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SUBJECT: JOHN ORION PITTMAN
IS - R (CPUSA) (CC) ^(nc)
FULL INVESTIGATION
(INITIATED 6/17/77) ^(S)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-30067)

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ReBuairtel, 6/17/77, and report of SA DANIEL H. LUCKING, dated 3/28/74, at NY. (U)

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM, captioned and dated as above and classified "~~Confidential~~".

No information has been developed since referenced report that subject is involved in clandestine intelligence activities. ^(S)(U)

Subject's activities are covered by Bureau assets targeted against the CPUSA. ^(S)(U)

As a member of the Central Committee (CC) and the National Council (NC), the subject is in a position to formulate policy and provide leadership to the Party and, as such, falls within the criteria for a full investigation consistent with FCI guidelines. That he is not in the Party's top echelon of leadership and his activities are limited by his living abroad, PITTMAN should be investigated as a Priority II subject. ^(S)

UACB a progress letter will be submitted on the subject at the appropriate time. ^(S)(U)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York

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John Orion Pittman
Internal Security - Russia

Full Investigation (S)
(Initiated 6/17/77) (S)

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Office of Origin: New York

Date Investigative Summary Prepared: AUG 22 1977

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Basis for Investigation:

Investigation is based upon authority of the Attorney General to conduct full counterintelligence investigations of leaders of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) pursuant to the Foreign Counterintelligence (FCI) Guidelines. (S)

The Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) is an arm of the international communist movement dominated by the Soviet Union. (U)

Investigation to Date:

Since February, 1974, the subject has resided at Thakurova 3, 116-16, Prague 6, Czechoslovakia. He is the CPUSA's representative on the editorial board of the "World Marxist Review", the theoretical journal of the international communist movement headquartered in Prague, Czechoslovakia. One of his main functions on the editorial board is to prepare CPUSA activity reports for the Kremlin. (S)(U)

He was elected to memberships on the Central Committee (CC), CPUSA, and the National Council (NC), CPUSA, at the 21st National Convention of the CPUSA, held June 26 - 29, 1975, in Chicago, Illinois. (S)(U)

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John Orion Pittman

His foreign travel includes visits to Bulgaria during the summer of 1974, the Soviet Union in July, 1975, and trips to and from the United States (US) in 1975 and 1976. (S)(U)

The March 30, 1974 issue of the "Daily World", an east coast communist newspaper, characterized him as, "dedicated to strengthening the unity of world communist forces in accord with the struggle advanced by the Soviet Union for peaceful coexistence, social progress, and socialism". Following the Soviet line of propaganda at a meeting of the Utah District, CPUSA, in November, 1976, Pittman stated, "The CPUSA must warn fellow citizens that the Pentagon is searching for a doomsday weapon in order to reverse the balance of power and that thermo-nuclear war was a danger." (S)(U)

Pittman's party activities include attendance at a meeting of the Utah District, CPUSA, on November 22, 1976; a meeting of the Central Committee held November 19 - 21, 1976, in New York City, and a meeting of the Political Committee, CPUSA, held May 5, 1974, in New York City. No information has been developed that he is active at the local club level or that he has made any public appearances on behalf of the party. (S)(U)

Objective:

Will continue to confirm and assess the leadership and policy-making role of Pittman in the CPUSA. (S)(U)

Will remain alert to develop any information indicating clandestine intelligence activities, foreign travel, espousal of propaganda, and contacts with Soviets or other (criteria country) nationals, on the part of Pittman, (S) which information might tend to confirm his continuing role in the spread of the international communist movement. (S)

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To: ADIC, New York (100-88368)

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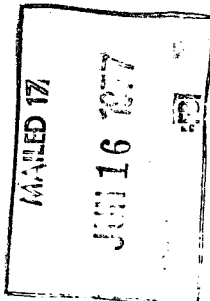
Pursuant to FCI Guidelines, Bureau authority is granted to conduct a full investigation of subject with effective date of this communication. Inasmuch as captioned has been the subject of a continuing investigation, there is no need to submit the 90-day LHM as required by FCI Guidelines IX A 4, page 16. As instructed in Bureau airtel 5/19/77, page 3, captioned "CPUSA," you should submit annual summary LHM by 9/1/77.

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NOTE:

Mr. Thomas Grady, Investigation Review Unit, Department of Justice, has advised Bureau field offices should not submit 90-day LHMs on CPUSA members who have been the subject of continuing investigation prior to FBIHQ authorizing full investigation pursuant to FCI Guidelines. Review of captioned matter determined full investigation is warranted.

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