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On January 16, 1958, [redacted] Agent,  
Legal Department, New York Telephone Company, 140  
West Street, New York City, advised SA [redacted]  
that records reveal that INGERSOL 7-1242 was then  
listed to Mrs. LOUISE T. PATTERSON, 1268 President  
Street, Brooklyn, New York.

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On April 28, 1951, [redacted] advised that [redacted]

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On February 28, 1952, [redacted] advised that a rally  
of the CP was held on February 20, 1952, at the King  
Theater, Bronx, New York, under the sponsorship of the  
"Citizens Committee for Action in the Moore Case."

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] had attended this rally

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-407934)

DATE: 7/3/58

*EF* FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-24624)

SUBJECT: LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON, was  
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Enclosed herewith is the original and 3 copies each of the report of SA [redacted], dated and captioned as above, and 4 copies of accompanying letterhead memorandum, dated and captioned as above.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] dated 4/30/58 at NY.

INFORMANTS

<u>IDENTITY OF SOURCE</u>	<u>DATE OF ACTIVITY AND/OR DESCRIPTION OF INFORMATION</u>	<u>AGENT TO WHOM FURNISHED</u>	<u>FILE NO. WHERE LOCATED</u>
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Instant report

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The pretext telephone call made on 1/7/58  
to the former residence of [REDACTED]  
(NY file 100-106906) was made by SA [REDACTED]  
The nature of the pretext call was not indicated.

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4.  A suitable photograph  is  is not available.
5.  Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6.  Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_.
7.  This report is classified Confidential because (state reason) \_\_\_\_\_ information furnished by the following informants, \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ could reasonably result in their identification, result of which would compromise their continuous activities and future value and effectiveness. If the above listed informants were disclosed at this time it would be prejudicial to the best interest of national security.
8.  Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) there is no reason to believe that LOUISE PATTERSON would be any more cooperative than she was when contacted on 11/30/53. It is noted her husband, WILLIAM PATTERSON, is a member of the NYSCP Committee and General Manager of "The Worker."
9.  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.
10.  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) \_\_\_\_\_ on 6/8/55 advised that the subject as of that date was a member of a club of the PTA Section of the Harlem Region of the NY County CP.

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United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York

July 3, 1958

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Re: Louise Thompson Patterson,  
with aliases  
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above at New York.

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Sources of information covered by T symbols in referenced report are characterized as follows:

[redacted] through [redacted] have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-407934)

DATE: 12/9/58

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-24624)

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SUBJECT: LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON, was  
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Business Address (show name of employing concern and address) FCH Company, Co-operative Housing 221 4th Avenue, New York, New York	
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Geographical Reference Number	Responsibility
Interested Agencies	100-407934
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Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 6/30/59	Investigative Period 5/1-6/23/59
TITLE OF CASE  LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON, aka		Report made by [Redacted]	Typed By: em
		CHARACTER OF CASE  SECURITY MATTER - C  b7C	

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REFERENCE

Report of SA [Redacted] dated 7/3/58,  
New York.

*Reported by  
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Approved: *[Signature]* Special Agent In Charge

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AGENCY: *Lab, State*  
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HOW FORW. *AS - [Redacted]*  
BY *[Redacted]*

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

The following information is reported on the administrative page because it tends to disclose the identity of a highly placed informant.

[Redacted] on April 28, 1959, advised that WILLIAM L. PATTERSON had made arrangements for a contact with the Hungarians in regard to a business deal involving the importing from Hungary of products for sale in the United States.

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The actual arrangements are being made in Hungary by [Redacted] who along with [Redacted] company, called the Danube Co.,

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to handle Hungarian imports.

According to [redacted] WILLIAM L. PATTERSON described [redacted] as a CP sympathizer, and [redacted] as related to [redacted] former member of the CP, USA National Committee and now a member of the CP of Great Britain.

[redacted] stated that PATTERSON intends to ask [redacted] to give his wife, LOUISE PATTERSON a job in the DANUBE COMPANY.

Fisur of the subject on June 15, 1959, was conducted by SA [redacted]

The pretext telephone call on June 15, 1959, to YU 9-0122 listed to FCH, INCORPORATED, 31 Union Square West, Manhattan, was made by SA [redacted]. The pretext utilized was an inquiry on cooperative housing.

The pretext telephone call to [redacted] telephone number [redacted] on July 1, 1958, was made by SA [redacted] who used the pretext of a delayed contribution to the Freedom Guild.

The informants used in the documentation of the EDWARD E. STRONG Memorial Education Trust Fund are as follows:

an anonymous source

[redacted]  
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All of the above furnished reliable information in the past and [redacted] is in a position to furnish reliable information.

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7.  This report is classified Confidential because (state reason)

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information furnished by \_\_\_\_\_ thru \_\_\_\_\_ would reasonably result in the identification of these informants of continuing value and compromise the future effectiveness thereof.

8.  Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

there is no reason to believe she would be any more cooperative than she was when contacted on 11/30/53. It is noted that her husband, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON is General Manager of "The Worker".

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11.  Subject's SI card  is  is not tabbed Detcom.  
 His activities  do  do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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## Copy to:

Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

Office:

New York

Date:

June 30, 1959

File Number:

New York 100-24624

Bureau 100-407934

Title:

LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject resides at 1268 President Street, Brooklyn, New York, and is employed by FCH, Inc. (Foundation for Cooperative Housing), 31 Union Square West, Manhattan. Reportedly was Chairman of an affair on 5/23/58 sponsored by the Freedom Guild for the benefit of the EDWARD E. STRONG Memorial Educational Trust Fund (EESMETF). Scheduled to meet on 3/1/59 with wives of CP functionaries to discuss the work of their children. Name suggested by CP functionary on 3/17/59, for possible picketing of British Consulate. On 4/14/59, indicated intention to participate in Youth March on Washington, D.C. EDWARD E. STRONG Committee (EESMETF) scheduled meeting for 5/21/59 at subject's residence. Reportedly would prefer [REDACTED] interest herself in "right" youth matters, such as a NAACP Youth Council.

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DETAILS:

Residence

On June 15, 1959, [redacted] [redacted] Brooklyn, New York, examined photographs of the subject and her husband, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, and stated that they were identical with individuals residing at 1268 President Street, Brooklyn, New York.

On March 9, 1959, [redacted] advised that at a Kings County Communist Party (CP) Membership meeting held on March 7, 1959, in Brooklyn, New York, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON was among those named to a committee of three, which would serve as the temporary leadership for the County CP, replacing [redacted] who was removed as Kings County CP

Employment

Inquiry at 221 Fourth Avenue, Manhattan, on June 15, 1959, reflected that FCH, Incorporated, (Foundation for Cooperative Housing), the subject's employer in December, 1958, had recently moved from this address to a new office at 31 Union Square West, Manhattan, telephone number YU 9-0122.

On June 15, 1959, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed the subject entering Room 901 at 31 Union Square West, which room had the name of the aforementioned organization on the door and, in addition, the name of [redacted]

A pretext call to YU 9-0122 on June 15, 1959, reflected the subject was employed by FCH, Incorporated, 31 Union Square West, Manhattan.

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On June 20, 1955, [redacted] of the BRIDGEPORT MUTUAL MANAGEMENT CORPORATION, 114 State Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut, advised SA [redacted] of the New Haven Office that [redacted] of the Foundation for Cooperative Housing in New York City, a non-profit organization that deals with the development of non-profit housing.

On December 19, 1954, [redacted] advised that [redacted] is known to him as a CP sympathizer based on his attendance at occasional meetings of Connecticut peace groups.

ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF  
CP CAUSE

Connection with Affairs  
Sponsored by the Freedom Guild  
May 23, 1958

On May 28, 1958, [redacted] advised that on May 23, 1958, a reception was held at Small's Paradise, 2294 7th Avenue, New York City, which was advertised as the "First Annual Spring Festival and Dance" of the Freedom Guild, established in the memory of heroes and heroines who have fallen in freedom's cause and dedicated to the education of their children." According to [redacted] the first recipients were announced as the children of the late EDWARD E. STRONG, former CP functionary.

[redacted] stated that the subject appeared to be an organizer of this group whose headquarters were listed as 146 Cambridge Place, Brooklyn, New York. Checks for ticket orders for the above-mentioned affair were to be made payable to [redacted] 146 Cambridge Place, Brooklyn, New York, according to the informant.

On July 1, 1958, it was ascertained through a pretext telephone call to [redacted] Brooklyn, New York, telephone number [redacted] that the Freedom Guild was a temporary designation given

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to the May 23, 1958, affair and that the money collected thereat was for the benefit of the Fund of the EDWARD E. STRONG Memorial Educational Trust Fund.

On January 15, 1950, [redacted]

[redacted] furnished information reflecting that [redacted] had been transferred to the Jamaica (New York City) section of the CP [redacted]

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On July 2, 1958, [redacted] Small's Paradise, 2294 7th Avenue, New York City, advised SAs [redacted] and [redacted] that the subject had made the arrangements for the rental of the hall and band for the affair of May 23, 1958.

On June 20, 1958, [redacted] advised that the subject was chairman of the above-mentioned affair held on May 23, 1958, under the sponsorship of the Freedom Guild for the purpose of raising funds to assist in the education of the children of the late [redacted] a CP functionary.

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#### Miscellaneous

On February 26, 1959, [redacted] advised that, according to WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, on this date the subject would be included in a group of mothers, the wives of CP functionaries, who had scheduled a meeting for March 1, 1959, to discuss the furtherance of the work of their children.

On March 17, 1959, [redacted] advised that on this date BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Jr. had discussed the situation in Africa and had considered forming a picket line in front of the British Consulate to demonstrate the concern of the Negro Community in New York City over the exploitation of the people in Africa. According to the informant, DAVIS suggested that the subject was one of the persons who might wish to take part in this demonstration.

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"The Worker" issue of March 29, 1959, page 3, column 1 - 3, identified BENJAMIN J. DAVIS as Chairman of the New York State CP.

On May 4, 1959, [redacted] advised that according to the wife of a CP functionary on this date, a meeting of the EDWARD E. STRONG Committee (EDWARD E. STRONG Memorial Trust Fund) was scheduled for May 21, 1959, at the subject's residence for the purpose of deciding future plans.

A characterization of the EDWARD E. STRONG Memorial Education Trust Fund is contained in the Appendix hereto.

On September 15, 1958, [redacted] advised that the subject at this time preferred that [redacted] interest herself in "right" youth matters such as the formation of a National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Youth Council, rather than "left" matters, because she could do more good in the former.

*1268 PRESIDENT ST. BROOKLYN, NY*  
On April 14, 1959, [redacted] advised that on this date subject had indicated her intention of taking part in the Youth March on Washington, D.C.



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EDWARD E. STRONG MEMORIAL EDUCATIONAL TRUST FUND

On April 19, 1957, a confidential informant advised that on that date he observed a telegram addressed to Room 710, 250 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, headquarters of the CP of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware. The telegram announced the death of comrade EDWARD E. STRONG on April 10, 1957. It also urged that expressions of sympathy should take the form of generous contributions to a memorial educational fund for the education and care of STRONG's children. The telegram was signed by "The National Committee, CP, USA."

On September 17, 1957, another confidential informant made available a 4 page pamphlet, "The Establishment of the EDWARD E. STRONG Memorial Educational Trust Fund. The pamphlet reflects that "in 1949, EDWARD STRONG assumed the post of Chairman of the CP of Eastern Pennsylvania. He became a member of the National Committee of the CP and served that organization in various capacities until his death."

The pamphlet reflects the trustees of the fund are HERBERT APTHEKER and Doctor W. ALPHAEUS HUNTON.

On July 14, 1954, HERBERT APTHEKER testified in a Smith Act case in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, that he was, at that time, a CP member and that he had been a member since 1939.

On June 20, 1950, another confidential informant advised that he knew ALPHAEUS HUNTON as a concealed CP member as late as 1945 and that HUNTON had revealed himself as a thorough Communist.

On May 20, 1958, a confidential source advised that a trust savings account had been opened on June 28, 1957, in a Brooklyn bank in the name of HERBERT APTHEKER and W. ALPHAEUS HUNTON. The address for the fund account is the home address of APTHEKER, 32 Ludlam Place, Brooklyn, New York.

The above source advised in April, 1959, that the Fund remains at this same location with the same trustees.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-407934)

DATE: 7/7/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-24624)

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Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address) FCH Company, Co-Operative Housing Room 901 31 Union Square West New York, New York		
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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-84275)  
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Enclosed are five copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth information received from [redacted] on 1/13/60, concerning tentative plans of WILLIAM L. PATTERSON and his wife, LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON, to travel to Czechoslovakia on 1/27/60. Background information on both individuals is set forth for appropriate dissemination. Any additional details received concerning their proposed itinerary and mode of travel will be furnished in a subsequent letterhead memorandum.

WFO is requested to check the records of the Passport Division, Department of State, and determine if a passport has been issued to LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON described in the enclosed memorandum. All information contained on her passport application should be furnished to the NYO.

The passport file of WILLIAM LORENZO PATTERSON should be reviewed for any additional information not previously furnished the NYO. In this connection, it is noted that WFO advised in a report dated 12/24/58, that WILLIAM LORENZO PATTERSON was issued Passport Number 1269640 on 12/2/58, for travel to England, France, Russia, Italy, Germany, Austria and Belgium. This passport apparently still valid.

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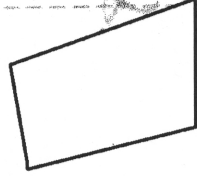
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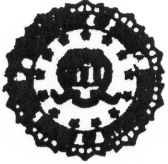
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The enclosed memorandum is classified confidential because the information reported by [redacted] could reasonably result in the identification of a confidential informant of continuing value and compromise the future effectiveness thereof.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

New York, New York  
January 15, 1960

Bureau 100-39  
NY 100-84275

Re: William L. Patterson  
Internal Security - C

*B99-D1 Chicago, Ill*

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~~A confidential source recently advised that William L. Patterson and his wife, Louise Thompson Patterson have tentative plans to travel to Czechoslovakia on January 27, 1960, depending on prior settlement of the New York State Communist Party (CP) leadership question concerning which Patterson is being considered for the position of Vice-Chairman. This source has furnished reliable information in the past.~~

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Source has previously advised that Patterson would like to visit Czechoslovakia for the purpose of stimulating cultural exchanges between Czechoslovakian and Negro organizations in the United States.

Background

Patterson reportedly was born in San Francisco, California, on August 27, 1891. He resides at 1268 President Street, Brooklyn, New York, with his wife, Louise Thompson Patterson, and is employed as general manager of "The Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper. Previously he was national executive secretary of the Civil Rights Congress, an organization designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. He was elected to the National Committee of the CP, USA, at the Party's National Convention in December, 1959, and is a member of the New York State CP Committee.

Patterson was issued Passport Number 1269640 on December 2, 1958 for proposed three month travel abroad to England, France, Russia, Italy, Germany, Austria, and Belgium. He is described as a Negro, 68 years of age, 5'7" in height, having gray hair and brown eyes.

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William L. Patterson

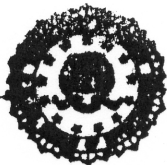
Louise Thompson Patterson was born September 9, 1901 in Chicago, Illinois, and attended the University of California at Berkeley, California. She visited Russia in 1932 or 1933, and toured Loyalist Spain in 1937. She was a member of the Central Committee of the CP in 1938, a member of the District Committee of District Number 8, CP, USA, in 1945, and a member of the Harlem Region, New York County CP as of June, 1955. Between the early 1930's and 1955 she was active as a member and/or official of numerous CP front groups. In 1947, she was elected vice-president of the International Workers Order, an organization designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450, and was active in that organization until its dissolution in 1954.

In May, 1955 she was chairman of an affair to raise funds for the children of a deceased CP functionary.

Louise Thompson Patterson is described as a Negro, 58 years of age, 5'2", 130 pounds, black hair, and brown eyes.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York  
January 15, 1960

Re: William Lorenzo Patterson  
Internal Security - C

The confidential source mentioned in letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above, has furnished reliable information in the past.

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~~100-33~~ ~~358~~ 100-4077-4

Date: January 20, 1960

To: Office of Security  
Department of State

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: WILLIAM LORENZO PATTERSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

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Information has been received from a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past that William L. Patterson and his wife, Louise Thompson Patterson, tentatively plan to travel to Czechoslovakia on January 27, 1960.

For your information there is attached a copy of a memorandum regarding Mr. and Mrs. Patterson and their proposed travel. As soon as additional details are received concerning the proposed mode of travel and their itinerary, you will be advised.

Enclosure

1 - Director (Enclosure)  
Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

1 - Legal Attache, Paris (Enclosure)  
1 - Legal Attache, London (Enclosure)

ATTENTION: LEGATS PARIS AND LONDON

This is for your information only. As soon as the itinerary of Patterson and his wife is secured, appropriate instructions will be given.

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1 - Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeager (Enclosure)

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (route through *Foreign Liaison Unit*)

SEE NOTE ON YELLOW PAGE TWO

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Office of Security  
Department of State

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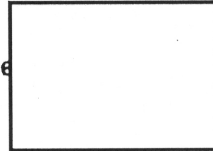
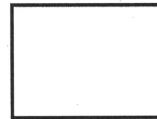
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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-39)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-84275)  
SUBJECT: WILLIAM LORENZO PATTERSON  
IS-C; ISA-50

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Re NY airtel, 1/15/60, concerning tentative plans of subject and wife, LOUISE, to depart for Czechoslovakia on 1/27/60.

[Redacted] advised on 1/19/60, that on this date, subject disclosed that he "will be around a little longer than I want to be." Subject indicated he may leave "the latter part of next" (month).

Bureau will be advised of any information developed regarding specific travel plans of the subject.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/17/60

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-37232)

SUBJECT: LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON  
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ReNY airtel 1/15/60, captioned WILLIAM LORENZO PATTERSON, IS-C.

On 2/10/60, SA [redacted] reviewed the subject's passport file at the Passport Office, Department of State. That file revealed that on 1/6/60, subject under the name of LOUISE PATTERSON was issued passport number 1822449. The application dated 1/5/60, and executed by the Department of State, New York, listed her birth date as 9/9/01, Chicago, Illinois. Her permanent residence was shown to be 1268 President Street, Brooklyn 13, New York. Subject advised in her application that she contemplated departing from the United States approximately 1/20/60, for a one month vacation trip to England, France, and Czechoslovakia. She advised that the mode of travel would be probably Air France.

In the subject's application for passport she advised that her father was WILLIAM TOLES, that he was born in Kentucky, no birth date, and that he is deceased. Her mother, LOUISE THOMPSON, deceased, born Springfield, Ohio, 7/10/82. Subject advised that her current husband is WILLIAM PATTERSON, whom she married 9/3/40. She advised that he was born in San Francisco, California on 8/27/ Subject's maiden name was shown as LOUISE THOMPSON; that her first husband was WALLACE THURMAN and that she had married him in ~~October~~, 1928, at New York and that he died in 1934. His birth place was shown as Salt Lake City, Utah.

Contained in the subject's passport file was information to the effect that as of 6/6/32, she was issued a passport, Number 516630 for travel to Germany for study. She advised that she intended to return to the United States within two years. This passport was issued under the name LOUISE THOMPSON and at the time she lived at 435 Conrent Avenue, New York, New York. A notarized statement dated 3/2/32, signed by [redacted]

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New York City, advised that [redacted] knew of her on knowledge that subject in 1928 was married to WALLACE THURMAN; that she had been in Mexico with the subject and that the subject had divorced him there in 1931. A similar notarized statement was in the file in which [redacted] New York City, certified to the same information regarding the subject's marital status to WALLACE THURMAN.

It was also noted in the subject's passport file that passport number 468381 had been issued to the subject on 8/5/37, under the name LOUISE THOMPSON. At the time, she lived at 530 Manhattan Avenue, New York City. She advised that the passport was desired for travel to France, England, and Spain and indicated that travel to Spain was in connection with "Press Correspondent-Relief." In connection with this passport it was noted that a letter was contained in her file with the following letterhead "North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, 381 Fourth Avenue, New York, New York." This letter was dated 7/30/37, and was signed by [redacted] and was addressed to the subject as "Miss LOUISE THOMPSON, IWO 80 Fifth Avenue, New York City. The letter to her advised that she was being accepted as a member in the North American Committee Group sailing for Spain on August 11. The letter advised her in applying for her passport she should state that she is a member of the North American Committee Group.

A photograph of the subject is in the process of being made and will be forwarded by routing slip.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-39)

2/19/60

SAC, NEW YORK (100-84275)

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WILLIAM LORENZO PATTERSON  
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Re NY airtel, 1/25/60, re subject and Chicago letter to the Bureau, 2/9/60, captioned CP, USA, International Relations.

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Referenced Chicago letter sets forth information furnished by [redacted] on 2/1/60, that WILLIAM L. PATTERSON stated on 1/27/60, that he and his wife now plan to leave the United States for Czechoslovakia at the end of February or the beginning of March, 1960.

PATTERSON stated that he had just returned from Washington, D.C. where he had contacted the First Secretary of the Czechoslovakian Embassy at the Czechoslovakian Embassy.

The Bureau will be advised of any information developed regarding specific travel plans of the subject.

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1- NY 100-84275

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3/3/60 re W.L. Patterson  
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info re Patterson  
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**TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-39)**  
**FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-5912)**  
**SUBJECT: WILLIAM L. PATTERSON**  
**INTERNAL SECURITY - C**  
**(O.O. - New York)**

**DATE: 3/1/60**

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[redacted] on February 27, 1960, orally furnished to SA [redacted] the information on the following page. This oral information was reduced to writing on February 29, 1960.

- 3 - Bureau (AIR MAIL)(REGISTERED)
- 8 - New York (AIR MAIL)(REGISTERED)
  - (1 - 100-74560)(CP-USA, Funds)
  - (1 - 100-86624)(CP-USA, International Relations)
  - (1 - 100-80640)(CP-USA, Negro Question)
  - (1 - 100-23825)(BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR)
  - (1 - 100-8057)(EUGENE DENNIS)
  - (1 - 100-84994)(GUS HALL)
  - (1 - 100- ) (LOUISE PATTERSON)
  - (1 - 100-84275)(WILLIAM L. PATTERSON)
- 1 - Washington Field (100- ) (WILLIAM L. PATTERSON) (AIR MAIL) (REGISTERED)
- 2 - Chicago
  - (1 [redacted])

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February 27, 1960 <sup>(u)</sup> ~~S~~

WILLIAM L. PATTERSON stated during the week of February 21, 1960, that he plans to visit the Czechoslovakian Ambassador to the United States in Washington, D.C., on March 4, 1960. PATTERSON also stated that he plans to leave the United States for Czechoslovakia on March 13, 1960. He will not be accompanied by his wife, but hopes that his wife and [redacted] can join him in Europe in June, 1960. ~~S~~ (u)

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In the presence of BEN DAVIS, GUS HALL stated that besides going to Czechoslovakia, PATTERSON wants to sneak into Hungary. He also wants to spend a month in the Soviet Union and then go to China. HALL stated he told PATTERSON that it was all right for PATTERSON to go to these other countries for a visit, but that he is not authorized to discuss anything officially for the Communist Party - USA. ~~S~~ (u)

It has also been learned that EUGENE DENNIS has talked with PATTERSON and told PATTERSON not to raise any financial matters while in Europe. PATTERSON replied that he had already asked members of the Czechoslovakian diplomatic corps in the United States for funds for Negro work in the United States, but that he had not as yet received a reply to his request. ~~S~~ (u)

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Date: March 7, 1960  
To: Office of Security  
Department of State  
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Subject: WILLIAM LORENZO PATTERSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Reference is made to my memorandum dated January 30, 1960, regarding the tentative plans of Patterson and his wife, Louise Thompson Patterson, to travel to Czechoslovakia.

Information has been obtained by a source who has furnished reliable information in the past that Patterson now plans to leave the United States for Czechoslovakia on March 13, 1960. He will not be accompanied by his wife but additional plans are being made to have his wife and [redacted] join him in Europe in June, 1960.

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As soon as additional details are received concerning Patterson's proposed mode of travel and his itinerary in Europe, you will be advised.

- 1 - Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Attention: Deputy Director, Plans
- 1 - Paris
- 1 - London (See note page 2)  
(See note page 2)
- 1 - Foreign Liaison Unit
- 1 - AAG, Yeagley (By 0-6, same date)

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Office of Security  
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ATTENTION LEGATS LONDON AND PARIS:

The above is for your information only at this time. As soon as Patterson's mode of travel and itinerary are obtained, appropriate instructions will be given.

NOTE ON YELLOW

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On 6/30/53, [redacted] Address-  
ograph-Multigraph Company, 1206 H Street, NW, Washington, D.C., furnished  
a list of names and addresses which were given to her by the Hungarian  
Legation.

On 7/8/53, [redacted] (S) b1  
advised that these names were to be added  
to the mailing list of "New Hungary" (100-357437). The names of Mr.  
and Mrs. William Patterson, 409 Edgecombe Ave., NY, NY, were included  
on this list.

Copy of list enclosed  
100-357437-40 p.7  
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This reference pertained to the importation and sale of  
foreign publications. L. Patterson, 409 Edgecomb Ave., NY, was listed  
as an addressee of the "Soviet Woman" #4 and 5, 1954.

The Solicitor, Post Office Department, advised that this  
publication was to be disposed of as nonmailable matter.

100-365088-1822 encl. p.44  
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[redacted] furnished a form letter dated 11/3/54, bearing the  
letterhead of "Committee of 100 Women (100-414982) 6 East 17th St.,  
NY 3, NY." Louise Patterson was listed as one of the signers of this  
letter, which called for a Mass Rally for the Defense of William  
Patterson at the Renaissance Casino on 11/8/54.

Add. info. according to [redacted] and "DW" 11/6/50.

100-414982-4 p.10,11  
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A translation of the 1/20/55 issue of the "Amerikai Magyar Szo" (61-6361) reported that Mrs. Louise Patterson, wife of William Patterson, imprisoned secretary of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, spoke in her husband's place at a celebration in honor of Hugo Gellert, an artist, (known to the Bureau and WFO) at the Bronx Hungarian House, Bronx, NY on 1/20/55.

Translation enclosed  
61-6361-139 encl. p.2  
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[redacted]  
Addressograph and Multigraph Company, 1208 H Street, NW, Washington, D.C., furnished on 3/1/55, names and addresses of additions to the Hungarian Legation's Mailing List. The names of Mr. and Mrs. William Patterson, c/o CRC, 23 W. 26th Street, NY, NY, appeared on this list.

105-23044-202 p.6  
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Translations of articles from the "Amerikai Magyar Szo" (61-6361) dated 3/3/55, reported that "the Bronx Women's Group will celebrate International Women's Day on Sunday afternoon, 3/6/55, beginning at 2:30 p.m. in the Bronx Hungarian House, 2141 Southern Boulevard, NYC. Louise Patterson will be the guest speaker." No further information.

Translations enclosed  
61-6361-149 p.19  
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During an attempt to determine the whereabouts of [redacted] [redacted] (100-226497), [redacted] advised that in May 1955, an individual who resembled [redacted] and Mrs. William Patterson, of the CRC, visited the home of [redacted] in Zena, NY. (No further information)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-39)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-84275)  
SUBJECT: WILLIAM LORENZO PATTERSON  
IS-C; ISA-1950

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Remyairtel, 1/15/60, and Chicago airtel, 3/1/60.

Enclosed are five copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth information received 2/27/60 from [redacted] concerning tentative travel plans of WILLIAM PATTERSON.

Any additional details received concerning his proposed itinerary and mode of travel will be furnished in a subsequent letterhead memorandum.

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WFO is requested to check the records of Passport Division, Department of State, and determine if a passport has been issued to [redacted]

All information contained in her passport application should be furnished the NYO.

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- 3- Bureau (100-39)(Encls.10)(RM)
- 2- Washington Field (100- ) (Encls.4)(RM)
- 1- NY 100-24624 (LOUISE PATTERSON)(414)
- 1- NY 100-136466 [redacted] (422)
- 1- NY 100-84275 (414)

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The enclosed memorandum is classified confidential because it contains information which might disclose the identity of a confidential informant of continuing value and thus be detrimental to the defense interests of the U.S.

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Special Agent in Charge



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. Bufile 100-39

New York, New York  
March 3, 1960

Re: William Lorenzo Patterson  
Internal Security - C;  
Internal Security Act of 1950

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Reference is made to my memorandum, captioned as above, and dated January 15, 1960.

A confidential source recently advised that William L. Patterson now plans to leave the United States for Czechoslovakia on March 13, 1960. He will not be accompanied by his wife, Louise Thompson Patterson, but hopes that his wife and [redacted] can join him in Europe in June, 1960.

*60th* - ~~Patterson~~ plans to visit Hungary and also wants to spend a month in the Soviet Union and then visit China.

This confidential source further advised that Patterson is not authorized to discuss anything officially for the Communist Party-USA.

Background

Patterson was elected Vice-Chairman of the Communist Party, USA, New York District on January 23, 1960, in addition to his other Communist Party positions previously furnished.

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

[redacted] was a member of the Labor Youth League (LYL), an organization designated by the Attorney

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

William Lorenzo Patterson

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General pursuant to Executive Order 10450, at the age of [redacted]

She is described as Negro, female, born [redacted]  
[redacted] 5'5 1/2", 115 pounds, black hair and  
brown eyes.

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Sources of information whose identities are disclosed in this document were furnished confidentially in the past.

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EX-120

Date: March 11, 1960

To: Office of Security  
Department of State

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: WILLIAM LORENZO PATTERSON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT of 1950

*See Page 114*

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Reference is made to previous memoranda, the latest of which was dated March 7, 1960, regarding the foreign travel plans of William Lorenzo Patterson, one of the vice-chairmen of the Communist Party, USA.

There are attached hereto copies of memoranda, prepared by the Bureau's New York Office, dated March 3, 1960, and March 8, 1960, which set out additional information in this matter. The memorandum dated March 8, 1960, includes information that Patterson holds a reservation on Flight 508, British Overseas Airways Corporation, leaving New York, New York at 9:30 a.m., March 13, 1960, for London, England. Patterson also holds a reservation on British Empire Flight 341, departing London for Paris, France, on March 13, 1960.

This matter has been referred to the Legal Attaches at London and Paris for contact with appropriate security sources to receive any pertinent information these sources may develop during Patterson's visit to England and France. This Bureau would appreciate any pertinent information the Department of State or the Central Intelligence Agency may receive regarding Patterson's activities in areas not covered by the Legal Attaches at London and Paris.

- 2 - London (Enclosures - 2) (See Note Page 2)
  - 2 - Paris (Enclosures - 2) (See Note Page 2)
  - EBR:djd (12) 1 - AAG, Yeagley (By 0-6, same date)
  - 1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (Route thru for review)
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Department of State

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transmittal letter becomes unclassified.

Enclosures (2)

1 - Director (Enclosures - 2)  
Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

ATTENTION LEGAL ATTACHES, PARIS AND FRANCE:

Attached is one copy each of the above-described  
New York memoranda. Patterson is included in the Security  
Index. Alert sources and place appropriate stops and furnish  
Bureau any information coming to your attention regarding  
Patterson's activities in England and France. Attempt to  
obtain advance notice and immediately notify CIA regarding  
Patterson's travel to Czechoslovakia, Hungary and other  
countries.

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Date: 3/8/60

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**TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-39)**  
**FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-84275)**  
**SUBJECT: WILLIAM LORENZO PATTERSON**  
**IS - C; ISA, 1950**

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DATE 9/27/00 BY 370438/ML/SL

Re my airtel, 3/3/60.

Enclosed are five copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth information regarding WILLIAM PATTERSON's expected departure for Europe on 3/13/60.

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In addition to the information set forth in the letterhead memorandum, [redacted] advised that PATTERSON's reservations were made by Hilton Hill Travel Agency, 55 West 42nd St., NYC.

The files of the NYO reflect that Hilton G. Hill, Inc., claims to be the largest Negro owned travel agency in the U.S. and also that they recently booked GUS HALL, National Gen. Secretary of the CP, USA, on a flight to Chicago.

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Any additional information developed concerning PATTERSON's itinerary, or plans of his wife and [redacted] to join him in Europe, will be submitted in a subsequent letterhead memorandum.

- 3 Bureau (100-39) (Encls. 5) (RM)
- 1- NY 100-24624 (414)
- 1- NY 100-84275 (414)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. Bufile 100-39

New York, New York  
March 8, 1960

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Re: ~~William Lorenzo Patterson~~  
~~Internal Security - C;~~  
Internal Security Act of 1950

*G.H.C.*

Reference is made to previous memoranda captioned  
as above and dated January 15, 1960 and March 3, 1960.

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On March 8, 1960, [redacted]

[redacted] New York, New York,  
advised that William Patterson has reservations to leave  
New York, New York, on March 13, 1960 via BOAC flight 508  
departing 9:30 a.m. for London, England, where he is to  
connect with British Empire Flight 341 departing London on  
March 15, 1960, for Paris, France. [redacted] could furnish  
no additional information concerning Patterson's planned  
itinerary.

Previously furnished information indicated that  
Patterson's wife, ~~Louise Thompson Patterson~~, may join him  
in Europe in June, 1960.

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Louise Patterson was issued Passport Number  
1822449 on January 6, 1960, for a planned one month  
vacation trip to England, France and Czechoslovakia.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, New York (Your file 100-24624) DATE: JUN 3 1960

FROM : Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial 100-407934-  
(Room No. 1266)

SUBJECT: Louise Patterson  
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1. Bufiles reflect this case is delinquent. Give specific reason for delinquency  
[redacted] advised on 6/9/60 that [redacted] stated on that date that LOUISE PATTERSON was to leave for Berlin in a week or two. The Bureau will be promptly advised of any additional information.

2. Date  letter  submitted  
 report  will be submitted Retravel

3. If valid reason exists for not submitting report at this time, state reason specifically and when report will be submitted \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE 4/27/00 BY 35063 BJS/LLC  
100-24624  
*J. J. Thompson*  
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(Place reply hereon and return to Bureau. Note receipts and acknowledgment on top serial in case file)

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MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-81)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-86624)  
SUBJECT: CP, USA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
IS - C

DATE: 6/15/60

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On 6/9/60, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that on the aforesaid date [redacted] CP, USA [redacted] told him the following: ~~(u)~~

[redacted] recently received a letter from ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, who is in Moscow. According to FLYNN, she and GERALDINE LIGHTFOOT are receiving "the red-carpet treatment" from the Soviets. FLYNN mentioned that [redacted] is [redacted] FLYNN also referred to WILLIAM PATTERSON, stating that it looked as if he would be in the Soviet Union for "quite a while." ~~(u)~~

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- (1-100-432839) (PUPIL) (u)
- (1-100- [redacted]) (LOUISE PATTERSON)
- (1-100- [redacted])
- 1-Chicago (100- [redacted]) (GERALDINE LIGHTFOOT) (RM)
- 1-San Francisco (100- [redacted]) (RM)
- 1-New York [redacted] (INV) (411)
- 1-New York 100-New [redacted] (412) b7C
- 1-New York 100-16785 [redacted] (415)
- 1-New York 100-84275 (WILLIAM PATTERSON) (414)
- 1-New York 100-24624 (LOUISE PATTERSON) (414)
- 1-New York 100-1696 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (415)
- 1-New York 100-141447 (PUPIL) (41)
- 1-New York 100-136466 [redacted] (422) b7C
- 1-New York 100-86624 (415)

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According to [redacted] LOUISE PATTERSON and [redacted] b7C  
[redacted] would leave for the Soviet  
Union "in a week or so." ~~(U)~~

[redacted] also stated that WILLIAM PATTERSON is  
discussing with the Soviets the possibility of [redacted]  
[redacted] the Friendship of the  
People's University in Moscow. ~~(U)~~ b7C

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Date: 6/17/60

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-407934)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-24624)  
SUBJECT: LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON  
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Enclosed herewith are five copies of a letterhead memorandum dated as above. The information contained therein was furnished by [redacted] on 2/27/60 and [redacted] on 6/13/60, both of whom have furnished reliable information in the past.

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[redacted] has been contacted concerning the proposed itinerary of LOUISE PATTERSON and when this information is received it will be furnished in a subsequent letterhead memorandum to the Bureau.

A separate communication will be furnished to the Bureau concerning [redacted]

- 3 Bureau (100-407934) (Encls 5) (RM)
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- 1- New York (100-24624) (414)

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AGENCY: 2. Bureau  
REQ. REC'D: encl. of [redacted]  
DATE FORW.: 6/18/60  
HOW FORW.: by [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. Bufile 100-407934

New York, New York  
June 17, 1960

Re: Louise Thompson Patterson  
Security Matter - C

A confidential source advised on February 27, 1960, that Louise Patterson would join her husband, William L. Patterson, Vice-Chairman of the Communist Party (CP), USA, New York District, in Europe in June, 1960.

A confidential source advised on June 13, 1960, that Louise Patterson was leaving for Europe on June 30, 1960.

On June 17, 1960, [redacted] Trans-World Airlines, advised that Mrs. Louise Patterson, 1268 President Street, Brooklyn, New York and [redacted] had made reservations on flight 802 Trans-World Airlines leaving International Airport, Queens, New York, at 10:00 p.m. on June 30, 1960, for Paris, France.

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