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File Title: Isaacs, Harold R.

Custodial Unit: IP/SCB - MH CHAOS

This file contains only memos dated 28 February 1966 and 9 January 1968 from the Passport Office, Department of State requesting any information of a security nature concerning Harold Robert Isaacs (DOB: September 13, 1910 in New York). No response on the part of the CIA is indicated.

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A review of Harold Isaacs' 201 file indicates that the bulk of the material contained therein concerns the period 1930-1935, during which time he served as a journalist in Shanghai and was involved in Communist Party front activities.

The only evidences of CIA interest in Isaacs appears in the 201 file in the following documents:

1) 25 June 1951 Memorandum ⁶³ [Douglas D. Pirnie] Deputy Chief, FE-1 to PT/CS; Subject: Harold R. Isaacs, Request for an information namecheck on.

This document requests an information namecheck for purpose of determining validity of charges that Isaacs is sympathetic to and/or connected with Communist activities. It appears that Isaacs, in his position as an advisor on Far East projects for the Ford Foundation is in a position to be in contact ^{with a program developed by 24} [with a covert agent of the CIA] who was ^{recently} called upon by the Ford Foundation to present some suggestions for a Far East program [Ford Foundation ²⁴ remains unaware of CIA connection w/this covert agent.]

2) 7 November 1951 Memorandum, Security Officer Robert Cunningham to Asst. Director for Policy Coordination

This memo appears responsive to request in #1 above. It states that Isaacs had been connected with at least 2 factions of Communist Party while living in Far East and that "extreme caution should be used in contacting or associating with Subject". Further investigation indicates that while subject denies any current

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Communist Party affiliation, his associations & activities are highly questionable & his political sympathy has not presently been unqualifiedly resolved.

3) A Cross Reference Form dated 26 June 1956; File No. JG-5237,
Source - CI/OA; Subject: Harold R. Isaacs

This form states "There is a restricted CI/OA folder on the subject of this 201 held in RI/AR File, Wash - CIA - Pers - 4."

4) Document Transfer and Cross Reference form dated 10 Sep 1958
Indicates that there is a restricted CI/OA folder on the subject of this 201 held under [C# 5237.]

5) 9 January 1975 review of 201 File on U.S. citizen categorizes the 201 file on Isaacs as a counterintelligence case.

6) Personality (201) File Request Dated: 26 Aug 57 From: FE/2/CE
File is marked "Non-sensitive" No "Source Document"
Country of Residence: China Action Desk: FE/2/CE
File is on "Permanent Charge" and is "Restricted"
Signed by: [Shirley D. Gundlach]⁰³]

There are several FBI reports on Isaacs which are all sealed.

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