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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

ATTENTION: Mr. Sam J. Papich

SUBJECT: COURT FOSTER WOOD
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

Reference is made to a 25 March 1961 and a 6 July 1961 investigative report on captioned Subject which have previously been furnished to this Agency.

[redacted]
who is a current Agency employee, has recently been interviewed concerning his knowledge of Court Foster Wood whom [redacted] had known since mutual attendance in high school. Attached is a detailed report of the information furnished by [redacted] concerning his knowledge of Wood.

Since [redacted] personally has sufficient reason to question the activities of Wood and the activities of the associates of Wood, [redacted] has been advised to discontinue any further contact with Wood.

It would be appreciated if your Bureau would furnish this Agency any additional information brought to your attention concerning Court Foster Wood and of particular interest would be any information received by your Bureau concerning past association of Court Foster Wood with [redacted]

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FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

R. L. Bannerman
Acting Director of Security

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TO: The Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

SUBJECT: COURT FOSTER AND
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to a March 1961 and a May 1961 communication from the Bureau to the New York Office regarding the activities of Court Foster and the activities of the individuals associated with him.

It is noted that the New York Office has advised that Court Foster has been active in the New York area and that he has been in contact with several individuals who are active in the New York area. It is also noted that the New York Office has advised that Court Foster has been in contact with several individuals who are active in the New York area.

It is suggested that the New York Office continue to maintain contact with the individuals mentioned above and to report any further information received to the Bureau.

It would be appreciated if your Bureau would furnish this Agency any additional information brought to your attention concerning Court Foster and of particular interest would be any information received by your Bureau concerning past association of Court Foster with [redacted] Bureau.

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FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION:

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Acting Director of Security

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SUBJECT: Court Foster Wood

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[] has recently advised that Court 3 Foster Wood was a relatively close high school friend of [] during mutual attendance at ~~George Mason~~ High School, Falls Church, Virginia, during 1957 to 1959. [] described Wood as an average high school student who had no particular problems with the exception that there were domestic difficulties between the father and mother of Wood.

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[] became acquainted with the parents of Wood and made occasional visits to their home during the above period of time. The father of Wood, Foster Wood, is an attorney who was then living in Falls Church. Some time ago the father and mother of Court Wood split up and Court Wood and father moved into an apartment on Columbia Road, Washington, D.C.

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[] advised that after graduation from high school in June 1959 he lost any close contact with Wood who then started to attend George Mason College, where he seemed to have an interest in philosophy. 3 [] started to attend a military school and Wood expressed extreme opposition to military schools.

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[] married in 1960, which also helped to move [] somewhat out of the social circle of Wood. 3 [] believed that for approximately a year, during 1959 to 1960, he did not actually see Wood but advised that after this period in which he did not see Wood he has had a number of contacts with Wood, many of which occurred during mutual attendance at the University of Virginia Extension School (night school) in early 1961. On one occasion 3 [] attended a party at the apartment occupied by Wood and father at the invitation of Wood, and on this occasion came into contact with the "new set of friends" of Court Wood, whom [] described as being "beatnik types." Girls in attendance at the party, according to [] appeared to be of the "street pickup" type. 3

3 After the above party Wood occasionally telephoned [] 3 and about Christmas 1960 Wood called and stated that he was going to Cuba under the auspices of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. 3 [] called on Wood after the return of Wood from Cuba and at that time Wood lauded Castro very highly. The father of Wood was also present and [] obtained the impression that the father was also in sympathy with Castro. 3 [] recalled that he again, at a later date, had visited the Wood apartment, this being an occasion when Wood had been visiting somewhere in Falls Church and contacted [] to ask [] to take Wood home. On this 3 3

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Also advised that, as previously indicated, he would meet Wood at the University of Virginia Extension School which was conducting night classes at the Washington and Lee High School. Both Wood and [redacted] were attending the night classes but were not attending mutual classes. [redacted] recalled that on one of the occasions when he had met Wood while attending night classes Wood talked about going to Cuba via Mexico for permanent residence, and made some statement to the effect that he would be willing to renounce his United States citizenship.

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In June 1961 the Bureau of Civil Liberties was contacted by [redacted] who recalled that he had been involved with [redacted] in [redacted] in early September 1961. [redacted] had been subject in regard to the purchase of a bicycle and rider as well as through [redacted] with friends from the [redacted] and [redacted]. The [redacted] of [redacted] created in meeting the wife of [redacted] and invited Strickland and wife to the [redacted] current for party [redacted] which could meet high level [redacted] and wife, together with Bill and Thomas Varney, Washington Boulevard, Arlington, who had also attended high school with Strickland, the wife of [redacted]

[redacted] and Wood, accompanied [redacted] and wife to the above party. The other individuals at the party were of the "beatnik crowd" with several of the men wearing beards, and the girls appearing to be of the "street girl" type. In view of this [redacted] and wife only remained at the party for a very short time but did meet the wife of Wood. The wife of Wood had been attending Bryn Mawr College and was en route to attend Bryn Mawr during the school year of 1960-1961. [redacted] stated that the sister of the wife of Wood is still attending Bryn Mawr College. [redacted] stated that they were still in contact with the wife of Wood.

the party, and no attention at the apartment was paid to the fact that the party was not a member of the party. [03]

██████████ recalled that the only date on the fall of 1964 in which
 FBI did not know Ray's address was in the June 1964. Wood indicated that
 he was moving to Philadelphia with his wife could continue her college
 education, but Stratton at the time of the interview did not know whether
 Wood had actually moved to Philadelphia.

Wood, during conversation with [redacted] made the remark to [redacted] that he, Wood, did not know if his wife was a Communist but she might be. Wood, however, did not believe so. This is a true statement.

At the time of the above report, [redacted] understood that Wood was employed by the Department until the [redacted] 1968, at which time he was discharged from the service. [redacted]

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In regard to specific associates of Wood, [redacted] stated that at the party which he attended at the apartment occupied by Wood and wife, there were approximately thirty individuals present, a number of whom he casually met but whose names he did not recall. [redacted] did recall that the following individuals were present: "Will" McDonald, now believed living in Washington, D. C. but who had attended George Mason College with Wood, and Charles Kiser, who lives in Washington, D. C. and who attended

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