF BIRTH MAY 8, 1903. HONOLULU ADVISE  
 SUBJECT'S ADDRESS AND EMPLOYMENT SINCE CHICAGO 5609 ADVISES  
 DAVIS MAY TAKE EMPLOYMENT IN HONOLULU WITH LONG SHOREMAN UNION.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: April 25, 1949

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re Honolulu letter to Chicago dated March 23, 1949 with information to the Bureau that [redacted] of the Honolulu office has furnished information that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS and his wife [redacted] are now residing in [redacted] TH.

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The same informant advised that DAVIS has under consideration an offer to take some unspecified position with the International Long Sherman and Warehouse Union - CIO in Honolulu.

In view of the above, the Bureau is requested to designate Honolulu as office of origin.

cc - Honolulu, AIR MAIL

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| TITLE<br><b>FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS</b>       |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>          |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Chicago [redacted] advised **FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS** recruited [redacted] to the Communist Party 4-1-44. Chicago [redacted] advised that subject was a CPA member in 1945. Subject also reported to be active in CP front organizations such as the Abraham Lincoln School, Chicago Civil Liberties Committee, American Youth for Democracy, Civil Rights Congress and Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. Subject formerly employed as executive editor of Chicago Star. **DAVIS** and wife [redacted] now residing in [redacted].

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**REFERENCE:**

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Honolulu letter to Chicago dated 3-23-49.  
Report of SA **GEORGE BYRNE** dated 6-22-45 at Chicago.  
Chicago letter to Bureau dated 4-25-49.  
Bulet to Chicago dated 5-6-49.

**DETAILS:**

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

I. BACKGROUND

Residence

On March 23, 1949 Confidential Informant [redacted] of the Honolulu office advised that **FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS** and his wife [redacted] were residing at Apartment [redacted] TH.

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On December 4, 1948 [redacted] advised that DAVIS was giving up his apartment number 301 at 3852 South Lake Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Employment

On March 23, 1949 [redacted] of the Honolulu office advised that DAVIS had under consideration an offer to take some unspecified position with the International Long Shoremen and Warehousemen Union - CIO in Honolulu which would put him "on easy street" if he succeeded in obtaining this position.

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On November 13, 1949 [redacted] advised that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS and his wife were going to leave for Honolulu where DAVIS would be employed by the International Long Shoremen and Warehousemen Union - CIO.

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II. ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS

Communist Political Association Membership

On May 22, 1945 Chicago [redacted] furnished information that FRANK M. DAVIS of 3559 Vincennes Avenue, was a member of the Carver Second Ward West Communist Political Association Club. FRANK M. DAVIS gave his occupation as a newspaper man.

[redacted] now deceased, advised that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS at this time resided at 3559 Vincennes Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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Communist Party Activities

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On May 26, 1944 Chicago [redacted] advised that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS on April 1, 1944 recruited [redacted] to the Second Ward Branch of the Communist Party.

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On June 23, 1946 [redacted] furnished a report of a meeting of the Carver Communist Party Club held at 4241 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. He advised that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was present at this meeting.

On July 8, 1946 [redacted] furnished a printed financial bulletin issued by the South Side Section of the Communist Party. This bulletin listed a group of persons active in the Communist Party financial campaign to raise funds. The name of F. DAVIS appears on the list. [redacted] was unable to furnish any additional identifying information regarding the F. DAVIS listed.

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On April 16, 1947 [redacted] advised that a meeting of the Negro Commission of the Communist Party, District No. 8, Chicago, Illinois, was held on this date

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in Chicago. He advised that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was present at this meeting.

On May 1, 1947 [ ] furnished a report of a May Day Rally sponsored by the Communist Party, District No. 8, Chicago, Illinois, at the Ashland Auditorium, Ashland and Van Buren Avenues, Chicago, Illinois, on May 1, 1947. Informant reported that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was present at this rally. b2

On May 1, 1948 Chicago [ ] furnished a leaflet captioned "March May Day." The leaflet carried an announcement of a May Day March to be held on Saturday, May 1, 1948 at 2:00 p.m. The name of FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, Executive Editor, Chicago Star, was listed as a sponsor of this May Day March. b2 b7D

[ ] advised that the May Day March was sponsored by the Communist Party, District No. 8, Chicago, Illinois.

Daily Worker Reference

On September 3, 1944, page nine, column two of the "Daily Worker", under the by-line of FRANK M. DAVIS, Executive Editor, Associated Negro Press, appeared an article which dealt with equal recognition of negro and co-workers in labor unions.

On April 26, 1948, page three, column three, of the "Daily Worker", appeared an article captioned "Notables Score Bill As 'Police State' Move." The article listed the names of persons who were opposed to "Subversive Control Act of 1948" sponsored by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Among the names listed was "FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, Editor of the Associated Negro Press."

On May 11, 1948, page two, column one, an article appeared captioned "Chicago to Join Mundt Bill March." The article listed persons in Chicago who were opposed to the Mundt Bill. Among those listed was "FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, Associated Negro Press."

Activities in Communist Party Front Organizations

Abraham Lincoln School

On October 20, 1945 an article on this date appeared in the "Chicago Defender," a weekly Negro newspaper captioned, "New Program on Radio Station WJJD Hits." The article stated that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, poet and editor of the Associated Negro Press, was describing hot jazzy recordings. The article continued that DAVIS is currently teaching "History of Jazz" at the Abraham Lincoln School in Chicago Loop and that DAVIS is a member of the Board of Directors of the Abraham Lincoln School.

The Abraham Lincoln School, Chicago, Illinois, is included in the list of

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Communist organizations issued by the Attorney General of the United States.

Chicago Civil Liberties Committee

On April 16, 1947 [redacted] now deceased, furnished a leaflet issued by the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee. The list contained the names of the Board of Directors; included was the name of FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS. [redacted] at the time he furnished this information, stated that the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee was a Communist front organization.

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The Southern Conference for Human Welfare

On May 6, 1947 Chicago [redacted] furnished a leaflet announcing a dinner to be held on the above date at the Hotel Continental sponsored by the Southern Conference for Human Welfare. Among the sponsors listed in the leaflet was the name of FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS. Chicago [redacted] advised that the Southern Conference for Human Welfare was a Communist front organization.

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American Youth for Democracy

On July 8, 1947 [redacted] advised that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was appointed chairman on this date for the Chicago Chapter of the American Youth for Democracy fund raising committee. The American Youth for Democracy was included in the list of Communist organizations issued by the Attorney General of the United States.

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On September 21, 1947 [redacted] furnished information that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was to address an American Youth for Democracy meeting on September 21, 1947. Informant stated that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was to speak on the "Role of a Progressive in the Developing Trends Towards a Third Ticket in 1948."

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Civil Rights Congress

On November 21, 22 and 23, 1947 Confidential Informant [redacted] of the Boston Office furnished information of "The Civil Rights Congress National Conference" held in Chicago on the above dates. This informant stated that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, Executive Editor of the Associated Negro Press, was active in this Conference.

On February 1, 1948 [redacted] furnished a leaflet advertising, "The Peoples Assembly of Illinois" sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress of Illinois to be held on February 1, 1948 at the Hull House, 800 South Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois. The name of FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was listed as a sponsor for the Chicago Civil Rights Congress of Illinois.

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On September 19, 1948 Chicago [ ] advised that a farewell party for WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, former Vice-Chairman of the Communist Party, District No. 8, who was recently appointed National Chairman of the Civil Rights Congress, was held at 410 South Michigan Avenue under the auspices of the Chicago Civil Rights Congress Chapter. Informant stated that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was chairman at this Party.

On December 1, 1948 [ ] furnished a letter he received from the Civil Rights Congress of Illinois. The letter contained a plea for funds for the defense of the twelve Communist Party leaders now on trial in New York City. The name of FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was listed as a sponsor on the letter.

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The Civil Rights Congress and its affiliates was listed by the Attorney General of the United States as a Communist organization.

[ ] advised that the Chicago Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress is a Communist front organization.

Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee

On March 26, 1948 [ ] advised that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was asked to speak for the benefit of the Chicago Chapter of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, however, according to informant DAVIS had to decline the invitation due to other commitments.

The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee is cited by the Attorney General as a Communist organization.

"Chicago Star" Activities

On May 16, 1947 [ ] furnished a typewritten letter received by him from the "Chicago Star" announcing an open house for the "Chicago Star" on May 23, 1947. This letter contained the typed signature of FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, Executive Editor.

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[ ] advised that the "Chicago Star" is a weekly newspaper which discontinued publication in September of 1948. Prior to that time its editorial policies were dominated and influenced by officials of the Communist Party, District No. 8, solely under control in all aspects by officials of the Communist Party, District No. 8.

On June 26, 1948, page ten, column three, of the "Chicago Star" carried an article captioned "Published Poetry by F. M. DAVIS." The article stated that the publication of "Forty-Seventh Street," a book of poetry, would be released in July of 1948 and that it was the first publication since 1937 by FRANK

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MARSHALL DAVIS at which time he published, "I am the American Negro." The article continued that DAVIS also published "Blackman's Verse" which brought him the JULIUS ROSENWALD Fellowship in Poetry. The article in the "Chicago Star" stated that "Forty-Seventh Street" deals with the well-known busy Chicago thoroughfare and it also deals with the temporary world situation.

On July 3, 1948, page six, column one of the "Chicago Star" lists FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS as Executive Editor of the "Chicago Star."

On July 3, 1948, page two, column three of the "Chicago Star" there is an article entitled, "Our Heritage" under the by-line of FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS. The article expresses opposition of the Mundt-Nixon Bill then pending before Congress to outlaw the Communist Party. DAVIS in this article stated that this bill would turn the Bill of Rights into a scrap of paper.

On July 10, 1948, page four, column two of the "Chicago Star" carried an article which stated that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was present at the Chicago Star Picnic on July 4, 1948 and had a busy day autographing copies of his book of poetry, "Forty-Seventh Street."

[redacted] advised that the Communist Party has annually held its picnic on the Fourth of July, however, the picnic held on July 4, 1948 under the auspices of the "Chicago Star" was actually sponsored and planned by the Communist Party, District No. 8, Chicago, Illinois.

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On August 28, 1948 on page one, column one appeared an announcement in the "Chicago Star", "New Group Takes Over 'Star' September 11." The article continued by stating that the "Chicago Star" was going out of business and the new publication, known as the Illinois Standard, would be issued by the Progressive Publishing Company. This article was signed "The Chicago Star Publishing Company, FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, Secretary."

ENCLOSURES TO HONOLULU

One photograph of subject FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS.

Report of SA NED E. NEUTZLING dated July 5, 1944 at Chicago, Illinois.

Report of SA GEORGE P. BYRNE, Jr. dated June 22, 1945 at Chicago, Illinois.

Memo, SAC dated May 28, 1947 at Chicago, Illinois by SA GAROLD R. FITZGERALD.

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Letter from the "Chicago Star" Staff dated May  
17, 1947.

Memo, Sac dated September 17, 1947 at Chicago,  
Illinois by SA GAROLD R. FITZGERALD.

Letter from the "Chicago Star".

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At Honolulu, TH. Will follow Communist Party activities of the subject and report same.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

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is: A highly confidential and reliable source who made this information available to Special Agents HERBERT C. POHLLAN and DON C. SWANSON on May 26, 1944.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

is: A highly confidential source who made this information available to Special Agents J. P. McMAHON and DON C. SWANSON on May 22, 1945.

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May 6, 1949

Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago

Re: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
Your file 100-15799

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of April 25, 1949  
requesting that the division of origin be changed in the above en-  
titled case.

You are hereby authorized to designate Honolulu  
as the division of origin.

Upon receipt of this communication, you are requested to  
carefully check your file and make certain that the new division of  
origin has all serials in the case containing important data.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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cc - Honolulu

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- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
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Director, FBI

FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

RE: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

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Dear Sir:

It is recommended that a Security Index card be prepared relative to the individual named below:

Name: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS  
Aliases:

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Residence Address: c/o Hauula Post Office, Oahu, T.H.  
Resides between Kaliuwaa and Punaluu, Oahu

Business Address: Part time employment at The Honolulu Record,  
811 Sheridan St., Honolulu, T.H.

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Subject is married to \_\_\_\_\_ aka, \_\_\_\_\_  
No information available regarding her date or place of birth.  
No information available regarding parents of subject or his wife.

Very truly yours,  
J. R. LOMFORD

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| TITLE<br><b>POETRY SOCIETY OF KANSAS</b> |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Informants Wichita, Kans. advise they believe efforts are being made to elect Communists and Communist sympathizers into membership of P.S.K. Also report efforts made by [redacted] Houston, Tex., through [redacted] of the Univ. of Kans., to have Negro FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, alleged Communist, elected to membership defeated, although majority of persons present voted in favor of membership. Membership list obtained.

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**DETAILS:**

This investigation is predicated upon information furnished by Confidential Informant [redacted] that she had recently [redacted] of the Poetry Society of [redacted] and in a recent meeting held in Wichita, Kansas [redacted] certain members had blocked an attempt made by [redacted] Texas, to have one FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, Negro, an alleged Communist, elected to membership. She indicated that it is the feeling of members who opposed membership of DAVIS that an effort is being made by those in sympathy with Communist ideas to elect those having similar ideas into membership. [redacted] stated that the name of FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS originally came up in a previous meeting of this organization as a possible member, and at that time, although there was some indication of opposition, his true identity apparently was not known, but his identity was made known at the Wichita meeting and his membership was openly opposed. [redacted] indicated that when she first heard the name of FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, she faintly recalled that there had been some mention made

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of him in the publication of WALTER S. STEELE, Editor of the NATIONAL REPUBLICAN, Washington, D. C., pointing out that DAVIS was believed to be a Communist. She advised that the membership of DAVIS was proposed by [redacted] Texas, who has office space at 1358 Humble Building, Houston, and who is reported to be writing a book on the history of the oil industry of Texas. She indicated that a letter written in behalf of DAVIS by [redacted] which had been mailed to a select few of the members who were present, was read by [redacted] at Wichita University. She advised that at the business meeting of the convention of this organization held in Wichita on [redacted] at the [redacted] Informant [redacted] FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS for membership, and pointed out a number of reasons why he was being opposed.

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According to [redacted] he was opposed for membership when it was pointed out that WALTER S. STEELE, Editor of the NATIONAL REPUBLICAN, had testified that DAVIS was believed to be a Communist when he, STEELE, appeared before the un-American Activities Committee on such matters. STEELE was said to be Chairman of the National Security Committee of the American Coalition of Patriotic, Civic and Fraternal Societies, as well as Editor of the NATIONAL REPUBLICAN magazine. STEELE is reported to have testified that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was a faculty member of the Abraham Lincoln School, a Communist Front Institution, where Communist philosophy is taught, in Chicago, Illinois. He was reported to be the leader of the American National Negro Congress, which is alleged to have become chiefly financed by the Communist Party. STEELE is also reported to have testified that according to reports in Communist papers the police had raided the 10th convention of the American National Negro Congress and to have arrested 37 persons, among which was FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS. DAVIS is also reported to have been a member of the Board of Directors of the CHICAGO ST R, described as a left-wing publication backed by the Communist Party.

[redacted] advised that in spite of the opposition of the membership of DAVIS and the report that he was believed to be a Communist, 10 of the 15 members present at the business meeting had voted in favor of his membership. She advised that his membership was also defended by [redacted] Wichita University [redacted]. She also pointed out that when the membership of FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS was proposed, his address was given as Hawaii, and it is not known whether he is now living in Hawaii or is still a resident of Chicago. He is said to have been born at Arkansas City, Kansas, and to have attended Kansas State Agricultural College at Manhattan, Kansas, and possibly Bethel University in Wichita, Kansas.

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[redacted] in pointing out that letters had been directed by [redacted] to a select few who were to be present at the business meeting, explained that a number of members who had not attended the meetings of this organization for many years, and who were delinquent in paying their dues, were present, paid their dues, and voted in favor of FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS.

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[redacted] displayed a letter dated 5-15-49 from [redacted] to Informant [redacted] which was in behalf of the membership of DAVIS, and which enclosed two circular letters which were also in behalf of FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, which he claimed he intended to send out, but had not done so. The original letter from [redacted] relates that there had been some opposition to the membership of DAVIS, and that he believed this was caused by his race rather than for any other reason. The circular letters which he describes in his letter are being set forth, in part, as follows:

"May 11, 1949

"Dear Fellow Member of the P. S. of K.:

"You are aware that since late in January the name of a Negro poet, Frank Marshall Davis, has been before the PSK, and that his admission has been opposed, solely, for over three months on racial grounds. Now on the eve of the spring meeting, patriotism, I am informed, is to be substituted and Mr. Davis opposed, not on the grounds of race - perish the thought! - but as having been listed by the un-American Committee as a 'fellow traveler' in Communist front organizations. I understand further that I myself now stand suspect of 'Communist tendencies'. Perhaps a purge should be arranged for the Autumn meeting.

"I have no personal knowledge as to whether Martin Dies, John Rankin, J. Parnell Thomas and the rest of that Nauseous crew ever listed Mr. Davis as a member of subversive organizations....

"In this country, unfortunately, the Socialists and the Communists are the only groups that can be counted on to behave toward colored people as Christians and Democrats would if they were either Christian or Democratic. The Communists are better publicized, and certain sensitive Negroes, such as Paul Robeson and Langston Hughes, have unhappily been persuaded that they are worthy of cooperation in other respects as well."

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In the second circular letter, which bears the typewritten name of [redacted] he describes FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS as a native Kansan, born in Arkansas City, educated at Friends University (Wichita, Kansas), and Kansas State College, and subsequently a journalist at Atlanta, Georgia and Chicago, Illinois. He is currently and to be residing at Honolulu, Hawaii, is the author of four books of verse, and is a frequent contributor to the Kansas Magazine. He is said to be author of "Black Man's Verse", "I am the American Negro", "Portraits in Senia" and "47th Street", and city editor of the Associated Negroes Press, Inc., a poet, journalist and lecturer.

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The original letters obtained from [redacted] which were quoted above, are being retained in the Kansas City file.

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Informant [redacted] furnished the following membership list, and made the comments regarding such members as listed hereinafter. Those indicated with an asterisk are those who voted against the membership of FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, while those indicated by an "X" are those who voted for him. As mentioned above, there were only [redacted] present during the voting of this membership.

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According to literature of this organization, the Poetry Society of Kansas has as its chief aim the furtherance among members, fellowship and understanding, that will allow the members to produce work benefitted by sympathetic criticism and keyed to the audiences that they hope to reach; also seeking to accomplish these aims in an atmosphere of friendship and good humor. The society is not indifferent either to extension of a taste for good poetry among all people of cultivation. It has no specific missionary projects, no Messianic complex, but it works for wider appreciation - by occasional gifts to libraries, by occasional sponsoring of publications, through the speaking activities of its various members. The members of this organization must have been residents of Kansas and must have had some of their writings published and recognized.

As this is not a known Communist organization, or known to be Communist controlled, copies of this report are not being furnished to those offices in which all members reside, and no further investigation is being conducted.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

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Copies of this report are being furnished the Houston office in view of the information furnished regarding [redacted] of Houston, and to Chicago and Honolulu in connection with the information regarding FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **HONOLULU**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>HONOLULU, T.H.</b> | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>7/15/49</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>6/15-24/49</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>WADE E. KNAPP</b> <span style="float: right;">mmr</span> |
| TITLE<br><b>FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS</b>    |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>                             |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS arrived Honolulu, T.H., on 12/8/48 from Chicago, Illinois, where he had been identified as a member of the Communist Party. Immediately contacted [redacted] Regional Director of the ILWU and identified Communist Party member, and other members of the Communist Party. Has joined and taken an active interest in the Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee, Communist Party front, and is working to have this organization affiliate itself with the Civil Rights Congress. Told informant that he is on the National Board of the Civil Rights Congress, is an officer in the American Youth for Democracy and taught at the Abraham Lincoln School which have all been declared Communist organizations by the Attorney General. Has volunteered services in soliciting subscriptions for and preparing for the mails the HONOLULU RECORD, a newspaper described by JACK B. TENNEY as the "Hawaiian mouthpiece of the Communist Party". In articles and a weekly column which he is writing for the HONOLULU RECORD, he closely follows the Communist Party line. Claims credit for persuading the National Board of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People from withdrawing the charter of the Honolulu Branch after this action was recommended by the Acting President because of Communist influence.

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I. RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

Reliable Confidential Informant [ ] advised that <sup>MRS.</sup> FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS and his wife, [ ] have resided between Kaliuwa and Punaluu, Oahu since May 31, 1949. He stated their house is located one hundred feet beyond the turn to Sacred Falls and two doors from the Ching Tong Sing store.

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Confidential Informant [ ] ascertained that the subject uses the mailing address - c/o Hauula, Oahu, Post Office.

Both of these informants have stated that the DAVIS have purchased property on Tantalus Drive in Honolulu and plan to build a permanent home on this property which is located in about the 3600 block on Tantalus Drive - and described as Lot 4 as shown on Map 2.

The Honolulu Advertiser in its edition of December 14, 1948, in an interview with the subject shortly after his arrival in Honolulu, December 8, 1948, said he will write a series of articles on his observations of the Island Scene for the Associated Negro Press which he is Executive Editor and will work on a book of poetry.

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[ ] has stated that DAVIS apparently spends all of his time in writing, however, this informant advised that subject has volunteered his services in assisting in the preparation of the HONOLULU RECORD for mailing. In this regard he works on Thursdays at the HONOLULU RECORD plant, located 811 Sheridan Street, Honolulu. As will be noted elsewhere in this report, subject has written a weekly column for the HONOLULU RECORD.

II. BACKGROUND

The following background information on the subject was extracted by [ ] from what he described as "a book of poems of American authors":

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"FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS (Arkansas City, Kansas 1905) attended school in Arkansas City until he was ready for Kansas State College. There he studied journalism part of the time on a Sigma Delta Chi scholarship. During the summers he worked on farms and with street construction gangs. In 1931 he went to Georgia to help start the Atlanta Daily World. He remained as editor of the World

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"until 1934. The following year he became feature editor of the Associated Negro Press in Chicago, of which he later became executive editor. Meanwhile, he has been a Rosenwald Fellow in Poetry, 1937; a lecturer on the History of Jazz Music at the Abraham Lincoln School in Chicago and a member of the National Board of the Civil Rights Congress. DAVIS is the author of "Black Man's Verse," 1935, "I Am the American Negro," 1937, and of "47th Street" 1948".

In addition to this information, an article in the Honolulu Star Bulletin of December 14, 1948, stated DAVIS attended FRIENDS UNIVERSITY at Wichita, Kansas.

DAVIS has confirmed most of the above background information to [ ] and told him that he taught Social Sciences at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. He also informed [ ] that he was at one time managing editor of the GARY AMERICAN, Indiana weekly.

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The HONOLULU RECORD in its edition of December 16, 1948, in a front page article, described FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS as Executive Editor of the CHICAGO STAR, Inter-Racial Weekly, from its inception in July, 1946 to September, 1948.

### III. MEMBERSHIP IN COMMUNIST PARTY

Previous investigation of the subject in Chicago, Illinois has reflected the following information regarding his membership in the Communist Party.

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On February 14, 1944, Confidential Informant [ ] advised that the subject was a member of the Communist Party.

Reliable Confidential Informant [ ] Chicago, Illinois, furnished information on May 26, 1944 that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS on April 1, 1944, recruited [ ] to the Second Ward Branch of the Communist Party in Chicago.

\* Confidential Informant [ ] of Chicago, in 1944, advised that subject at that time was working with [ ] in obtaining