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MATTHEW GARDNER

UNITED STATES SENATE  
SELECT COMMITTEE ON  
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(SSC)

Ref is made to the 9/8/75, LSC request forwarded to  
the Department of Justice by letter dated 9/9/75, listing  
various documents and other info desired from the  
CIA. Enclosed for your review & forwarding to CIA  
is an original of a memo in response to  
part of the requests. Also enclosed for your  
review is a copy of the memo.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-104)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-32864)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

#100216  
DECLASSIFIED BY SP2ALM/STG  
ON 12/21/00

Background

As the Bureau is aware, the Chicago Branch of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is headed by THEODORE A. JONES, an executive of the Supreme Liberty Insurance Company of Chicago, and anti-Communist.

JONES is a confidential source of this office.

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In the fall of 1958, JONES, in order to combat the Communist element within the Chicago Branch of the NAACP, abolished three units of this Branch, leadership of which was heavily Communist infiltrated. In 12/58 the JONES slate of candidates won a sweeping victory against the opposition candidates supported by the left wing. Since 12/58 JONES has been in constant conflict with the left element in the NAACP and has used every parliamentary trick to defeat every effort on issues which they have brought to the floor.

Reliable informants, [CG 6066-S, CG 6065-S and CG 14-1] have all joined what is known as the Co-ordinating Committee of the NAACP. This is an unofficial, loosely knit group of individuals whose sole objective is to oust the JONES leadership as well as the current national leadership of the NAACP. Included in this group are CP members, Socialist Workers Party (SWP) members, former Independent Socialist League (ISL)

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members, socialists and other Negro nationalist type individuals. For the past several months this group has continued to organize opposition to the JONES and present national leadership of the NAACP. Meetings have been held in the Hyde Park, North Side and West Side areas of Chicago and these meetings are surreptitiously held without the sanction of the Chicago Branch NAACP leadership and unknown to this leadership.

INFORMANT

In early 5/59, [CG 6065-S] attended a meeting between CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, Illinois District Chairman, and PETTIS PERRY, following the last NAC meeting of the CP. At this meeting CG 6065-S, a CP member and also a member of the left wing faction in the NAACP, LIGHTFOOT, and PERRY agreed to have liaison of left forces between Chicago, Los Angeles, and New York in the matter of nominations of delegates to the national NAACP convention scheduled for 7/59 and to defeat current leaderships in the various NAACP Branches.

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On 4/29/59 THEODORE A. JONES visited the Chicago Office and reiterated his anti-Communist policies with regard to the governing of the Chicago Branch NAACP and was confident that the Communists had been defeated. During this interview JONES gave no indication of having knowledge of the Co-ordinating Committee of the NAACP. He was quite confident of his ability to keep Communists out of the Chicago Branch NAACP and indicated that while he would not run for re-election in 12/59 he has selected a well known Negro business executive and anti-Communist to succeed him and is confident of this individual's election. He indicated, however, that a group of individuals whom he named were causing trouble in the Branch and that he suspected them as being Communists.

This office, while referring him to public sources, advised him of the Bureau's position regarding dissemination of information concerning individuals.

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Caucus to Name Proposed Left Wing  
Slate of Delegates to NAACP National Convention

<sup>INFORMANT</sup> [CG 6066-S] advised that on 5/7/59 the Co-ordinating Committee of the NAACP held a meeting at which a slate of delegates to the NAACP National Convention was nominated. This meeting was attended by between 40 - 50 individuals, including such prominent Communists as MILTON COHEN, member, State Committee, CP, LESTER DAVIS, State Committee, CP, ROBERT HYMER, member of CP NAACP fraction, FRITZI ENGLESTEIN, a prominent leader in the Ninth Congressional District, CP, LEO and BETTY GOLDMAN, and others. There were also in attendance current members of the SWP and members of the ISL until it merged with the Socialist Party - Social Democratic Federation.

Informant advised that the individual leader of this caucus was one TIM BLACK, a Chicago school teacher and an individual who can be described as a Negro nationalist. However, informant advised that the leadership of ENGLESTEIN and COHEN was instrumental in maneuvering in picking the slate. The slate itself includes two SWP members, one former ISL member, two CP members and one leader of the Socialist Party - Social Democratic Federation, out of a total proposed Chicago Branch delegation of nine members.

<sup>INFORMANT</sup> [CG 6066-S] The Co-Ordinating Committee strategy, according to [CG 6066-S] is that at the meeting at which the Chicago Chapter delegation is selected, they will pack the meeting with 75 to 80 of their group which is considered enough to swing the vote in favor of their delegates. The Co-ordinating Committee is to concentrate on working for the nine named delegates as delegates rather than alternates as it assumes the regular NAACP organization will have its votes split further in selecting both delegates and alternates.

Experience has shown that only 100 people attend a NAACP meeting of this type. Therefore, the Co-ordinating Committee feels that by having approximately 75 of its people

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at the meeting it will sweep the election of delegates to the National Convention and this in turn will open the door for a sweep of the 12/59 elections for the leadership of the Chicago Branch.

#### Observations and Proposals

Reliable informants have reported that the strength of the CP in the leadership of the NAACP, Chicago Branch, today is at its lowest ebb. Within the past several weeks the CP fraction for work within the NAACP has been working intensively and diligently to organize and to broaden its strength in the leadership of the Chicago Branch of the NAACP by defeating JONES as well as to increase its strength in or at least change the leadership of the National Office of the NAACP. If the Co-ordinating Committee objective of election of its slate of delegates from the Chicago Branch to the National Convention is successful, it will result in a major accomplishment of CP organizational efforts in the Negro field in that the NAACP in Chicago alone has approximately 20,000 members.

With these facts in mind and in considering that THEODORE A. JONES is an intelligent and able leader with a political machine of Congressman WILLIAM DAWSON to back him up, it is felt that if he were put to notice of the existence of this caucus and slate he could defeat the CP in its efforts to attempt to get control of the Chicago Branch and also of its efforts to gain greater influence in the national picture of the NAACP. As indicated previously as late as 4/29/59 when JONES visited this office, he was unaware of any organized resistance to his leadership although he recognized individual dissatisfaction among the members as a result of their statements at Branch meetings.

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It is felt that a counterintelligence gain that will hurt the CP can be had with complete security insofar as the Bureau is concerned and the following is suggested:

That Chicago be permitted to prepare a letter for anonymous mailing to THEODORE A. JONES, President of the Chicago Branch, NAACP, at the earliest possible date to make him aware of the existence of this organized faction as well as to the existence of the slate of candidates backed by the group of individuals in opposition to the present policies and leadership of the national and Chicago Branch, NAACP.

This letter will be written in longhand in the language of an individual who would be a member of the NAACP.

The following proposed letter is submitted for Bureau approval:

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Dear President Jones:

I am a member of the Chicago Branch and voted for you. I know of your troubles with the Communists. I want Communists out of the Branch. Yesterday, a Branch member saw me and asked me to vote for a list of people to go to our National Convention in New York. I thought the delegates were to be elected on May 22. This person said the list is already made up. I saw the list and I think some of them are Communists. Two names I remember are Davis and a woman named Meyer. I am sure you don't want them in our Branch. The person told me that the real leaders are Bullock and Cohen and they have 75 votes already. They tell me Reverend Griffin is supposed to run this thing but others are behind him.

I will be there on May 22 to vote against them.  
God bless you.

An old time branch member who  
used to be in the Communist Party  
and has seen the light.

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Expeditious consideration is requested for the above in view of the Convention delegate election meeting of May 22. The Bureau is assured that this counterintelligence item can be handled with full security to the Bureau. Further, that should it succeed, and it is believed JONES, through his organizational efforts will make it succeed, the counterintelligence item would serve as a great defeat for the CP.

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1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Baumgardner  
1 - Mr. O'Connor  
1 - Mr. Bly  
5-18-59

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TO SAC CHICAGO (100-32864)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (100-3-104)

CPUSA, COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, IS DASH C. RECGATTEL  
MAY ONE FOUR INSTANT. AUTHORITY GRANTED IMMEDIATELY MAIL  
ANONYMOUS HANDWRITTEN LETTER TO JONES. FOLLOW LETTER AFTER  
SUFFICIENT TIME WITH ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL TO SPELL OUT MORE  
DETAILS RE SLATE OF DELEGATES AND PROPOSED PACKING OF  
MAY TWO TWO MEETING AND TO INSURE JONES IS SUFFICIENTLY IMPRESSED  
WITH DANGER CP POSES TO HIS ORGANIZATION IN THIS MATTER. TAKE  
NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT BUREAU. GIVE  
PREFERRED SUPERVISION. PROMPTLY ADVISE BUREAU OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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DATE 12/21/00 BY SP2ALM/STK

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

See memo Baumgardner to Belmont dated 5-18-59, same caption, HOB:mjc.

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Mr. Belmont  
- Mr. Onsgard

The Attorney General

May 19, 1959

Director, FBI

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE  
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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DECLASSIFIED BY SP-2 ALM-LTG  
ON 12-21-00

NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION  
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Theodore A. Jones, an executive of the Supreme Liberty Insurance Company of Chicago, is head of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in Chicago, Illinois. This branch has approximately 20,000 members. In December, 1958, Jones, who is opposed to the communists, won a sweeping victory against the left-wing supported opposition candidates in the NAACP and since that time he has been in constant conflict with the left-wing elements.

Information has been secured through informants, who have furnished reliable information in the past, that a loosely knit group of individuals, calling themselves the Co-ordinating Committee of the NAACP, has been formed in Chicago, Illinois, for the sole purpose of ousting Jones from leadership in the NAACP. Included in this group are members of the Communist Party (CP), USA; members of the Socialist Workers Party, a Trotskyite organization; socialists; and other Negro nationalist-type individuals. For the past several months this group has held surreptitious meetings throughout Chicago organizing opposition to Jones and also against the present national leadership of the NAACP.

A meeting of this Co-ordinating Committee of the NAACP was held on May 7, 1959, at which time a slate of nine proposed delegates was selected to attend the NAACP national convention scheduled to be held in New York City in July, 1959. This meeting was attended by 40 to 50 individuals including prominent Chicago communists Milton Cohen and Lester Davis, members of the State Committee of the Illinois CP; Robert Hymer, member of the CP fraction in the NAACP; and others.

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**The Attorney General**

The proposed nine-member slate of convention delegates includes two CP members and members of Trotskyite and socialist groups. The strategy of this Co-ordinating Committee is to pack the meeting of the Chicago Branch of the NAACP scheduled for May 22, 1959, with 75 or 80 members of its group and push for the election of its slate of nine delegates previously selected. Since only approximately 100 people attend a Chicago Branch meeting of this type the Co-ordinating Committee feels it will sweep the election of its delegates to the national convention and thereby also lay the groundwork for ousting Jones from the leadership of the Chicago Branch of the NAACP.

For your confidential information we are anonymously advising Theodore A. Jones concerning the activity of the Co-ordinating Committee of the NAACP in order that Jones may take steps to counteract the activity of this committee.

1 - Mr. Lawrence E. Walsh  
Deputy Attorney General

NOTE ON YELLOW: This is being classified "Confidential" since the AG is being advised of activity under the Counterintelligence Program and if this program became known outside the Department the effectiveness of the program would be neutralized and the national defense of our country would be harmed.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: May 18, 1959

FROM : MR. F. J. BAUMGARDNER

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 12/10/00 BY SP2/AL/ITS

The Chicago branch of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has approximately 20,000 members. Theodore A. Jones, an executive of the Supreme Liberty Insurance Company of Chicago, is the head of this branch. Jones is anticommunist and also a confidential source of the Chicago Office. In December, 1958, Jones won a sweeping victory against the left-wing supported opposition candidates. Since December, 1958, Jones has been in constant conflict with the left-wing elements.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

Chicago Office by airtel 5-14-59 advised that through several reliable informants, it was learned that a loosely knit group of individuals, whose sole objective is to oust the Jones leadership calling themselves the Co-ordinating Committee of the NAACP, has been formed. Included in this group are members of the Communist Party (CP), USA; members of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) (trotskyite organization); socialists; and other Negro nationalist type individuals. For the past several months this group has held surreptitious meetings throughout Chicago organizing opposition to Jones and also against the present national leadership of the NAACP.

INFORMANT

According to [CG 6066-S] a meeting of this Co-ordinating Committee of the NAACP was held 5-7-59 at which a slate of nine delegates was selected to attend the NAACP national convention scheduled to be held in New York in July, 1959. This meeting was attended by 40 to 50 individuals including prominent Chicago communists, Milton Cohen and Lester Davis, members Illinois State Committee CP, Robert Hymer, member of CP NAACP fraction and others. The nine-member slate of convention delegates includes two CP members and members of trotskyite and socialist groupings. The strategy of this Co-ordinating Committee is to pack the meeting of the Chicago branch of the NAACP scheduled for May 22, 1959, with 75 or 80 members of their group and push for the election of their slate of nine delegates previously selected. Since only approximately 100 people attend a Chicago branch meeting of this type, the Co-ordinating Committee feels it will sweep the election of their delegates to the national convention and thereby also lay the groundwork for ousting the Jones leadership of the Chicago branch of the NAACP at the next election in December, 1959. If this concerted plan of the CP and other dissident elements is successful, it would be a dangerous accomplishment since the strength of the CP in the Chicago branch of the NAACP at the present time is at its lowest ebb. It is, therefore, extremely desirable that we discreetly frustrate the plans of this Co-ordinating Committee inside the NAACP.

Enclosure

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100-3-104s document is prepared in response to your request and is not for dissemination outside your Committee. Its use is limited to official proceedings by your Committee and the content may not be disclosed to unauthorized personnel without the express approval of the FBI.

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
100-3-104

Chicago Office, requests authorization to send a handwritten anonymous letter to Theodore A. Jones, president of the Chicago branch of the NAACP, advising him of the existence of this slate of delegates and plans of the coordinating committee to pack the May 22, 1959, meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Chicago Office is being instructed in attached teletype to immediately mail the anonymous letter. In addition, the Chicago Office is being instructed to follow up the anonymous letter after sufficient time with an anonymous telephone call to spell out more details re slate of delegates and proposed packing of May 22, 1959, meeting and to insure Jones is sufficiently impressed with danger CP poses to his organization in this matter. Teletype is necessary due to time limitations.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-104)

DATE: May 26, 1959

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-32864)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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DECLASSIFIED BY SP-2AM/HIC  
ON 12-21-00

Re Chicago letter to Director dated May 14, 1959 which proposed a counterintelligence stratagem designed to frustrate Communist Party (CP) attempts to have a delegate slate favorable to the CP elected as representative of the Chicago National Association for Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Branch at the July, 1959 National NAACP Convention, and Bureau teletype to Chicago dated May 18, 1959 granting authority.

On May 19, 1959, an anonymous letter, that set out on page six of re Chicago letter, was directed to THEODORE A. JONES, President of the Chicago NAACP Branch.

On May 21, 1959 an anonymous telephone call was directed to THEODORE A. JONES, which call further developed the content of the anonymous letter.

On May 25, 1959, <sup>INFORMANT</sup> [CG 14-S] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on May 22, 1959 the regular monthly meeting of the Chicago NAACP Branch membership was held at 7415 South Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

The meeting took the form of the election of Chicago NAACP Branch delegates to the July, 1959 National NAACP Convention.

<sup>INFORMANT</sup> [CG 14-S] advised that the "left caucus" slate was "buried in an avalanche of JONES' votes." [CG 14-S] said that the "left caucus", which had carefully planned its "election coup," began encountering trouble on May 20 and 21, 1959 when the Chicago NAACP Branch leadership did not make known the definite site of the May 22, 1959 NAACP membership meeting.

<sup>INFORMANT</sup> [CG 14-S] said that the monthly membership meeting site is always made known two days before the meeting but on May 20, 1959, the "left caucus" could not, by any method, gain information regarding the meeting site and accordingly, had difficulty in directing "left caucus" people.

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