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File Title: Isaacs, Harold

201-18446

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, (Douglas D. <sup>03</sup> 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 <sup>with a program developed by</sup> covert agent of the CIA <sup>24</sup> who was <sup>recently</sup> called upon by the Ford Foundation to present some suggestions for a Far East program. [Ford Foundation remains unaware of CIA connection w/this covert agent <sup>24</sup>]

- 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, Hash-CIA-Pers-4."

4) Document Transfer and Cross Reference form dated 10 Sep 1958

Indicates that there is a restricted CI/OA folder on this 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 "Nonsensitive" No "Source Document"

Country of Residence: China Action Desk: FE/2/CE

File is on "Permanent Charge" and is "Restricted"

Signed by: [Shirley D. Hundlach]  
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There are several FBI reports on Isaacs which are all sealed.

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Kantor, Marwa C-89136

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A review of KANTOR's file (C-89136) indicates Agency interest in Subject in 1961.

An undated PRQ, Part I indicates that Kantor was born on May 9, 1934 in New York City. He is listed as a U.S. citizen who, at that time, was a student at the University of Copenhagen, Free Plaza. His travel outside the country of present residence is listed as follows:

Denmark July 26, 1957 - May 31, 1958

USSR May 31, 1958 - July 9, 1958 (to stay with an uncle in Minsk)

Denmark July 9, 1958 - Nov. 25, 1958

U.S.A. Nov. 25, 1958 - Jan. 30, 1959

Denmark Jan. 30, 1959 - Present

He served in the USMC from 1952 to 1955, and in the USMC Reserve from 1955 until Oct. 8, 1960. Both of his parents were born in Russia <sup>in the West Indies and zone of interior</sup>.

A request for a POA <sup>in</sup> for order to assess Subjects REOSKIN, KIMPROVE and KCHARVEST potential was made on Feb. 17, 1961 by Richard F. Walsh, WE-1/Denmark.

A POA was granted for contact, assessment and polygraph only on March 1, 1961 in a memo to Chief, WE-1/Denmark, attn: Richard Walsh.

Cables indicate that Kantor was met by RAMEY under alias on 2 occasions <sup>in April & May 1961</sup>, during which time he revealed himself to be a longtime but unwilling RIS contact in Copenhagen.

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Last cable, dated Aug. 15, 1961, to Director from [Copenhagen] <sup>14-6</sup> indicates that RAMEY should recontact Subject who just returned from Yugoslavia before departure for New York in early September.