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Central Intelligence Agency] (S) (U)

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised in October, 1952, that the National Compass Club, also known as the Compass Club International, was formed in March, 1951, by members of the Communist Party with the approval of the "higher committee" of the Communist Party. According to this source, the aim of this Club was to hold Communist Party meetings under the guise and name of the Compass Club and at the same time watch the policies of the New York daily newspaper, "Daily Compass."

In 1952, another source who was in a position to furnish reliable information advised that the editorial and reportorial staffs of the "Daily Compass" were composed in the majority of communists and communist sympathizers.

In view of your request to receive any information concerning the communist or procommunist activities of the subject [redacted] this (S) Bureau has no objection to your releasing the above information provided that neither this Bureau nor the sources of the material are identified. For your information in this matter, your attention is invited to our memorandum and its accompanying memorandum of evaluation dated November 21, 1961, at New York, New York, captioned "Sattva Steiner" which was sent to your Agency on November 22, 1961. (S)

NOTE: This communication is classified "Secret" inasmuch as it contains reference to [redacted]

[redacted] which is contained in its letter so classified. (S)

(S) CIA has requested to receive information regarding subject [redacted] (S) Their request was restricted to information concerning communist or procommunist activities of the subject. Our investigation disclosed subject is an employee of Prensa Latina and subject of a recently opened case as well as a closed Security of Government Employees investigation which was discontinued in January, 1956. That investigation was instituted on the basis of information indicating possible membership in a communist organization. [It is believed CIA's request has been satisfied by identifying subject as a Prensa Latina employee and by furnishing data regarding possible membership in a communist organization.] (S) (U)

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