



Federal Bureau of Investigation

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MR. WILLIAM J. MAXWELL DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH 608 SOUTH WRIGHT STREET URBANA II. 61801 November 30, 2007

Subject: JOHNSON, CHARLES S.

FOIPA No. 1073646-000

Dear Requester:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Deletions have been made to protect information which is exempt from disclosure, with the appropriate exemptions noted on the page next to the excision. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted in the file to indicate where pages were withheld entirely. The exemptions used to withhold information are marked below and explained on the enclosed Form OPCA-16a:

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442 page(s) were reviewed and 348 page(s) are being released.

- Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning other Government agency(ies) [OGA]. This information has been:
 - ☑ referred to the OGA for review and direct response to you.
 - □ referred to the OGA for consultation. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is finished.

☑ You have the right to appeal any denials in this release. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Director, Office of Information and Privacy, U.S. Department of Justice,1425

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□ The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown, when ident, references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s).

If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

☑ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,

David M. Hardy Section Chief

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(A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense (b)(1)foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order; or (b)(2)related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency; specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute(A) requires (b)(3)matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular that the criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld; trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential; (b)(4)inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in (b)(5)with the agency; litigation personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of (b)(6)personal (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could be reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could be reasonably expected to constitute) would deprive a person privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of an unwarranted invasion of personal confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to such physical safety of any individual; endanger the life or contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or responsible for geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells. (b)(9)SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding; (d)(5)material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or (j)(2)crime or apprehend criminals; reduce information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or (k)(1)policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods; foreign investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, (k)(2)privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a benefit or would be held in confidence: promise that his/her identity material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056; individual

- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
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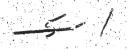
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May 26, 1955

Director, FBI (100-233741)

CHARLES S. JOHNSON SECURITY MATTER - C



The Bureau is in receipt of a newspaper captioned, "Festival," allegedly a newspaper of the International Preparatory Committee of the 5th World Festival of Youth and Students for Peace and Friend-ship to be held in Warsaw, Poland, from July 31, to August 14, 1955. This festival is spensored by the World Federation of Democratic Youth which is an international Communist front organization, a citation of which appears in the Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications published by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. On page 3 of this newspaper under the heading "Charles S. Johnson, Nashville University, U.S.A." appears the following which apparently is an excerpt from a letter received from "... I believe it would be useful for our Johnson: students to have information regarding the 5th World Festival of Youth and Students. Until new we have not taken part but we are now very interested not only in the development of the youth, but also in the friendship of all young people of the world."

Bureau indices have been searched for any identifiable data concerning captioned individual. Bufiles reflect one Charles S. Johnson of Fiske University, Nashville, Tennessee, who probably is identical with the Charles S. Johnson who communicated with the above organization. Bufiles reflect information received from the United States Army, Fourth Area, Atlanta, Georgia, under date of August 19, 1943. G2 advised that information had been received that a colored officer had been solicited by Charles S. Johnson of the Department of Social Science, Fiske University, for information on transportation difficulties experienced by Negro troops such as "purchasing of tickets, seating ECORDED 100-2337/1 - NDEXED 100-2337/1 -

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accommodations on carriers, dining car and lunch room service, undue delays in starting or at arrival, indignities and humiliations suffered at the hands of transportation personnel or civilians and other related items.* G2 reported that it had been determined that Johnson had been active in organizations advocating racial equality. He allegedly was a member of the Advisory Board for the Southern Negro Youth Congress. He sponsored the second meeting of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare in April, 1940, at Chattanooga, Tennessee, and also sponsored the third meeting of this organization at Nashville, Tennessee, in April, 1942. Johnson allegedly assisted in the organization of the Southern Conference on Race Relations, the first meeting of which was held at the North Carolina College for Negroes, Durham, North Carolina, October 22, 1942. The purposes of this conference have been described as being "to find a common denominator for the use of liberal whites and Negroes of the South in their efforts to bring about a better relationship between races and to write a new charter on a national basis which would be fraternal and scientific as a starting point in race relations during this war and the period to follow." It is noted that the original source of the above information received from G2 is unknown.

Bufiles reflect a request for loyalty data dated February 21, 1952, was received at the Bureau from Civil Service Commission on behalf of the National Security Resources Board, Washington, D. C., on one Charles S. Wohnson. This individual was listed as then employed at Fiske University, Nashville, Tennessee, and had been so employed since 1928. This form reflects Johnson was born in Bristol, Virginia, on July 24, 1893, and was married to Marie A. Burgette who was born November 20, 1894, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Johnson was then residing at 1700 Meharry Boulevard, Nashville, Tennessee. He listed the following organizations of

which he was a member: American Sociological Society; American Social Hygiene Association; National Urban League; National Manpower Council; U.N.E.S.C.O. (U. S. National Commission); and Board of Foreign Scholarships.

Bureau files also reflect that one Charles Spurgeon Johnson, also probably identical with the above individual, was the subject of an investigation captioned, "Special Inquiry - State Department, Public Law 402, 80th Congress Wo Loc Voice of America." Enclosed for your information are copies of 19 investigative reports submitted during the course of this inquiry.

The above data is submitted for your information and the completion of your files. You should review the material forwarded to you as well as information contained in your office files concerning captioned individual and thereafter be guided by current Bureau instructions pertaining to security investigations.

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Director, FBI (100-233741)

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This subject is identical with CHARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON, President, Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, which is a colored university. Dr. JOHNSON resides at 1611 Meharry Boulevard in Nashville. He was born July 24, 1893 at Bristol, Virginia. He received his B.A. Degree from Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia, in 1917, a PAB Degree from the University of Chicago in 1918, and an LHD Degree from Howard University in 1941. He is married to MARIE ANTIONETTE BURGETTE. They have three children. During the first World War, Dr. JOHNSON served as a Regimental Sergeant with the AEF in France. Mrs. Charles Sparrecon

Dr. JOHNSON has the reputation of being a liberal educator but at the same time extremely loyal to the United States. In 1944, Dr. JOHNSON was used as a National Defense Informant of the Memphis Office. He has through the years been contacted and is still contacted as a Source of Information concerning matters at Fisk University.

UACB, no investigation is being conducted concerning Dr. JOHNSON.

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furnished to the Civil Service Commission.

No further investigation is being made by the FBI concerning Johnson unless a specific request is received. This is not to be considered as a clearance or disapproval of the applicant.

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INSTRUCTIONS ON PREPARATION OF STANDARD FORM 85

- 1. This form (Standard Form 85) is promulgated by the United States Civil Service Commission at the request of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of carrying out the responsibilities with respect to applicants for Federal employment and persons appointed to Federal positions after September 30, 1947, as provided in Part 1 of Executive Order 9335.
- 2. All items must be filled in. If the answer is "No" or "None", so state.
- 3. The Fingerprint Chart (Standard Form 87) of the applicant or appointee must be submitted with the original and two copies of this form. The third carbon copy of the form should be retained by the agency.
- 4. If additional space is needed in filling in Items 14 and 15, use a separate sheet of paper, number the Item to correspond with the item number of this form, and attach."
- 5. If the requesting agency has previously received loyalty information from any Government agency (including the Federal Bureau of Investigation) concerning the employee named in this form, the name of the agency which furnished the information and the (9141 1132) date of the report should be shown in Item 16.
- 6. Item 17 is reserved for use in reporting on this recurst afternation for developed.

 7. Whenever information is developed the report will be covered in Item 19 above.

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8. For further details regarding the use of this form see the Federal Personnel Manual, Chapter 12.

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Froms

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LOYALTY OF SUPLOYEES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

There is enclosed herewith one copy of a United Nations loyalty form recently submitted concerning captioned individual under the provisions of Axeoutive Order 10459. This form bears the notation, "Furnish CSC copies of each report of investigation conducted by FBI in this case."

Your attention is directed to my letter dated February 15, 1952, entitled, "Charles Spurgeon Johnson, Special Inquiry - State Department, Public Law 402, 80th Congress, Voice of America." This letter transmitted reports of this Bureau's investigation for consideration under Executive Order 9835.

By letter dated June 4, 1952, the Legalty Review Board advised that Mr. Johnson was "eligible on legalty."

The files of this Burgan reveal no investigation in addition to the above.

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S. Civil Service Commission

Our files reflect receipt of a remapaper entitled, "Festival," dated February 15, 1955, which appears to have been published by the International Preparatury Committee of the Fifth World Festival of Youth and Stude: s for Peace and Friendship which was scheduled to he held in Warsaw, Poland, from July 31, 1955, through August 14, 1955. This paper reflects the address of the International Preparatory Committee as Grojecka 17, Warsaw, Poland.

Page three, column one, sets forth what purports to be a part of a letter written by "Charles S. Johnson, Nashville Marversity, USA." This letter is quoted as follows:

"I believe it would be useful for our stidents to have information regarding the Fifth Forld Festival of Youth and Students. Until now we have not taken part but we are nom very interested not only in the development of the youth, but also in the friendship of all

It is noted that applicant's United Nations loyalty form shows employment at Fish University, Nashville, Tennesses.

The above newspaper indicates that this fertival may be sponsored by the World Federation of Democratic Youth. Un-American Activities as follows:

"The AID (American Youth for Democracy) is affiliated with the Verld Federation of Democratic Youth which was founded in London in Movember, 1945, by delegates from of Democratic Youth demonstrated the World Federation interested in serving as a pressure group in behalf of Soviet foreign policy than it was in the specific problems of international youth... So strong was the Communist domination at the London conference that it aroused the deepest concern of the English bishops."

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It is also cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities "as one of the 'long established Soviet-controlled international organizations' which 'speak identical lines of propaganda and stand together on all phases of Soviet foreign policy' and which has 'affiliated organizations in the United States, which consequently have also been tirned into instruments in the peace campaign."

Since it appears that Mr. Johnson is being considered for employment for a period of less than ninety days, and since the Commission is in possession of this Sureau's reports of investigation, further investigation will not be annuated under the United Sations loyalty program in the absence of a specific request from you.

The above is submitted for your information and should not be disseminated to unauthorized persons or agencies.

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Southern Regional Council

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American Council on Education Committee on Relationships of Higher Education to the Federal Government

John Hay Whitney Foundation Board of Trustees and Fellowship Awards Committee

National Manpower Council (Ford Foundation and Columbia University)

UNESCO "Project for a Scientific and Cultural History of Mankind"

American Hygiene Association

National Planning Association

National Urban League Board of Trustees

United States Department of Labor - Children's Bureau

American Sociological Review Editorial Board

White House Conference on Children in Tennessee

Board of Foreign Scholarships under the Fulbright Act

Southern Sociological Society

Sociological Research Association

Board of Control for Southern Regional Education

Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society

National Society for Crippled Children and Adults

International Mark Twain Society

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National Committee for "The People Act" (Ford Foundation

Alpha Kappa Delta (National Honorary Sociological Society)

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December 5, 1951

AIR MAIL, SPECIAL DELIVERY

To:

SAC. Washington Field

From:

J. Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: CMARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON

SPECIAL IN WIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT. Public Lew 402, 80th Congress

VOICE OF AMERICA

You are requested to conduct an investigation of the above named individual. The instructions contained in Section 103, Volume 3 of the Manual of Instructions and Chapter 78, Part 3 of the FBI Handbook should be observed in connection with this investigation. This case is to be assigned immediately and reports of the complete investigation must be submitted Air Mail, Special Delivery, where proper, by December 19, 1951.

Address:

1700 Hebarry Boulevand

Nashville, Tennessee

Birth date July 24, 1893 Birthplace: Brittol, Virginia

ALLEGEFICES: By-letter dated August 19, 1943, the War Department advised this Bureau as follows!

"It has been determined that Charles 5. Johnson of the Department of Social Science, Pick University, Nashville, Tennessee has been active in several organizations advocating racial equality. He is a member of the Advisory Beard for the Southern Regro Youth Congress: Se sponsored the second meeting

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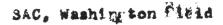
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of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare in April 1940 at Chattanooga, Tennessee and also sponsored the third meeting of this organization at Mashville, Tennessee in April 1942.

He further assisted in the organization of the Southern Conference on Race Relations, the first meeting of which was held at the North Carolina college for negroes, Durham, North Carolina, October 22, 1942. The purposes of this conference have been described as being 'to find a common denominator for the use of liberal whites and negroes of the South in their efforts to bring about a better relationship between races and to write a new charter on a national basis which would be fraternal and scientific as a starting point in race relations during this war and the period to follow."

A review of Bureru files reflects the following information.

A confidential and reliable source has advised that one Charles S. Johnson of Fisk University was listed as a sponsor and endorser of the fourth annual conference of the American Youth Congress, on Merch 2 and 3, 1940, at bashington, D. C.

The same source advised that as of October 1946, Charles S. Johnson was listed as a sponsor and member of the Advisory Board of the Southern Negro Youth Congress.

In July 1944, a confidential and reliable source savised that one Dr. Charles S. Johnson was listed as a member of the Executive Board of the Mational Council of American Soviet Friendship.

In July 1943, snother confidential and reliable source reported that Charles S. Johnson, Director of the Social Science Department of Fisk University, had taken an active part in the affeirs of the Abraham Lincoln School as a speaker and an instructor.

There was made available to a representative of this Bureau in March 1940, a letterhead of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born which listed Professor Charles S. Johnson as a abonsor.

The Special Committee on Un-American Activities, sahington, D. C., in a booklet issued in 1944 entitled, "Appendix-Part 9, Communist Front Organizations with Special Reference to the National Citizens Political Action Committee," listed Charles 5. Johnson as a member of the mashville Committee of the Southern Conference for numan Welfere.

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Under date of September 14, 1949, the State Memoritary furnished the burses with a list of the American delegates selected to attend the conference on Indian-American Relations that the Celegates selected were representing the institute of Pagific Relations. The name Charles Spurgeon Johnson, 14820 born July 24, 1893 at Bristel, Virginia was on this list.

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York

DATE: 12/1)

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SUBJECT: CHARLES SPURGEON

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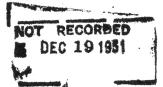
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SAC, WFO CHARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON

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DIRECTOR, FBI 123-12551

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