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* AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK - Will endeavor to obtain additional handwriting specimens of the subject and will report all Communist activities concerning the subject and the GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL, of which she is Director.

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Special Agent [redacted] dated February 22, 1945 at New York,
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TO : Director, FBI
Attention: FBI Laboratory

DATE February 22, 1945

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: ^① GWENDOLYN BENNETT, with aliases
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(Bureau File 100-293468)

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Herewith is submitted for inclusion in the National Security file five photostatic copies of a handwriting specimen of the above captioned subject. Some difficulty has been experienced in obtaining sufficient handwriting specimens of the subject in view of the fact that most of her correspondence and work is done by typewriter. Every effort will be made to obtain more comprehensive additional specimens of the subject's handwriting, and the same will be forwarded to the Bureau as they are received.

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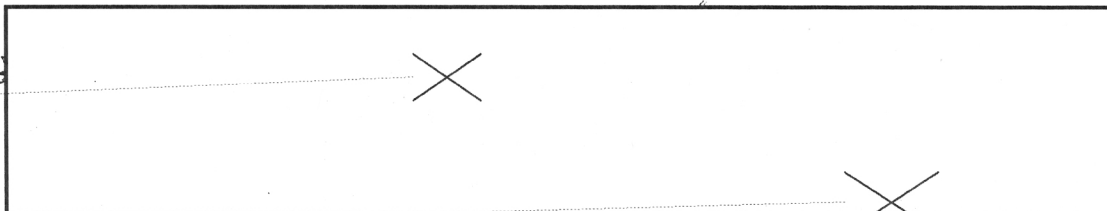
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TITLE . GWENDOLYN BENNETT, with aliases		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY-C	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS		<p>GWENDOLYN BENNETT continues to occupy position of director of George Washington Carver School, Communist front organization. Her name is frequently mentioned in the columns of the "Daily Worker", and the "Peoples Voice", Negro Communist newspaper, in connection with the affairs of the George Washington Carver School. At the present time subject is also conducting classes in American art at the Jefferson School of Social Science, 575 Avenue of the Americas, NYC.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">b2 b6 b7C b7D</p>	
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REFERENCE:	<p>Bureau File 100-293468</p> <p>Report of S.A. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div> 2/2/45 at NYC.</p>		
DETAILS:	<p><u>AT NEW YORK CITY:-</u></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 500px; height: 100px; margin: 10px 0;"></div> <p style="text-align: right;">1048/pkm/gt 12/29/92</p>		
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The negro Communist newspaper "Peoples Voice", frequently refers to the subject in connection with the affairs of the George Washington Carver School. Pertinent references to the subject appearing in this newspaper are as follows:

The "Peoples Voice", issue of July 10, 1945 contained an article which stated in part that the second term of the Carver School would open on February 13, 1946, that the subject, GWENDOLYN BENNETT would continue to occupy the position as director of the George Washington Carver School, and that the total negro student enrollment at that time was 1081 students.

The "Peoples Voice" of February 24, 1945 stated that GWENDOLYN BENNETT, director the George Washington Carver School, was still receiving registrations for the various courses which were to be conducted at the institution.

On May 14, 1945 the "Peoples Voice", again mentioned the subject as director of the George Washington Carver School.

The "Peoples Voice" of May 5, 1945 contained a picture of the subject and her staff at the Carver School.

The "Peoples Voice" of July 28, 1945 listed the subject as one of the judges of the question and answer contest on negro matters which was to be jointly conducted by the "Peoples Voice", and the George Washington Carver School.

The "Peoples Voice", issue of November 24, 1945 contained an article concerning the Carver School a summary of which is as follows: GWENDOLYN BENNETT, director of the George Washington Carver School, has stated that the school has just celebrated its second year of steady progress and has an alltime record of registration with more than 700 students being offered 39 courses.

The "Daily Worker" frequently mentions the subject by name in connection with the affairs of the George Washington Carver School, and the Jefferson School of Social Science, which is located at 575 Avenue of the Americas, New York City.

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The issues of the "Daily Worker", in which pertinent portions pertaining to the subject are found are as follows:

The "Daily Worker" of February 18, 1945 stated that GWENDOLYN BENNETT, director, believes the Carver School will grow in size, and will become a definite influence in the negro community. She also stated that in their school there is strong trade union support.

The "Daily Worker" of May 5, 1945 contained a picture of the subject and her staff taken during the opening day classes of the spring term of the George Washington Carver School. The women appearing in the picture were [redacted]

[redacted] GWENDOLYN BENNETT, director, [redacted]

All of the above mentioned individuals are well known Communists in this city. It should be noted in regard to [redacted] that this individual was at one time actively engaged in [redacted] for the Comintern and was [redacted]

[redacted] OTTO HUISWOUD.

The "Daily Worker", issue of May 7, 1945 indicates that GWENDOLYN BENNETT was a sponsor of a meeting in honor of JACQUES ROUMAIN, negro Haitian Communist who recently died. The meeting in question was held at the New York Times Hall and was highlighted by an address by EARL BROWDER, president of the Communist Political Association, as well as additional addresses by CANADA LEE, and [redacted] prominent Communist.

The "Daily Worker", issue of April 5, 1945 indicated that the subject was conducting classes in "Modern Art---Cezanne to the Present", the course in question given by the subject was held at the Jefferson School of Social Science, located at 575 Avenue of the Americas, New York City. This institution is a well known Communist front organization.

[redacted] whose identities are known to the Bureau, advised the reporting Agent that the subject's communist activities appear to be confined mainly to the affairs of the Jefferson School of Social Science and the George Washington Carver School, with most of her time and effort being devoted to the latter organization.

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At New York City:-

Will follow and report the Communist activities of the subject, and her activities in connection with the George Washington Carver School, of which she is the director.

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The following Confidential Informants were mentioned in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 30, 1945 at New York, New York:

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TITLE GWENDOLYN BENNETT, with aliases Gwendolyn Bennett Crosscup, Mrs. Alfred Jackson, Gwendolyn Bennett Jackson, Ruth Gale			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

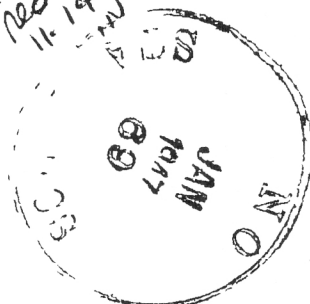
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

Subject, a negro, claims to have been born 7/8/02 at Giddings, Texas. At the present time she resides at 2 West 120th Street, NYC with her husband, RICHARD B. CROSSCUP, who is a white man. Subject's husband was born 7/24/05 at Dorchester, Mass. The subject is the present director of the George Washington Carver School, Negro Communist Front Organization, located at 57 West 125th Street, NYC. In addition, she is a part time lecturer at the Jefferson School of Social Science, 575 Sixth Avenue, NYC. Subject is a member of the Harlem Section of the Communist Party.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau file 100-293468.
SAC letter #28 series 1946, dated March 12, 1946.
Report of Special Agent 11/30/45, New York.

DETAILS:

At New York City

On June 14, 1946, the Reporting Agent verified the fact that the subject continues to reside at 2 West 120th Street, New York City. The subject is a negro and her husband, RICHARD B. CROSSCUP is a white man.

On the same date as above, it was determined that the subject is still the director of the George Washington Carver School, Negro

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Communist Front Organization, located at 57 West 125th Street, New York City. It was also determined that the subject was a part time lecturer at the Jefferson School of Social Science, Communist School, located at 575 Sixth Avenue, New York City.

The records of the WPA, Sub Treasury Building, Pine and Nassau Streets, New York City, were reviewed by the Reporting Agent and it was determined from these records that the subject, a negro, claimed to have been born at Giddings, Texas in July 1902. A letter from the Health Department at Giddings, Texas to the New York Branch of the WPA indicated that birth records were not maintained at Giddings, Texas until 1903.

On June 25, 1940, the subject married RICHARD B. CROSSCUP, a white man. The files also reflected that the subject, at the present time, is employed as the director of the George Washington Carver School in Harlem.

The records of the Registrar's Office, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts were reviewed by an Agent of the Boston Field Division and the following information concerning RICHARD B. CROSSCUP was obtained:

RICHARD B. CROSSCUP was born July 24, 1905 at Dorchester, Massachusetts. His father's name was given as LOUIS EDWIN CROSSCUP, his mother's name being LILLIAN CAMPBELL CROSSCUP. Dates of birth of the parents were not given.

The Daily Worker, issue of January 11, 1946, contains an article captioned NOTED NEGROES TO LECTURE AT JEFFERSON SCHOOL. Among those listed was the name of Miss GWENDOLYN BENNETT who will lecture on Art. The Daily Worker of the same date carried an advertisement of the Jefferson School of Social Science, 575 Sixth Avenue, New York City, indicating that GWENDOLYN BENNETT would teach a course in Modern Art : CEZANNE TO THE PRESENT.

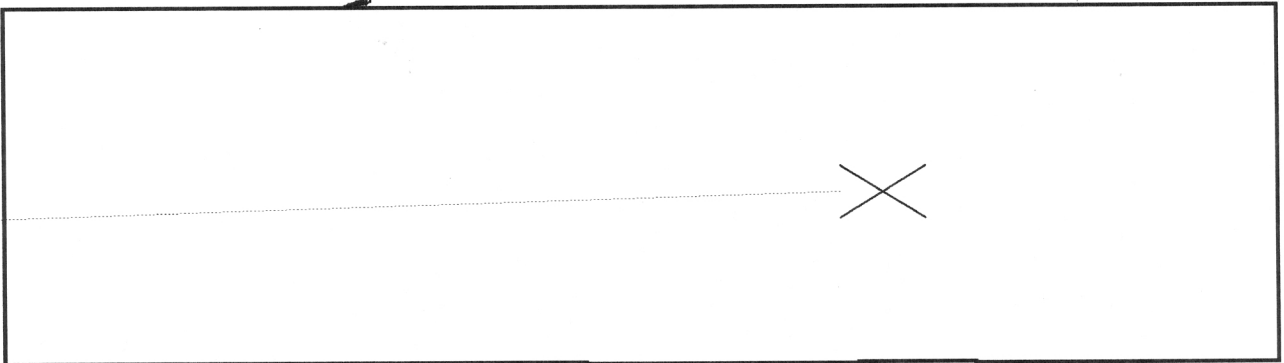
The Daily Worker of January 29, 1946 indicated that the International Workers Order awarded prizes to the George Washington School and the Institute for Jewish Studies. The awards would be presented by GWENDOLYN BENNETT, director of the Carver School, and MORRIS U. SCHAPPES, union communist and director of the Institute for Jewish Studies.

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The Daily Worker of January 31, 1946 indicated that GWENDOLYN BENNETT, director of the George Washington Carver School, would speak on "The Negro in Art" at the Jefferson School on Thursday at 6:30 P.M. The article stated that BENNETT was a member of the American Artists Congress and the Artists' Union, affiliated to the CIO.

The Daily Worker of February 3, 1946 contains the administrative staff of the George Washington Carver School which includes a picture of the subject.

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NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York City

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SAC, New York City

November 6, 1946

Director, FBI

STENDOLYN BERNETT, with aliases
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(New York file No. 100-56529)

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The Bureau desires that in further investigating this subject's activities specific attention be given to obtaining admissible evidence which will prove directly or circumstantially her membership in or affiliation with the Communist Party, and knowledge of the revolutionary aims and purposes of that organization. When, in your judgment, sufficient evidence has been obtained you should prepare a report in summary form in which temporary symbols will be used to protect the identity of those informants who are in a position to testify.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE November 2, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: GWENDOLYN BENNETT, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bureau file 100-293468)

MRS. RICHARD CROSSCUP

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A review of instant file reflects that the above named individual has not been engaged in Communist activities since November, 1947.

(U) [redacted] have advised that since 1947, at which time the George Washington Carver School closed, that they have not observed nor heard of any Communist activities on the part of the subject.

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(U) [redacted] advised that GWENDOLYN BENNETT had suffered a nervous breakdown in 1947 and that it was not known whether or not the Carver School would ever reopen.

(U) In view of the above, GWENDOLYN BENNETT'S name is being removed from the Key Figure List in the New York Office and this case is being closed subject to being reopened should the subject again become active in the Communist Party.

Owing to the past activities of the subject in the Communist Party, it is suggested that the Security Index Card in this case continue to be maintained.

Enclosed herewith is the report of SA [redacted] at New York, dated November 2, 1949.

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TITLE GWENDOLYN BENNETT, was. DECLASSIFIED BY 60324 auc baw/cpb/kj ON 03-07-2007		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

Subject, in 1946, was instructor at Jefferson School of Social Science. Was also director of now defunct George Washington Carver School. [redacted] advised in February, 1947 that GWENDOLYN BENNETT is a member of National Cultural Commission of CP. [redacted] in September, 1947, advised that Carver School closed and that subject suffered nervous breakdown. [redacted] have advised that periodical checks from December, 1947 to October, 1949, failed to disclose any CP activity of the subject. [redacted] state subject is still residing with husband, RICHARD CROSSCUP, at Two West 120th Street and is unemployed.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau file 100-293468
Bureau letter, 12/14/48
Report of SA [redacted] New York, 9/20/46

DETAILS:

The catalog of the Jefferson School of Social Science for September - December, 1946, reflects that the subject will be an instructor at the school.

On November 22, 1946, [redacted] of [redacted]

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(U) The "Daily Worker" issue of January 14, 1947, reported that GWENDOLYN BENNETT, director of the George Washington Carver School, announced that 6,000 persons have taken advantage of the school's educational opportunities over the past three years. She also reported that some new courses were to be started and that the instructors and guest lecturers would be [REDACTED] RAY HANSBOROUGH, HENRY WINSTON, MAX WEISS, [REDACTED] and EDWARD STRONG.

On February 21, 1947, [REDACTED] of known reliability, advised that GWENDOLYN BENNETT is a member of the National Cultural Commission of the Communist Party.

The catalog of the Jefferson School of Social Science for April and June, 1947 listed GWENDOLYN BENNETT as a faculty member of this institution.

[REDACTED] of known reliability, advised that all instructors and guest lecturers at the Jefferson School of Social Science are either Communist Party members or strong Communist sympathizers.

On September 17, 1947, [REDACTED] advised that the George Washington Carver School discontinued operation. Informant said the school was deeply in debt, that the director of the school, GWENDOLYN BENNETT, had suffered a nervous breakdown and no one knew where she was living at this time.

On November 4, 1947, [REDACTED] of known reliability, advised that the George Washington Carver School had closed its doors and discontinued its activities due to the lack of funds.

From December, 1947 to October, 1949, [REDACTED] all of known reliability, advised that they have made periodical checks to ascertain whether the George Washington School has renewed operations and that they found that the school is definitely out of existence and will not be reopened.

In October, 1948, [REDACTED] advised that he had heard from reliable sources that GWENDOLYN BENNETT, former director of the school,

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is suffering from a nervous breakdown and is somewhat mentally unbalanced and that she is no longer connected with any activities of the Communist Party.

[redacted] advised in August, 1949 that the subject is suffering from a nervous breakdown and is no longer connected with any activities of the Communist Party. Informants stated that the subject is residing at Two West 120th Street, New York City, with her husband, RICHARD CROSSCUP, and that she is confining herself to her apartment and that she is unemployed.

On October 5, 1949, [redacted] was interviewed under pretext and [redacted] stated that GWENDOLYN BENNETT is in "poor health" and seldom leaves her apartment. She stated that the subject is a housewife and that for the past two years the subject and her husband have "kept to themselves" and have had very few visitors.

On October 14, 1947, [redacted] advised that he had ascertained from reliable sources in Harlem that the subject was "through with the Communist Party" and was only interested in her own affairs as a wife and her duties as a housewife.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA [redacted] at New York, dated NOV 2 1949 are as follows:

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December 14, 1948

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SAC,
New York

RE: ⁰
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New York File #100-56529

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Dear Sir:

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DATE 12/16/97 BY 1048 DKM/jtt

A review of the files at the Bureau in connection with this subject has revealed that a report has not been received from your office concerning the subject since the report of Special Agent _____ dated 9-20-46 at New York

While it is realized that existing instructions do not require that a report be submitted periodically on Security Index card subjects unless the subject is also a top functionary, it is felt that in view of the tense international situation at the present time, a new report should be submitted setting forth the extent of the subject's present activities in connection with the Communist Party and related groups in order that the Bureau will be in possession of current information concerning each one of those subjects who are considered a threat to the internal security.

In submitting the report, the Bureau desires that you incorporate in summary form the information contained in your files not previously reported. Information of substantive nature only should be set forth and repetitious material should be avoided. Where a description of the subject has not been reported, that, too, should be included in the report and also placed on the reverse side of the Security Index card in accordance with the instructions outlined in SAC Letter No. 57, Series 1948, dated April 10, 1948.

In the event the subject's current address is not the same as that which appears on the Security Index card, you should correct the Security Index card and forward Form FD-119 to the Bureau in order that the Security Index card at the Bureau can be corrected.

In order that the Security Index will contain only the names of those individuals who can be considered to be a threat to the internal security of this country, the Bureau desires that you carefully appraise this case and if it appears that the subject, based on his present position and activities or past position and activities, cannot be considered such as threat, then in addition to submitting the report, you should recommend that the Security Index card be canceled.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
 This matter should receive your immediate attention.
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Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Director, FBI

RE: DETCOM
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

GWENDOLYN BENNETT, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C

Dear Sir:

For your information the above captioned individual on whom a Security Index card has been prepared by this office has formerly been designated for priority attention in the event of an emergency necessitating apprehension of persons listed in the Security Index.

However, inasmuch as she is no longer being considered a Key Figure in this office, her name is being removed from this group at this time.

Very truly yours,

Edward Scheidt

EDWARD SCHEIDT,
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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 12-13-49

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: GWENDOLYN BENNETT, was.
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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above captioned individual.

X The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

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Jefferson School of Social Science (Teaching one night a week)

575 Sixth Avenue, New York, New York (Wednesday night)

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: AUG 29 1950

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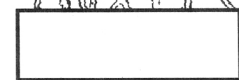
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DATE April 19, 1952

FROM SAC, New York (100-56529)

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38 East 1st Street (4th Floor), NYC, (know there as Mrs. Crosscup)

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TO : Director, FBI (100-293468)

FROM : SAC, New York (100-56529)

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In connection with the Security Informant Program in the New York Division the following information is submitted.

Background *MRS. RICHARD CROSSCUP*

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GWENDOLYN BENNETT CROSSCUP, a negress, claims to have been born 7/8/02 at Giddings, Texas. She is married to RICHARD CROSSCUP, white, born 7/24/05. She is reported to have attended Columbia Teachers College, New York City and to have graduated from Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York in 1924. She is also reported to have studied at Julien Academy, Paris, France in 1925 and 1926, and at Barnes Foundation, Marion, Pa. during 1927 and 1928.

Information received in October 1952 indicates she is employed in the subscription department of Consumers Union of U.S. Inc., 4th floor, 38 East First Avenue, New York City and presently resides at 2 West 120th Street, New York City.

Communist Activity

Subject was listed in the winter term 1944 Catalogue of the Jefferson School of Social Science, New York as an instructor. This catalogue also identified her as Director of the George Washington Carver School in New York. It is noted that both schools have been cited by the Attorney General as organizations coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

In 1941 during the course of an investigation conducted by the Works Progress Administration it was reported by a source of unknown reliability that the subject was a member of the Communist Party Publicity Committee for the New York District in 1936, 1937 and 1938. Another informant of unknown reliability reported that the subject was known to him as a Communist Party

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member in 1941. She was also reported by several sources to have been a delegate to the National Negro Congress Convention in Philadelphia in 1937. The National Negro Congress has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835. It was also reported during the course of the WPA investigation in 1941 that she had campaigned in Pittsburgh in 1940 for JAMES FORD, CP candidate for Vice President of the United States in 1940.

She was during the period of 1943 to 1947 the director of the George Washington Carver School. It is noted that the school closed in late 1947 due to lack of funds. In 1947 she was reliably reported to be a member of the National Cultural Commission of the Communist Party.

During the course of an investigation conducted in 1941 by the WPA concerning the subject it was alleged by an individual of unknown reliability that RICHARD CROSSCUP, subject's husband was a member of the Communist Party in the year 1935. In this same investigation it was alleged that CROSSCUP was seen in the Communist Party offices on 13th Street, New York City in the year 1938.

In December 1946 a reliable informant advised that RICHARD CROSSCUP was teaching at the George Washington Carver School.

The 1946 issues of "Fraternal Outlook", monthly publication of the International Workers Order identified RICHARD CROSSCUP as National Director of Children's Activities for the IWO. He has been reported to have worked for the IWO until March 1951. His present occupation is unknown. The IWO has been cited by the Attorney General as an organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

In April 1946 a reliable informant advised that RICHARD CROSSCUP attended the Harlem Section Convention of the Communist Party held 3/1-3/46. The informant related that RICHARD CROSSCUP signed the register at the Convention and stated that all persons who signed the register were members of the Communist Party.

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Recently a reliable Confidential Informant of this office advised that up until the closing of the George Washington Carver School the subject had been its director. He reported that prior to the closing of this school the subject had engaged in a card game with persons outside the Communist Party and lost a considerable amount of money which belonged to the school. When an audit was made of the books of the school the shortage was discovered. The subject confessed to his actions, but was unable to make up the loss. She became quite upset about this and is reported to have suffered a nervous breakdown. At the time the shortage was discovered the Party leadership was quite alarmed and did not make any issue of it in order to prevent a break in morale in the Party. The informant stated that the leadership did not even bring this information to the attention of the Review Commission of the Party, for fear of embarrassment.

According to the informant the subject was inactive for a few years after the above mentioned incident, but according to present information he has received she is now teaching part time at the Jefferson School of Social Science in New York. The informant has advised that anyone instructing at the Jefferson School would also have to be active in the Communist Party.

Plan of Approach

The subject will be approached in a direct manner, at a secure place, away from her residence and employment. She will be interviewed by two agents.

Bureau authority is requested so that the subject can be interviewed in accordance with existing Bureau instructions relating to interviews under the Security Informant Program.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-293468)

FROM : *JLB* SAC, New York (100-56529)

SUBJECT: GWENDOLYN BENNETT, was.
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NEW YORK DIVISION

DATE. 9/23/53

Re NY letter to Director dated 6/4/53

Attempts to interview the subject in accordance with existing instructions relative to interviews under the Security Index Program have been unsuccessful to date.

New York will continue to effect the above interview and as soon as results are obtained the Bureau will be notified.

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ReNY letters to Bureau, 6/4/53 and 9/23/53.

Subject was contacted under safe and secure conditions on the corner of Second Avenue and First Street, NYC, at approximately 9:10 am 10/27/53, by SA'S [redacted] and [redacted]. After the interviewing agents identified themselves and advised the subject of her rights, she admitted her identity and during the ensuing conversation advised that she and her husband reside at 2 West 120th St, NYC, and that she is employed by Consumers Union of the U.S., Inc., 38 East First Street, NYC!

She was not cooperative in that she repeatedly stated that she had no information about herself or husband that the FBI does not already have. When discreetly advised that she was not in a position to know the extent of the information in the Bureau's and that it was desired that information be obtained directly from her concerning herself or any acquaintances in an effort to further substantiate or refute any information in the Bureau's possession. She merely repeated her original statement that she was sure that she had no information that is not already in the Bureau's possession.

When questioned as to Party membership, subject refused to affirm or deny any CP membership. She was evasive to all questions and replied to questions referring to CP membership that such questions were supposition.

It is to be noted that [redacted] described the subject as a member of the Harlem Section of the CP.

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When questioned concerning her loyalty to the U.S. Government, the subject replied that she is loyal to the U.S. and has never been anything but loyal to the U.S. When questioned concerning her loyalty to the U.S. in the event the US. became involved in a war with Russia, she evaded a direct answer to this question and stated that she is loyal to the U.S. and has never been anything but loyal to the U.S.

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Subject was asked for information concerning her husband's Party activities, to which she replied such questions were supposition and that she was not in a position to offer suppositions concerning anyone.

At this point the subject terminated the interview by stating that she would have no information that the Bureau does not already have and further that anything she could offer about others would be supposition and that she would not give suppositions concerning anyone. The subject thereafter departed and proceeded directly to her employment at 38 East First Street, NYC.

It is recommended that the subject not be recontacted due to her failure to cooperate in that she gave evasive answers and terminated the interview by walking away from the interviewing agents.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS Subject interviewed 10/27/53, at which time she advised that she resides at 2 West 120th St, NYC, and is employed by Consumers Union of the U.S., Inc., at 38 East 1st Street, NYC. Subject refused to confirm or deny any CP membership. She claims to be loyal to the U.S. Govt. Subject was evasive to questions asked and terminated the interview by leaving interviewing agents.

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DETAILS: On October 27, 1953, subject was interviewed at the corner of Second Avenue and First Street, New York City, by SA and the reporting agent. Subject advised that she resides with her husband at 2 West 120th Street, New York City, and stated that she is employed by the Consumers Union of the United States, Inc., 38 East First Street, New York City.

The subject refused to confirm or deny Communist Party membership. She advised that any information she could give along these same lines concerning other individuals would be supposition and that she would not offer suppositions concerning anyone. Subject stated that she is loyal to the United States Government and has never been anything but loyal to the U. S. She refused to give direct answers to questions concerning loyalty to the United States in the event United States were involved in a war with Russia. The subject terminated the interview by departing from the interviewing agents.

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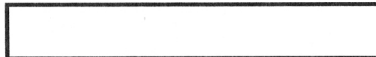
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November 25, 1953

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GWENDOLYN BENNETT
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Re report of SA [redacted] dated
November 5, 1953, setting forth the results of an
interview with the subject.

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Prior to closing this case you are requested
to submit a report incorporating all information
developed regarding subject's activities subsequent
to the report of SA [redacted] dated November 2,
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TITLE GWENDOLYN BENNETT, was. DECLASSIFIED BY 60324 auc baw/cpb/kj ON 03-19-2007			CHARACTER OF CASE 333nd SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS Subject resides at 2 West 120th Street, NYC, and is employed by Consumers Union of the US, Inc., 38 East First Street, NYC. Source of unknown reliability reported on 11/11/53 that the subject was a member of the CP prior to 1940. Records of the Board of Elections, NYC, reflect that the name RUTH GALE, 344 Lenox Avenue, NYC, appeared on a 1939 CPNP. Catalogue of JSSS reflects subject was an instructor at that school 1947, 1949 and 1950.

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DETAILS: Unless otherwise indicated all informants in this report are of known reliability.

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I. BACKGROUND

A. Employment

On November 2, 1949 [] advised that GWENDOLYN BENNETT was teaching two classes every Wednesday night at the Jefferson School of Social Science. He stated that to his knowledge this was her only employment.

The Jefferson School of Social Science has been designated by the Attorney General as an organization pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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On March 16, 1950 [] furnished information that indicated G. CROSSCUP, 2 West 120th Street, New York City, was employed by the Consumers Union of the United States, Incorporated, 38 East First Street, New York City, for the year 1949.

On October 27, 1953 the subject was interviewed by SAs [] and [] at which time she advised that she was employed by the Consumers Union of the United States, Incorporated, at 38 East First Street, New York City.

B. Residence

On May 7, 1951 [] of unknown reliability but in a position to be familiar with the subject, advised that GWENDOLY BENNETT resided at 2 West 120th Street, New York City.

On October 27, 1953 the subject was interviewed by SAs [] and [] at which time she advised that she resided with her husband at 2 West 120th Street, New York City.

II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

A. Evidence of Communist Party Membership

On November 11, 1953 [] of unknown reliability but who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the subject was already a member of the Communist Party []

On September 15, 1953 [], of unknown reliability but a person in a position to have knowledge of the subject's activities between the years 1937 and 1939, advised that GWENDOLYN BENNETT, a Negro artist, was a self-admitted Communist Party member who advised the informant that she had gone to a Communist Party school.

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B. Evidence of Communist Party Sympathy

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The records of the Board of Elections, New York City, reflect that the name RUTH GALE, 344 Lenox Avenue, New York City, appeared on a 1949 Communist Party Independent Nominating Petition for BENJAMIN J. DAVIS who was a candidate for City Councilman in Manhattan.

III. SUBJECT'S ACTIVITY IN CONNECTION WITH COMMUNIST PARTY FRONT GROUPS

A. Subject's Activity in Connection with the Jefferson School of Social Science

The catalogue of the Jefferson School of Social Science for the September - December 1947 term reflects that GWENDOLYN BENNETT, BS in Fine Arts, Columbia; Fellowship Academic Julian, Paris; Director, George Washington Carver School, appeared on a list of instructors and guest lecturers.

The "Daily Worker" issue of November 23, 1949, page 8, column 1, under the heading, "What's On," reflected that Picasso and Goya would be discussed by GWENDOLYN BENNETT at the Jefferson School, 575 Sixth Avenue, at 6:45 p.m.

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper.

On November 17, 1949 [] furnished a booklet issued by the BEN DAVIS Ball Committee entitled "A Tribute to Councilman BENJAMIN J. DAVIS." The name GWENDOLYN BENNETT appeared on a list of faculty under the caption, "Greetings from the Jefferson School."

The catalogue of the Jefferson School of Social Science for the winter 1950 term reflects that GWENDOLYN BENNETT was instructing a course entitled "How to Look at Pictures: Art Appreciation" on Wednesdays from 8:15 to 9:45 p.m.

The "Daily Worker" issue of February 8, 1950, page 5, column 1, under the heading, "What's On," reflects that GWENDOLYN BENNETT would discuss "How to Look at Pictures: Art Appreciation" at the Jefferson School.

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The "Daily Worker" issue of October 4, 1950, page 8, column 4, under the heading "Tonight Manhattan," reflects that the culture of Negro people would be discussed by GWENDOLYN BENNETT at the Jefferson School, 575 Sixth Avenue, at 8:30 p.m.

The "Daily Worker" issue of November 22, 1950, page 8, column 3, reflects an advertisement for the Jefferson School of Social Science that GWENDOLYN BENNETT was teaching a course entitled "The Culture of the Negro People" on Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m.

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On February 15, 1951 [] furnished information that indicated the subject participated in a program sponsored by the Jefferson School of Social Science celebrating Negro History Week held on Sunday, February 11, 1951.

The "Daily Worker" issue of December 6, 1951, page 8, column 5, under the caption "Reception Sunday for []" reflects that one GWENDOLYN BENNETT was one of eight persons participating in a tribute to [] to be paid at a reception sponsored by the Jefferson School and "Masses and Mainstream."

The "Daily Worker" of September 29, 1950, page 11, column 5, reflects that the Jefferson School of Social Science announced that []

"Masses and Mainstream" has been cited as the successor to "New Masses," "a Communist magazine," by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report No. 1953, on the Congress of American Women, April 26, 1950 (originally released October 23, 1949), page 75.

The "Daily Worker" issue of February 8, 1952, page 8, column 1, reflects that GWENDOLYN BENNETT was scheduled to give a reading and an analysis of "working class poets of the Negro people" dedicated to the celebration of Negro History Week at the Jefferson School of Social Science on February 10 at 10:00 p.m.

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B. Subject's Activity in Connection
with the American Labor Party

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the American Labor Party:

"1. 'For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Party but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control.' (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, page 78.)

"2. Among 'organizations that are victims of Communist domination.' (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, pages 40 and 41.)"

The records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, New York City Police Department, as reviewed on December 11, 1953 reflect that the name GWENDOLYN BENNETT, 2 West 120th Street, New York City, appeared on an American Labor Party Nominating Petition for [redacted] candidate for President of the City Council in 1951.

C. Subject's Activity in Connection
with the George Washington Carver School

The George Washington Carver School has been designated by the Attorney General as an organization pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On November 11, 1953 [redacted] advised that the subject in the early 1940's became the head of the Carver School in Harlem at the time when the Communist Party was establishing similar schools all over America. The informant stated that it was the subject's duty to direct the school, build up a large student body that would also aid in raising funds for its existence, and to interest as many leading people in Harlem as possible to become members of the sponsoring committee.

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On November 23, 1953 [] further advised that GWENDOLYN BENNETT remained the head of the Carver School until sometime in 1946, at which time she became desperately despondent, according to the informant, and was mixed up in great financial difficulties. The Party, according to the informant, relieved the subject of her job as director of the school because of these difficulties. ~~SECRET~~

D. Subject's Activity in Connection with the
National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions

The National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions has been cited as a Communist front by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace arranged by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions and held in New York City on March 25, 26 and 27, 1949, House Report No. 1954, April 26, 1950 (originally released April 19, 1949), page 2.

E. Subject's Activities in Connection with
the American Women for Peace

The American Women for Peace has been cited as "an advance wave to establish a beachhead for other left-wing organizations scheduled to descend on Washington in observance of a Communist-declared "peace week" by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report No. 378, on the Communist "Peace" Offensive, April 25, 1951, original date April 1, 1951, page 75.

On August 9, 1951 [] furnished information that indicated the subject was a New York contact of the American Women for Peace.

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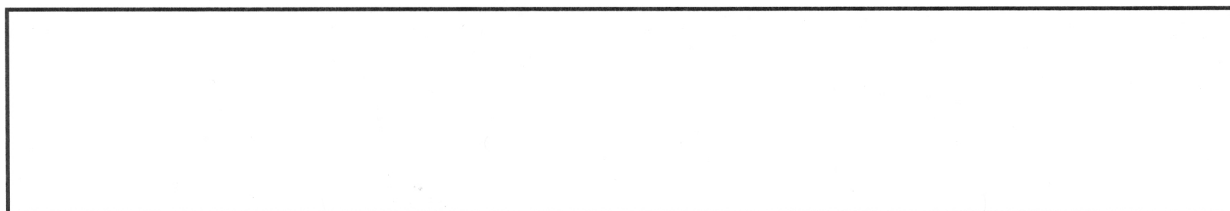
F. Subject's Activity in Connection with
the International Workers Order

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The International Workers Order has been designated by the Attorney General as an organization pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On April 17, 1950 [] furnished information that indicated GWENDOLYN BENNETT, born 1901, was a member of International Workers Order Lodge 691 as of March 1950.

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS

The "Daily Worker" issue of February 11, 1953, page 7, column 3, under the heading "Information Please Forum on Negro History" reflects that GWENDOLYN BENNETT would participate in a round table of questions and answers on Negro life and history to be held Thursday, February 12, 1953 at 124 West 124th Street, New York City.

[] all of whom have some knowledge of Communist Party activity in the New York City area, advised that they had no information pertaining to the subject.

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(U) [Redacted] (S)	Negative	12/21/53	[Redacted]	Instant report

REFERENCES: Report of SA [Redacted] New York, 11/5/53
Bureau letter dated 11/25/53

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TO : Director, FBI (100-293468)

DATE: 4/26/55

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FROM : SAC, New York (100-56529)

Exp. 7/1/55

SUBJECT: GWENDOLYN BENNETT, was.
SM-C

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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

X The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME _____

ALIASES _____

NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____ RACE _____ SEX _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

OK Consumers Union of U.S., Inc.

OK 256 Washington Street, New York, N.Y.

KEY FACILITY DATA:

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER _____ RESPONSIBILITY _____

INTERESTED AGENCIES _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____

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RGS:MTR

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TO : Director, FBI (100-293468)
FROM : SAC, New York (100-56529)
SUBJECT: GWENDOLYN BENNETT, was SM-C

DATE 6/3/55

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Reference

SAC Letter 55-30, April 12, 1955.

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[Redacted] (Reliable) (Admissable) Serial-21 - p.2.

[Redacted] advised prior to 8/22/44 that subject's activities at that time consisted solely in directing the affairs of the George Washington Carver School of which subject is director. (cited by HCUA) (admissable)

A review of the 1944 catalogue of the Jefferson School of Social Science indicates that GWENDOLYN BENNETT was an instructor in "Art, History and Appreciation". (cited by AG) (admissable)

[Redacted] who furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 2/21/47 that GWENDOLYN BENNETT was a member of the National Cultural Commission of the CP. (Serial 84, p.2.) (inadmissable)

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In October, 1948, Dr. MAX YERGEN, 22 Hamilton Terrace, NYC, former chairman of the council on African Affairs and former member of Board of Directors of the George Washington Carver School advised that he had heard from reliable sources that GWENDOLYN BENNETT, former director of the George Washington Carver School was suffering from a nervous breakdown; was somewhat mentally unbalanced; and that she was no longer connected with any activities of the CP. (inadmissable)

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[redacted] who has reported reliable information in ^{b2} ^{b7D} the past, advised on October 14, 1947 that subject was "through with the Communist Party" and was only interested in her own affairs and her duties as a housewife. (admissable)

The Jefferson School of Social Science for the winter term 1950, reflects that GWENDOLYN BENNETT was instructing a course entitled "How to Look at Pictures: Art Appreciation" on Wednesdays from 8:15 to 9:45.

The "Daily Worker" an East Coast Communist newspaper in November 22, 1950, December 6, 1951, February 8, 1952 issues reflected the subject was still active in the Jefferson School of Social Science. (admissable)

Recommendation

I agree
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Delete from Security Index inasmuch as subject's activities do not come within the criteria for retention on SI as set forth in referenced SAC letter 55-30, 4/12/55.

Detcom Tabling

1. Subject not tabbed Detcom.
2. Not applicable.
3. Subject recommended for deletion from SI.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-293468) DATE: OCT 6 1955

FROM : SAC, New York (100-56529)

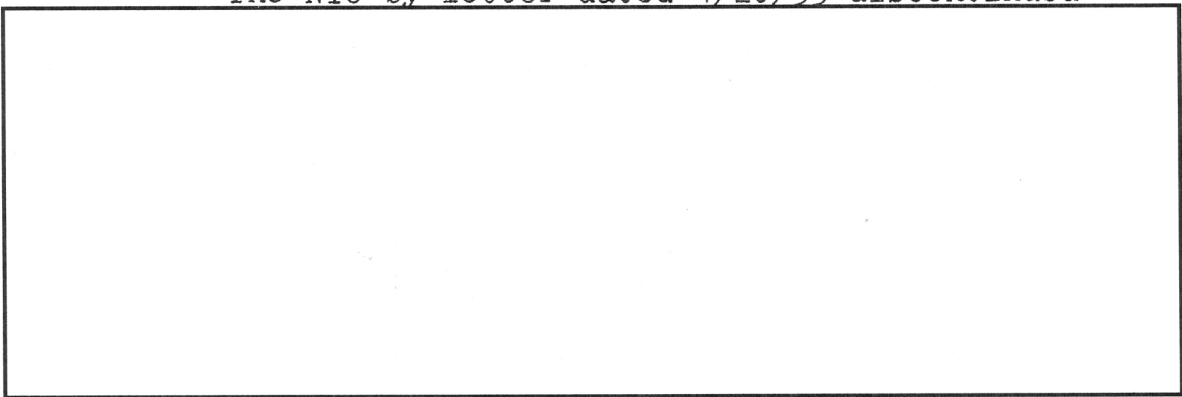
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Re Bureau letter to NY, 5/4/55.

The NYO by letter dated 4/20/55 discontinued



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NEW YORK		Date	Investigative Period
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GWENDOLYN BENNETT, aka.		Report made by	Typed By
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REFERENCE

New York letter to the Director,
dated 6/3/55.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Subject is not being carried on the
SI of the NYO and no recommendation is being
made for the inclusion of her name on the SI
inasmuch as her activities do not come within
the present criteria. Subject is being retained
on the CI.

A suitable photograph is available.

Subject is not being considered for
an interview at this time because when interviewed
in October of 1953, she reportedly stated that she
was sure that she had no information that is not

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already in the possession of the FBI. It is also noted that approximately 11 years ago subject allegedly suffered a nervous breakdown.

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INFORMANTS

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Identity of Source

File Number
Where Located

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Informants mentioned as having been contacted negatively are identified as follows:

Informant

Date Contacted

Agent Contacting

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<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Agent Contacting</u>
(U) [redacted] (S)	11/19/58	[redacted]
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(U) [redacted] (S)	11/25/58	
(U) [redacted] (S)	11/20/58	
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Report of SA [redacted]
Date January 15, 1959

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File Number New York 100-56529
Bureau 100-293468

Title GWENDOLYN BENNETT

Character SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis Subject resides 2 West 120th Street, NYC, and is employed by Consumers Union of U.S., Inc., 256 Washington, Mt. Vernon, NY. Subject reportedly was a member of the IWO as of late 1953.

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BACKGROUND

Residence and Employment

On November 21, 1958, a [redacted] Personnel Department, Consumers Union of United States, Incorporated, 256 Washington, Mt. Vernon, New York, advised SA [redacted] [redacted] that the subject as GWENDOLYN BENNETT CROSSCUP continues to be employed by the above, and resides at 2 West 120th Street, New York City.

AFFILIATION WITH THE
COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

Communist Party Fronts

On June 22, 1954, [redacted] furnished information which reflected that subject was a member of the International Workers Order as of late 1953.

The International Workers Order has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

MISCELLANEOUS

Informants who are familiar with certain phases of Communist Party activity in the New York City area, were contacted relative to the subject in November and December, 1958, and were unable to furnish any information.

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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DESCRIPTION

The following description of the subject was
obtained by SA on November 21, 1958:

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Age	Approximately 50
Race	Negro
Complexion	Medium
Height	5'2"
Weight	180 pounds
Hair	Black

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York

January 15, 1959

100-56529

Re: Gwendolyn Bennett
Security Matter - C

With regard to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above, the informants mentioned therein all have furnished reliable information in the past.

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