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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-15558)

SUBJECT: JAMES THEODORE WARD,
wa. Ted Ward
SECURITY MATTER - C

The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The New York Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The New York Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence Address: c/o A.A. KATZ, M.D.

Glen Na Little Trail, Harbor Hts.,
Huntington, Long Island, New York.

Business Address: 

Unknown

Check the following applicable statements:

X This individual has been the subject of a Communist Index Card.
This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card.
(The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The __________ Division should affix the addresses reflected above and the appropriate case file number.)

This subject was tabbed for Detcom.

This subject was tabbed for Comsab.

This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.
Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.

A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.

The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new office of origin with its copies of this letter:

Security Index Cards

Serials (specify)


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cc: NEW YORK Division (Enc.)(2)(Registered)

JPD: tmt 02 FEB 26 1953

Registered Mail
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject resides at 1198 Pacific Street, Brooklyn, New York and is unemployed; currently writing a play for opera. Reliable Informants advise subject a CP member and author, 1947. Guest at a meeting of the BEN DAVIS Club, CP 1947. CP member who stopped attending "units" in 1940 in order to do cultural work on plays; was to speak at a CP meeting in 1942; went to CP Headquarters NYC in connection with his plays 1949-1951 and editor of "Mainstream" 1947. Member of IWO Lodge Number 785, 1949. Instructor at Jefferson School of Social Science, winter and spring of 1950; registered ALP, 1949 and 1950.

DETAILS:

The title of this report is marked changed to delete the nickname "Ted".

All informants used in this report are of known reliability unless otherwise stated.

BACKGROUND

Residence

On September 25, 1953 T-1, of unknown reliability, but who is acquainted with the subject, advised that the subject resides at 1198 Pacific Street, corner of Bedford Avenue in Brooklyn, New York.
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T-32 advised on June 5, 1952 that the subject and his wife MARY had resided at 1131 West 111th Place, Chicago, Illinois since April 10, 1951.

Criminal Record

T-32 advised on June 5, 1952 that there was no record concerning the subject in the criminal files of the New York City Police Department.

Employment

T-l, mentioned above, advised on September 25, 1953 that the subject is unemployed and is currently writing a play for an opera. This informant stated that the subject's wife MARY is working for Doctor CAMEL, 1419 New York Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

AFFILIATIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

Communist Party Membership

T-2 furnished information on July 15, 1947 which indicated that TED WARD, not further identified, was a Communist Party member and author.

T-3 advised that on May 10, 1947 the subject was a guest at a meeting of the PEN DAVIS Club of the Communist Party.

T-4 advised on January 4, 1946 that THEODORE WARD, by which name the subject is generally known, was a Communist Party member who stopped attending "units" in 1945 in order to do broader cultural work on plays, had many arguments and disagreements but "always wound up working for the comrades again". According to the informant the subject was dark, 5'7" inches tall, medium build, about 155 pounds, kinky hair, brown eyes, wears a mustache, and is now engaged in theatrical and play writing work and circulates throughout the country among all types of intellectuals.

T-5 advised on July 2, 1942 that JAMES WARD, not further identified, as well as others of the Harlem Section was to speak at a Communist Party meeting the following Sunday at 132 7th Avenue, New York City.
Communist Party Sympathies

T-6 advised on August 3, 1953 that the subject between 1949 and 1951 occasionally went to Communist Party Headquarters in New York City in connection with his plays. The informant stated that he believes the subject went to Communist Party Headquarters to obtain Communist Party approval for his plays and other assistance. The informant stated that the Communist Party Headquarters the subject contacted PETTIS PERRY, now head of the Communist Party Foreign Commission and at that time head of the Communist Party Negro Commission. The informant stated that he had seen the subject on Leroy Street in New York City during July, 1953 and that the subject has some kind of a studio and has been mentioned in the "Daily Worker" in connection with his plays.

T-2 furnished information on August 22, 1949 which indicated that the subject was to attend a meeting under the auspices of the National Cultural Commission of the Communist Party to discuss and evaluate the magazine "Masses and Mainstream".

Concerning the magazine "Masses and Mainstream", the following appears in a booklet entitled, "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, May 11, 1951:

"MASSES AND MAINSTREAM"


The "Daily Worker" dated May 25, 1948, Page 13, Column 3, contained an article captioned, "Culture Against War-makers", which indicated that among those who were to participate in the "Masses and Mainstream" demonstration against the Munit Bill at Manhattan Center on June 3rd, was THEODORE WARD, not further identified.
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The "Worker", dated May 23, 1948, Section 1, Page 11, Column 1, contained an ad captioned "Culture Against War-makers", which indicated that THEODORE WARD, not further identified was among the prospective speakers at a rally on June 3, 1948 at Manhattan Center, New York City, sponsored by "Masses and Mainstream".

T-7 advised on June 15, 1947 that THEODORE WARD was one of the speakers at "Artists Fight Back" meeting sponsored by "Mainstream" on June 11, 1947.

According to the informant the subject was an editor of "Mainstream".

Concerning the magazine "Mainstream", the following appears in a booklet entitled, "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the Committee on Un-AmericanActivities, United States House of Representatives, May 11, 1951:

"MAINSTREAM"

"1. A Marxist quarterly launched by the Communist Party in January 1947 for the avowed purpose of stimulating "Marxist thinking in literature and the creative arts." It later merged with New Masses, "the weekly journalistic voice of the Communist Party."

(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Reports, 1947, p. 106, and 1948, p. 310e)"

On June 12, 1947 [redacted] New York World Telegram, furnished information to SA concerning the "Artist Fight Back" meeting sponsored by "Mainstream" which indicated that THEODORE WARD, not further identified, was one of the speakers.

The "Daily Worker", dated May 19, 1947 indicated that the subject, author of the Broadway play "Our Land", was to be a speaker at the "Artists Fight Back" mass meeting on June 11, 1947 in New York City sponsored by "Mainstream".

The "Daily Worker", dated May 5, 1947, Page 7, Column 1, indicated that THEODORE WARD, not further identified, would participate in a forum on May 7, 1947 sponsored by "Masses and Mainstream".

T-8 furnished an advertisement for "Mainstream" which was a subscribing postcard which indicated that THEODORE WARD was on the editorial board of "Mainstream".
The "New York Times Book Review", dated December 22, 1946, contained an advertisement for "Mainstream" which announced that the first issue of this magazine was to be published in January, 1947 and announced that in forthcoming issues among the contributors would be THEODORE WARD.

T-3 advised on May 21, 1949, that the subject at a party sponsored by a Harlem Writers' Club which, according to the informant, is controlled by Communist Party members, expressed dissatisfaction in the amount of propaganda at this party and expressed the Communist view in defense of the Communist Party leaders who were down on trial in New York City.

The "Daily Worker", dated February 7, 1949, Page 2, Column 3, contained a photograph of the subject and an article captioned, "Affable Judge of Trial on United States Democracy", in which the subject attacks the trial of the Communist Party leaders and Judge HAROLD R. MEDINA.

The New York "Amsterdam News", dated December 31, 1949, Page 4, Column 1, indicates that THEODORE WARD was one of a group of Negroes who sent greetings to Stalin on his seventieth birthday.

The "Daily Worker", dated December 23, 1949, Page 2, Column 5, indicates that one THEODORE WARD was among the Negro leaders who on that date sent greetings to Stalin on his seventieth birthday.

T-3 advised that the subject had accepted an invitation to attend a reception at the Russian Embassy on November 7, 1949, to celebrate the "32nd Anniversary of the Soviet Revolt".

The "New York Times", dated May 3, 1948, in an article captioned, "Moscow Sees 32 Artists in the United States join in Soviet fight on our policies". It was indicated that THEODORE WARD was among those who signed an open letter which supported the Soviet Union in opposing to the then current United States leadership and policies.

The "Daily Worker", dated May 10, 1948, Page 13, contained an article which set out the text of a letter in reply to an open letter from Soviet writers.
The closing sentence of this reply states, "On this May Day we grip your hand, the hand of all mankind". THEODORE WARD was listed among the signers of this letter.

The "Daily Worker", dated August 17, 1949, Page 9, Column 1, indicates that the subject was among a group of New York writers and artists who on August 16, 1949 demanded immediate freedom for HENRY WINSTON, GILBERT GREEN and GUS HALL, indicted Communist Party functionaries.

Communist Party Fronts

The International Workers Order (IWO)

The IWO has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-10 furnished information on May 7, 1951 which indicated that the subject applied for a transfer from Lodge Number 450 to Lodge Number 795 of the IWO as of March 14, 1949.

Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace

The California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report 1949, Page 476, described the Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace as an international Communist front activity, growing out of the Communist sponsored Congress of Intellectuals, held in Poland in August, 1949.

The "Daily Worker", dated March 8, 1949, Page 13, Column 5, reflects that the subject was among the theatrical people who sponsored the Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace on March 27, 1949 at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York City.

The "Daily Worker", dated March 28, 1949, Page 15, Column 1, indicates that THEODORE WARD had been a speaker at the gathering.

Peoples' Drama, Incorporated

T-28 advised on June 13, 1949 that Peoples' Drama, Incorporated was a Communist front organization.
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The "Daily Worker", dated March 12, 1950, Page 8, Column 1, reflected that the new play "JOHN BROWN", written by THEODORE WARD, was scheduled to be presented by Peoples' Drama, Incorporated on April 28, 1950.

The "Daily Worker", dated March 3, 1950, Page 11, Column 4, indicated that Peoples' Drama, Incorporated was staging a forum on the following Sunday on Negro and White in the Theater Today, which forum would schedule THEODORE WARD as moderator.

The Jefferson School of Social Science

The Jefferson School of Social Science has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The Spring, 1950 and Winter, 1950 catalog of the Jefferson School of Social Science indicate that THEODORE WARD was among the instructors and lecturers.

Voice of Freedom Committee (VOFC)

T-11, another Government agency which conducts security type investigations, advised in September, 1949 that the VOFC was an organization which supports the Communist Party line and also sponsors radio commentators and other radio personalities, who are either Communists themselves or support the Communist Party line.

T-8 furnished information which indicated that THEODORE WARD was a member of the dinner committee for a testimonial dinner on March 3, 1949 sponsored by VOFC.

The Voice of Freedom, January-February, 1949 issue contained an article which announced that the VOFC was packaging its own show which it would send to studios throughout the country for Negro History Week. The transcribed show was to be written by THEODORE WARD and performed by outstanding Negro actors, with the cooperation of the Committee for the Negro in the Arts.

T-3 advised that the Committee for the Negro in the Arts (CNA), was formed at the time of the merger of the Civil Rights Congress and the National Negro Congress. The informant advised that the Cultural Commission of the National
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Information furnished on 7/15/47 indicated TED WARD, not further identified, was a Communist Party member and author.  

On 5/10/47 the subject was a guest at a meeting of the Communist Party Ben Davis Club.  

Informant advised that the March, 1948 issue of "Masses and Mainstream" lists THEODORE WARD as one of their contributing editors. (Confidential Mail Box).

JAMES WARD chaired the first day of the National Negro Labor Council, Conference held September 25, 26, 1954.

Subject on 1/21/42 was reported a member of the Communist Party as of that date.

Informant in 1948 advised that THEODORE WARD, not otherwise identified, was a member of the Harlem Communist Party and active in recruiting members into the Communist Party at that time.

Informant advised on 8/3/53 that the subject between 1949 and 1951 occasionally went to Communist Party Headquarters in NYC in connection with his plays. The subject is believed to have gone to CP Headquarters to obtain CP approval for his plays and other assistance. At headquarters the subject contacted PETTIS PERRY, now head of the CP Negro Commission.

The Spring 1950 and Winter 1950 catalogs of the Jefferson School of Social Science indicate that THEODORE WARD was among the instructors and lecturers.

The subject was a member of the International Workers Order (IWO) as of March 11, 1949.

WARD was a member of the Civil Rights Congress as of 7/16/52.

RECOMMENDATION:

Delete from the Security Index. The facts in this case do not come within the new criteria set out in SAC Letter, 55-30, 4/12/55.
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DETCOM TABBING:

1. Not tabbed.

2. Not previously tabbed under the new criteria. Cards received from the Bureau were not stamped "Detcom" in large red letters.

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Negro Congress, which the informant described as a Communist dominated organization.

Committee for Freedom of the Press

The "Daily Worker", dated August 23, 1951, Page 1, Column 1, stated that the Committee for Freedom of the Press had been formed on August 22, 1951 to fight for the right of the "Daily Worker" to advocate its position and the right of all Americans to hear it and judge it themselves.

T-10 furnished information dated August 15, 1951 which indicated that THEODORE WARD, playwright, was one of twenty-two persons who formed the Committee for Freedom of the Press.

The "Daily Worker", dated August 22, 1951, Page 1, Column 1, indicated that THEODORE WARD, playwright, was one of twenty-two persons who formed the Committee for Freedom of the Press.

Committee for Cooperation with the New South

T-4 advised that the Committee for Cooperation with the New South is a Communist Party front organization.

T-12 furnished information on February 17, 1950 which indicated that THEODORE WARD was a member of the Committee for Cooperation with the New South.

Communist Party Miscellaneous

T-15, advised on December 30, 1952 that THEODORE WARD, not further identified, had received fifty dollars from ___________.

has been described by LOUIS BUDENZ, former managing editor of the "Daily Worker" as "one of the financial angels" of the Communist Party.

The records of the Board of Elections, Brooklyn, New York, checked on July 31, 1953 by SE ___________ indicate that the subject and his wife registered American Labor Party in 1949 and 1950.
Concerning the American Labor Party, the following appears in a booklet entitled, "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, May 11, 1951:

"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.\footnote{Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, p. 78.}

"2. Among organizations that are victims of Communist domination,\footnote{California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, pp. 40 and 41.} T-16 advised on August 23, 1950 that TED WARD, not further identified, was acquainted with\footnote{b6} and attempted to contact him at National Communist Party Headquarters,\footnote{b7c} is one of the missing Communist Party fugitives."

The "Daily Worker", dated May 11, 1950, Page 11, Column 1, highly praises the subject's play "JOHN BROWN".

The "Daily Worker", dated March 6, 1950, Page 11, Column 1, and March 9, 1950, Page 10, Column 3, contains a comprehensive biography of the subject, and describes the subject as "America's outstanding Negro playwright."

T-3 advised on June 19, 1949 that the subject had attended the PAUL ROBESON Rally held on June 19, 1949 at the Rockland Palace, New York City.

T-30 in June, 1950 advised that PAUL ROBESON was known to him as a concealed Communist prior to 1945.

T-2 furnished information on April 15, 1949 which indicated subject was a sponsor of a City-wide Conference to End Discrimination in Stuyvesant Town. He was speaker of that organization on April 9, 1949 at the Henry Hudson Hotel in New York City.
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T-31 advised on October 11, 1950 that the Committee to End Discrimination in Stuyvesant Town was organized by the Communist Party.

The "Daily Worker", dated March 30, 1948, Page 5, reflects that an article entitled, "Arts, Sciences and Professions for May Day", which indicates that THEODORE WARD, not further identified, appears among a list of sponsors.

Concerning the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, the following appears in a booklet entitled, "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, May 11, 1951:

"NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE ARTS, SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS"

1. Cited as a Communist front.
   (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), p. 2.)

The United May Day Committee has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-47 advised on January 27, 1948 that JONES of the "Daily Worker" staff and formerly of the "New Masses" staff would help the subject write a play regarding Negroes.

Concerning the magazine, "New Masses", the following appears in a booklet entitled, "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, May 11, 1951:

"NEW MASSES"

1. A "Communist periodical".
   (Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7688.)

2. "Nationally circulated weekly journal of the Communist Party whose ownership was vested in the American Fund for Public Service" (GARLAND FUND).
   (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, pp. 48 and 75; also cited in Reports, January 3, 1939, p. 80; and June 25, 1942, pp. 4 and 21.)
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"3. "Until its recent merger with Mainstream, the New Masses has been the weekly journalistic voice of the Communist Party. Its first appearance was as a monthly. As the Masses, it was suppressed by the United States Government for its subversive policies. Mainstream was launched by the Communist Party in January 1947, dealing with the field of literature and creative arts.

(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Reports, 1947, pp. 160, and 1948, p. 340.)"

"4. Issued from Communist presses and distributed by the Communists.
Progressive Book Shop in Boston, Mass.
(Massachusetts House Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1938, pp. 281 and 143.)"

The "Daily Worker", dated November 19, 1947, Page 7, Column 1, indicated that THEODORE WARD was to be present at a "Town meeting for Freedom", on November 19, 1947 sponsored by the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.

The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10150.

T-18 advised on October 31, 1947 that the subject was believed to be a subscriber to the "Daily Worker".

It is to be noted that the "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper and the "Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker".

T-19 advised on October 29, 1947 that THEODORE WARD, speaker at a forum pertaining to film, radio and press at the Barbizon Plaza Hotel, New York City, was sponsored by the Progressive Citizens of America.

According to the informant in his speech WARD attacked the House Un-American Activities Committee.

T-20 and T-21 advised that the Progressive Citizens of America has been exhibiting strong Communist influence in its activities and has shown evidence of infiltration by Communists among its members.

T-22 advised on January 22, 1946 that an instructor at the Jefferson School of Social Science, had attended a party given by one TED WARD, not further identified.
TW-5 on December 5, 1945 and December 29, 1945 advised that the subject was associated with V. J. JEROME.

V. J. JEROME was one of the Communist leaders indicted in New York on June 17, 1951 for violation of the Smith Act.

TW-23 advised that [redacted] a Negro woman, not further identified, was a member of the BEN DAvis Club of the Communist Party in 1944.

"Red Channels", a report of Communist influence in radio and television, published by the publishers of "Counterattack", 55 West 42nd Street, New York City, June, 1950, Page 151, indicates that the Un-American Activities Committee Review of Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace, dated April 19, 1949, Page 21, indicates that the subject was a sponsor of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born; Page 23 indicates that he was a sponsor and a signer of an open letter in 1942 for the Citizens Committee for HARRY BRIDGES; Page 29 indicates that he was a sponsor of the American League of American Writers and Page 54 indicates that he was a sponsor for the 1947 May Day Parade.

The American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, the Citizens Committee for HARRY BRIDGES, the League of American Writers and the United May Day Committee have all been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

MISCELLANEOUS

The records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, New York City Police Department, checked on July 28, 1953 by [redacted] contain no additional information concerning the subject.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York as checked on July 28, 1953 by [redacted] contain no additional information concerning the subject.

The following Confidential Informants, all of known reliability, who are well acquainted with phases of Communist Party activity in the New York area, were contacted but could furnish no information concerning the subject:

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**DESCRIPTION**

The following description of the subject was obtained from T-32 and from the records of the Board of Elections, New York City:

| Name:                | JAMES THEODORE WARD
|----------------------|----------------------
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| Race:                | Negro                |
| Date and Place of Birth: | September 15, 1902, Thibodeaux, Louisiana |
| Residence:           | 1198 Pacific Street, Brooklyn, New York |
| Height:              | 5'6&quot;                 |
| Weight:              | 150 pounds           |
| Eyes:                | Brown                |
| Hair:                | Black                |
| Complexion:          | Dark                 |
| Scars and Marks:     | Small scar on right wrist and lip |
| Occupation:          | Playwright           |
| Marital Status:      | Married, wife, MARY S. WARD |
| FBI Number:          | 210905B              |
| ASN:                 | 6670135              |</p>
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LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will check the records of the Veterans Administration, New York City.

The closing sentence of this reply states, "On this May Day we grip your hand, the hand of all mankind". THEODORE WARD was listed among the signers of this letter.

The "Daily Worker", dated August 17, 1949, Page 9, Column 1, indicates that the subject was among a group of New York writers and artists who on August 16, 1949 demanded immediate freedom for HENRY WINGSTON, GILBERT GREEN and GUS HALL, indicted Communist Party functionaries.

Communist Party Fronts

The International Workers Order (IWO)

The IWO has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-LO furnished information on May 7, 1951 which indicated that the subject applied for a transfer from Lodge Number 150 to Lodge Number 795 of the IWO as of March 14, 1949.

Culturaland Scientific Conference for World Peace

The California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report 1949, Page 176, described the Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace as an international Communist front activity growing out of the Communist sponsored Congress of Intellectuals, held in Poland in August, 1948.

The "Daily Worker", dated March 8, 1949, Page 13, Column 5, reflects that the subject was among the theatrical people who sponsored the Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace on March 27, 1949 at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York City.

The "Daily Worker", dated March 28, 1949, Page 15, Column 4, indicates that THEODORE WARD had been a speaker at the gathering.

Peoples' Drama, Incorporated

T-28, advised on June 13, 1949 that Peoples' Drama, Incorporated was a Communist front organization.
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Director, FBI (100-316008) — 7

JAMES THEODORE WARD
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re: Special Agent
and your Form FD 122 both dated February 4, 1954.

Pursuant to your recommendation subject’s
name has been included in the Security Index and copies
of his Security Index Card will be furnished by separate
communication.

With regard to rerep the following is noted
for which amended pages are desired:

1. Page two, paragraph two, the date of
   activity is omitted.

2. Page three, the meaning of paragraph four
   is not clear and should be rewritten and
   carefully paraphrased to protect the
   source’s identity.

3. Page four, paragraph two reflects information
   received from T-5 on April 6, 1948, whereas
   the Administrative page reflects this
   information was received February 6, 1948.
   This variance should be resolved.

4. Page five, paragraph five the date of
   activity is omitted.

Please handle the above promptly as dissemination
as being withheld pending receipt of the amended pages.
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject resides 1198 Pacific St., Brooklyn, NY, and is self-employed as a writer. T-1, of known reliability, advised subject CP member in 1942. T-2, of known reliability, stated that one THEODORE WARD recruited for Harlem CP. T-3, of known reliability, advised subject on editorial staff of "Masses and Mainstream," 1948. T-5, of known reliability, advised subject sponsor to the National Youth Assembly Against Universal Military Training, 1948; and one THEODORE WARD was sponsor of National Non-Partisan Committee to Defend the Rights of the twelve Communist Leaders, 1949; THEODORE WARD spoke at rally sponsored by Council on African Affairs and Committee for Democratic Far Eastern Policy in 1950. T-8, of known reliability, advised THEODORE WARD was a sponsor for the Committee for Negro in the Arts, 1952. THEODORE WARD signed a German Unification Petition sponsored by the National Council of American Soviet Friendship, 1952.

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**DETAILS:**

All informants mentioned in the details of this report are of known reliability unless otherwise specified.

The title of this report is marked "CHANGED" to add the aliases THEODORE WARD and JAMES WARD.

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The "Daily Worker," an East Coast Communist newspaper, in its articles concerning the subject list his name as THEODORE WARD.

T-5 advised on May 7, 1951, that the subject's name is listed as JAMES WARD with the International Workers Order (IWO), Lodge 450, as of March 14, 1949.

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

BACKGROUND

Residence and Employment

advised that the subject has
resided at this address in Apartment E since March, 1953 with his wife and two daughters. [underline]advised the subject spends most of his time in his apartment writing plays and articles. [underline]stated he did not know the nature of these writings.

AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

Communist Party Membership

T-1 advised on January 21, 1942 that the subject was a member of the Communist Party as of that date.

T-2 advised in 1948 that one THEODORE WARD, not otherwise identified, was a member of the Harlem Communist Party and active in recruiting members into the Communist Party at that time.

Evidence of Communist Party Sympathy

"Masses and Mainstream"

Concerning the magazine "Masses and Mainstream," the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, May 14, 1951, cites "Masses and Mainstream" as the successor to "New Masses," a "communist magazine" and "among typical examples of the Communist press and publications." (California Committee on Un-American Activities, report, 1948, Page 49.)

T-3 advised that the March 1948 issue of "Masses and Mainstream" lists THEODORE WARD as one of their contributing editors.

The "Daily Worker," an East Coast Communist newspaper, issue for October 11, 1947, contained an article which stated that one THEODORE WARD, not otherwise identified, would speak on behalf of "New Masses" and "Mainstream"
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for "one of the individuals who was sentenced for contempt of Congress."

The "Daily Worker" issue of June 29, 1951 contains an article entitled "200 Notables From 33 States Ask End To DuBois:Indictment." Listed as a signer to this petition was one THEODORE WARD, not otherwise identified.

T-4 described W. E. B. DUBoIS as a concealed member of the Communist Party.

Knowledge of Aims and Purposes of the Communist Party

Jefferson School of Social Science

The Jefferson School of Social Science has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-5 advised on November 17, 1949 that the subject was on the faculty of the Jefferson School of Social Science and as such paid tribute to BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Jr., on his current election campaign.

BENJAMIN J. DAVIS was one of the eleven Communist leaders who was convicted on October 14, 1949 in the Southern District of New York for violation of the Smith Act.

The "Daily Worker" issue of February 22, 1950 reflects that one THEODORE WARD, not otherwise identified, would lead the Jefferson Theatre Workshops Forum, "The Negro in the American Theatre."

The Jefferson School of Social Science Winter 1953 Bulletin lists the subject's works as one of several to be studied under "Literature of the Negro People in the United States - 1900 - 1952."
Membership In and/or Sympathy
For Communist Party Fronts

The National Youth Assembly Against
Universal Military Training

According to the California Committee on Un-
American Activities, Report, 1948, Pages 338 to 340, the
above organization "is not a sincere pacifist group opposed
to war. It is a Stalinist front to keep the United States
militarily weak so that Russia will be free for its conquest
of Europe and Asia, and eventually for the conquest of the
Western Hemisphere. It functions precisely, and for the
same purpose, as did the American Peace Mobilization during
the STALIN-HITLER Pact."

T-5 advised on April 6, 1948 that the subject was
'an adult sponsor' to the National Youth Assembly Against
Universal Military Training.

National Non-Partisan Committee To
Defend The Rights of the 12 Communist Leaders

The above organization was described in the
"Daily Worker" issue of July 18, 1950, Page 8, as having
been organized in February 1949 for the purpose of
defending the rights of the Communist leaders. The article
states the Committee disbanded and would help the Civil
Rights Congress (CRC) in its mass campaign in defense of
the 12 Communist leaders.

T-6 advised that veteran Communist ARNOLD JOHNSON
served as Secretary to the above organization and states
it was a recognized Communist front and assisted in this
committee's absorption by the CRC.

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

T-5 advised on September 9, 1949 that one THEODORE
WARD, not otherwise identified, was a sponsor of the

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National Non-Partisan Committee to Defend the Rights of the 12 Communist leaders.

Council on African Affairs and Committee for Democratic Far Eastern Policy

Both of the above organizations have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "New York Amsterdam News" issue of July 8, 1950 contained an article that one THEODORE WARD would be one of the speakers before a rally entitled "Hands Off Korea." This rally was sponsored by the Council on African Affairs and the Committee for Democratic Far Eastern Policy.

Committee for the Negro in the Arts (CNA)

T-7 advised that the CNA was formed at the time of a merger of the CRC and the National Negro Congress. The informant advised that the Cultural Division of the National Negro Congress, which the informant described as a Communist dominated negro organization, was the parent organization of the present CNA.

The National Negro Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-8 advised on July 1, 1952 that one of the sponsors of the CNA was one THEODORE WARD, not otherwise identified.

National Council of American-Soviet Friendship (NCASF)

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

The "Daily Worker" on August 6, 1952 contained an article entitled "50 Notables Sign Plea For Four-Power
"Meet On Germany." One of the notables listed was one THEODORE WARD, not otherwise identified. These signatures were offered in response to an appeal by the NCASF.

National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, issue of May 14, 1951, cites the above organization as a Communist front.

The organization, Counterattack, 55 West 42nd Street, New York, New York, publishers of "Red Channels", which is described as "the report of Communist influence in Radio and Television" lists the subject as a signer to an advertisement in the "New York Times" captioned "We are for Wallace," sponsored by the above organization.

Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, issue of May 14, 1951, cites the above organization as a Communist front which "was actually a super-mobilization of the inveterate wheel-horses and supporters of the Communist Party and its auxiliary organizations."

The subject is listed in "Red Channels" as a sponsor of this group in March, 1949 and was shown on the official program as a panel speaker.

Civil Rights Congress

T-9 advised on October 31, 1949 that the subject was a signer to a telegram sent to the then Attorney General.
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MC GRATH protesting the excessive bail and the forbidding, cruel and unjust punishment for the 11 leaders of the Communist Party, who were convicted in New York City under the Smith Act.

The "Daily Worker" issue of August 24, 1950, contains an article entitled "73 More Ask Bail for Communist 11." This article stated that the CRC is sponsoring a petition to the Department of Justice to continue bail for the 11 Communist leaders. The subject was listed as a signer to one of these petitions.

MISCELLANEOUS

The records of the Veterans Administration, New York City, were checked by SA on December 10, 1953 and were found to contain no information concerning the subject.

T-10 advised SA on January 19, 1954 that he had no pertinent information regarding the subject.
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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will await the Bureau's decision in regard to Form PD-122.

REFERENCE

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resided at this address in Apartment F since March 1953 with his wife and two daughters. The subject spends most of his time in his apartment writing plays and articles. He stated he did not know the nature of these writings.

AFFILIATION WITH THE
COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

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(California Committee on Un-American Activities, report, 1948, Page 49.)

T-3 advised that the March 1948 issue of "Masses and Mainstream" lists THEODORE WARD as one of their contributing editors.

The "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, issue for October 11, 1947, contained an article which stated that one THEODORE WARD, not otherwise identified, would speak on behalf of "New Masses" and "Mainstream"
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for "one of the individuals who was sentenced for contempt of Congress."

The "Daily Worker" issue of June 29, 1951 contains an article entitled "200 Notables From 33 States Ask End To DuBois Indictment." Listed as a signer to this petition was one THEODORE WARD, not otherwise identified.

T-4 described W. E. B. DUBOIS as a concealed member of the Communist Party.

Knowledge of Aims and Purposes of the Communist Party

Jefferson School of Social Science

The Jefferson School of Social Science has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-5 advised on November 17, 1949 that one THEODORE WARD, not otherwise identified, paid tribute to Councilman BENJAMIN J. DAVIS. This tribute was from the Jefferson School faculty, under which WARD's name appears.

BENJAMIN J. DAVIS was one of the eleven Communist leaders who was convicted on October 14, 1949 in the Southern District of New York for violation of the Smith Act.

The "Daily Worker" issue of February 22, 1950 reflects that one THEODORE WARD, not otherwise identified, would lead the Jefferson Theatre Workshops Forum, "The Negro in the American Theatre."

The Jefferson School of Social Science Winter 1953 Bulletin lists the subject's works as one of several to be studied under "Literature of the Negro People in the United States - 1900 - 1952."
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National Non-Partisan Committee to Defend the Rights of the 12 Communist leaders.

Council on African Affairs and Committee for Democratic Far Eastern Policy

Both of the above organizations have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "New York Amsterdam News" issue of July 8, 1950 contained an article that one THEODORE WARD would be one of the speakers before a rally entitled "Hands Off Korea." This rally was sponsored by the Council on African Affairs and the Committee for Democratic Far Eastern Policy.

Committee for the Negro in the Arts (CNA)

T-7 advised that the CNA was formed at the time of a merger of the CRC and the National Negro Congress. The informant advised that the Cultural Division of the National Negro Congress, which the informant described as a Communist dominated negro organization, was the parent organization of the present CNA.

The National Negro Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-8 advised that one of the sponsors of the CNA was one THEODORE WARD, not otherwise identified.

National Council of American-Soviet Friendship (NCASF)

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

The "Daily Worker" on August 6, 1952 contained an article entitled "50 Notables Sign Plea For Four-Power
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI (100-316008)
FROM: SAC, New York (100-61965)
SUBJECT: JAMES THEODORE WARD, was SM - C

DATE: 2/4/54

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

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

NAME JAMES THEODORE WARD

ALIASES

NATIVE BORN X NATURALIZED ALIEN

COMMUNIST X SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify)

TAB FOR DETCOM TAB FOR COMSAB RACE Negro SEX Male

DATE OF BIRTH 9/15/02 PLACE OF BIRTH Thibodeaux, La

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address)

1198 Pacific Street, self-employed writer

KEY FACILITY DATA:

INTERESTED AGENCIES

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 1198 Pacific Street, Bklyn, NY, Apt. F

RECORDED 49 100-316008

REGISTERED 93635

HSF: EJR 5/2 FEB 26 1954

CONFIDENTIAL
Enclosed are amended pages of a report by SA [redacted], dated 2/4/54. These amended pages were requested by bulletin dated 3/3/54.

Due to the fact that the subject has been placed on the Security Index, this case is being closed in the NYO.

The Bureau is requested to change the date on their copies of this report on Page 8. The date received from T-5 should be April 6, 1948.
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI (100-316008)
FROM: SAC, New York (100-61965)
SUBJECT: JAMES THEODORE WARD SM-C

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KEY FACILITY DATA:
GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER ______________ RESPONSIBILITY ____________________________

INTERESTED AGENCIES ________________________________________

RESIDENCE ADDRESS ___________________________________________

REGISTERED MAIL
MAR 1 1955

CARD U.T.D. 2-24-35
Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI (100-316008)

FROM: SAC, New York (100-61965)

DATE: 8/30/54

SUBJECT: JAMES THEODORE WARD

SM-C

Card U.T.D.

5-9-54

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

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NAME

ALIASES

NATIVE BORN___ NATURALIZED ___ ALIEN ___

COMMUNIST ___ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY ___ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE ___

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INTERESTED AGENCIES ___

RESIDENCE ADDRESS ___

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TO: Director, FBI (100-316008)
FROM: SAC, New York (100-61065)
SUBJECT: JAMES THEODORE WARD, Was.; Theodore Ward, James Ward SM-C

REFERENCE: SAC Letter 55-30, 4/12/55.

SUCCINCT RESUME OF CASE:

NY symbol informants utilized in this resume have furnished reliable information in the past unless otherwise designated.

Subject was a member of the 6th Ward Branch of the Southside Section of the Communist Party having book 938, dated 6/29/53.  

Informant advised on 5/22/55 that TED WARD 3624, 1/2 Lake Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois was a member of the 6th Ward Club of the CP. (Anonymous).

A JAMES WARD in March of 1941 was described as being well known around Mexican Communist Party Headquarters and active in Mexico, organizing Negroes. (Anonymous).

WARD was included among a list of members and individuals interested in the Chicago Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions for 1951 and 1952.

The subject and his wife registered for the American Labor Party in 1949 and 1950. (Board of Election Records).

The "Daily Worker" 8/23/51 reported the Committee for Freedom of the Press had been formed on 8/22/51 to fight for the right of the "Daily Worker" to advocate its position and the right of all Americans to hear its and judge it themselves. The "Daily Worker" of 8/22/51 indicated that THEODORE WARD, playwright was one of twenty-two persons who formed the Committee for Freedom of the Press.

Informant advised on 1/4/56 that THEODORE WARD by which name the subject is generally known, was a Communist Party member who stopped attending "units" in 1940 in order to do broader cultural work on plays, had many arguments and disagreements but "always wound up working for the comrades again."

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Security Index Card Cancelled

CANCELLATION RECORDS 9-14-3-60008-10 AUG 17 1955

RECORD 100-316008-10
Office Memorandum

TO: Director, FBI (100-316008)  
FROM: SAC, New York (100-61965)  
SUBJECT: JAMES THEODORE WARD, was 12/25/34.  

Re New York letter to Bureau dated 8/5/55.

By above relet, Bureau authorized cancelling the Security Index cards formerly maintained for this subject at New York.

It is therefore requested that the Security Flash formerly placed for this subject in favor of the New York Office under FBI No. 210 905 B now be cancelled.

Card Cancelled 8/30/55.  
Security Flash card 210 905 B.  

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On 10/1/57, Chase Manhattan Bank, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, NYC, made available to SA information concerning the Tass News Agency banking account. A review of this information reflects that TED WARD was issued a check on 9/25/57, in the amount of $162.24 for the period ending 9/30/57.

On basis of above information it appears that TED WARD is a new employee of Tass News Agency.

A review of the NYO indices reflect numerous references to TED WARD and THEODORE WARD. Due to lack of identifying information it is impossible to determine if any of these references are identical to TED WARD at Tass News Agency. It is noted that the indices reflect a main case file on JAMES THEODORE WARD (Bufile 100-316068) (NYfile 100-61965) who is a writer by profession and has had a substantial background in subversive activity; thereby, making him a logical suspect for employment at Tass.

Several surveillances were conducted both at the residence of JAMES THEODORE WARD, 1196 Pacific Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, and in the vicinity of Tass News Agency; however, all attempts met with negative results.
A pretext telephone call to the residence of JAMES THEODORE WARD, mentioned above, elicited information that he is presently unemployed; thereby, indicating that he probably is not identical with the TED WARD employed at Tass.

All logical sources of NYO have been alerted in order to bring about the identification of TED WARD at the earliest possible time.

The NYO has opened a new case on TED WARD which will be handled in accordance with section 105K, M of I. Future communications in this matter will delete the second caption.
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, New York (Your file 100-61965) DATE: 1-21-58
FROM: Director, FBI (Bufile and serial 100-316008-12)
SUBJECT: JAMES THEODORE WARD WAS. Internal Security - R

1. ( ) The deadline in this case has passed and the Bureau has not received a report. You are instructed to submit a report immediately. In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau, Room No. 1955.

Report submitted ____________________
Report will be submitted by 2/10/57
Reason for delay ____________________

2. ( ) Advise Bureau re status of this case.

3. ( ) Advise Bureau when report may be expected. Also submit recommendations as to whether Ward should be placed on Security Index.

4. ( ) Supervise immediately. (Place your reply on this form and return to the Bureau. Note on the top serial in the case file the receipt and acknowledgment of this communication.)