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<p>THE ATTORNEY GENERAL U.S. HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLI- GENCE ACTIVITIES (HSC)</p> <p>This is in response to HSC let 10/20/75. Attached for ur approval & forwarding to the HSC is a memo which is our complete response to HSC request.</p>		

HSC Request 10/20/75

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/27/72

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-171139) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MARJORIE SWANN
SM - SUBVERSIVE
(OO:BS)

ReNYairtel and LHM, 9/25/72.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies, Boston and New Haven two copies each of a revised LHM concerning subject's meeting with the Vietcong in Paris, France.

Referenced airtel and LHM should be destroyed and instant letter and LHM substituted in its place.

Sources is [NY 7615-S]. Location of information is NY 134-18093A - 1254.

LHM is classified "Confidential" since it contains information from a source of continuing value, the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to cause "damage" to the national security of this country.

- 2 - Bureau (Encls. 6) (RM)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York

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October 27, 1972

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. NYfile 100-171139

Marjorie Swann

All information contained in this communication should be classified "Confidential" unless specified otherwise.

On September 21, 1972, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the subject recently met with representatives of the Vietcong in Paris, France.

Swann along with Louise Bruyn, arrived in Paris after the War Resisters International Conference which was held in England in the latter part of July, 1972. Swann and Bruyn presented proposals to the Hanoi delegates concerning United States women activists going to North Vietnam for a long period of time. These proposals were neither accepted nor rejected, by the North Vietnamese.

Swann and Bruyn were advised by the Communist representatives to plan, prepare, and recruit. An organizing center has been set up at Women Volunteers to Vietnam, 434 Center Street, Newton, Massachusetts.

The Quaker International Center, which is located in Paris and is in frequent contact with the North Vietnamese delegation in Paris, aided Swann and Bruyn.

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Marjorie Swann

The source advised that Swann, a former member of the New England Committee for Nonviolent Action (NECNVA), a pacifist group, and presently a member of the War Resisters League (WRL), had previously resided on the NECNVA Farm near Voluntown, Connecticut.

Source stated that Swann recently moved to West Road, Ashby, Massachusetts. Source was unable to furnish any additional information.

The WRL, 339 Lafayette Street, New York, New York, is a branch of the War Resisters International, a pacifist organization with affiliates in 20 countries and individuals in more than 80 countries. (Unclassified)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York
October 27, 1972

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. NYfile 100-171139

Title Marjorie Swann

Character Security Matter - Subversive.

Reference is made to Federal Bureau of Investigation memorandum dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (100-474015)

DATE: 3/16/73

FROM : ASAC, BOSTON (10044079)(C)

SUBJECT: MARJORIE SWANN
SM - SUBVERSIVE
OO: BOSTON

Mrs. Robert Swann

Re New York letter and LHM 10/27/72.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above at Boston.

The source mentioned in the LHM is a knowledgeable source.

Informants who had no information concerning the subject as mentioned in the LHM were:

- BS 1893-PSI contacted 3/13/73 by SA RALPH D. GAULT
- BS 1307-PSI contacted 3/14/73 by SA LAWRENCE GILLIGAN
- BS 1547-PSI contacted 3/14/73 by SA CHARLES AHERN

No further investigation concerning SWANN appears warranted at this time and her file at Boston is being closed on this communication.

*Letter to Boston
4/10/73
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Source is [Officer PORTER DODGE, Ashby,
Massachusetts, Police Department].



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Boston, Massachusetts

March 16, 1973

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

MARJORIE SWANN

Reference is made to FBI memorandum dated
October 27, 1972 at New York, New York.

On February 27, 1973 a source, who has furnished
reliable information in the past, advised that Marjorie
Swann and her husband, Robert Swann, reside in a three
family house on West Road in Ashby. ^{2. APPROX}
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Marjorie Swann, age 49, is a bookkeeper and her
husband, age 53, is a builder and a school teacher somewhere
in New Hampshire. They have a daughter, age 17, and a son
about 15 years old.

The Swanns came to Ashby about a year ago from
Connecticut. They have never caused any trouble in Ashby
and have no arrest record there.

According to the source, Mrs. Swann was going to
sponsor a meeting on the evening of February 28, 1973 at
the Unitarian Church in Ashby. The purpose of the meeting
was to attempt to recruit civilians to go to North Vietnam
and help rebuild and rehabilitate that country.

The source said that there are three families
including the Swanns who live in the same house together,
on West Road, Ashby. He said he would not describe it as
a commune but that all of the occupants seem to be of the
same liberal mind and tendencies. Susan Webster who is one
of the residents, signed a petition in the fall of 1972
to run a Communist Party candidate on the ballot in
Ashby, as an opponent to Richard Nixon, in the Presidential
Election.

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ENCLOSURE

MARJORIE SWANN

The "Boston Globe", a daily newspaper published in Boston, Massachusetts, in its issue of August 21, 1972 carried an article entitled, "Ashby Woman Would Form Group to do "Penance" in North Vietnam."

The above article in part read:

"A woman active in the antiwar movement said yesterday she wants to organize a group of about 40 women who would live and work in North Vietnam "as a sort of penance for the policies and actions of the United States."

"Mrs. Marjorie Swann, 51, said in a telephone interview that she has discussed the idea in Paris with representatives of North Vietnam, the Viet Cong and the Vietnam Buddhist Assn."...

"Mrs. Swann said she and another antiwar activist Mrs. Louise Bruyn of Newton, were in Paris July 27 - August 5 to present the idea to the Vietnamese."...

"She said she would have no fear of living in Communist territory. "I believe our reception would probably be quite warm for the most part," she said.

"So far, she said, about 50 women have indicated they would be interested in the trip. The women range in age from 18 to 74, she said.

"We would set up a good screening process because of the hard living conditions we can expect," she said."

MARJORIE SWANN

In March, 1973 sources familiar with certain phases of subversive activity in Massachusetts, advised they had no information concerning Marjorie Swann.

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1 - Mr. F. S. Putman
(Route through for review)
1 - Mr. T. J. McNiff
4/10/73

SAC, Boston

Acting Director, FBI

MARJORIE SWANN
IS - NORTH VIETNAM
(Bufile: 100-474015) - 3
(BSfile: 100-44079)

LOUISE BRUYN
IS - NORTH VIETNAM
(Bufile: 100-463767)
(BSfile: 100-42563)

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ReBSlet and LHM dated 3/16/73, captioned "Marjorie Swann, SM - Subversive."

Character in instant investigation has been changed to "IS - NORTH VIETNAM" to more closely depict the scope of current activities in which captioned individuals appear to be involved.

Referenced memorandum advises that in the 8/21/72 issue of the "Boston Globe," a daily newspaper, an article indicated that captioned individuals had, while in Paris 7/27/72 through 8/5/72, discussed with representatives of North Vietnam and the Viet Cong a proposal whereby a group of American women would travel to North Vietnam to live and work "as a sort of penance for the policies and actions of the U. S." Reportedly, the proposal was then under consideration by the Vietnamese officials involved.

New York letter and LHM dated 10/27/72, captioned "Marjorie Swann, SM - Subversive," copies of which were directed to your office, indicated that as of 9/72, an organizing center named "Women Volunteers to Vietnam" had been established in Newton, Massachusetts, for the above purpose.

It is further noted that referenced memorandum of 3/16/73 advised that a source of your office on 2/27/73, advised that Marjorie Swann, on 2/28/73, was going to sponsor a meeting in Ashby, Massachusetts, the purpose of which was to attempt to recruit civilians to go to North Vietnam to help rebuild and rehabilitate that country. No information is contained in referenced

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- Mr. Jenkins _____
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Letter to Boston
Re: Marjorie Swann;
Louise Bruyn

communication indicating that the above meeting was actually held.

Headquarters is not in receipt of information, other than above, positively indicating that a group of Americans are planning to travel to North Vietnam for the above-stated purpose. Obviously, this information would be of interest to the State Department and the intelligence community in Washington, D. C. Through reliable sources only, you should attempt to determine if the above meeting of 2/28/73 was held and ascertain whether or not a group is actually being formed to travel to North Vietnam. If affirmative, pertinent details relating to such travel, such as dates, leadership and finances, should be ascertained. During your inquiries, be alert for possible violation of the Registration Act or other applicable Federal statutes on the part of the subjects.

Furnish results to Headquarters in form suitable for dissemination under appropriate caption, accompanied by your recommendation as to additional action deemed necessary.

NOTE:

Available information indicates that subjects, during their 1972 travel to Paris, were aided by the Quaker International Center. Both subjects in newspaper clippings have been identified as activists in the American peace movement. There is no indication in Headquarters files indicating organizational affiliation on the part of either. Headquarters files contain no references to the "Women Volunteers to Vietnam."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (100-474015)

DATE: 6/29/73

JON
FROM :

SAC, BOSTON (100-44079) (P)

SUBJECT:

MARJORIE SWANN
IS - NORTH VIETNAM

Re Bureau letter to Boston 4/10/73 and Boston letter and LHM 3/16/73.

Enclosed for the Bureau are seven copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above at Boston. Two copies of the LHM are being directed to WFO.

The source mentioned in the LHM is a knowledgeable source having access to the type of information provided.

WFO is requested to review records of the Passport Office, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C. for such pertinent information as might be contained in the subject's file.

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Source is (Sergeant FRANK INGERSON, Ashby,
Massachusetts, Police Department.)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Boston, Massachusetts

June 29, 1973

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

MARJORIE SWANN

Reference is made to FBI memorandum dated March 16, 1973 at Boston, Massachusetts.

On May 9, 1973 a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Marjorie Swann resides in Ashby, Massachusetts, and she is employed nearby in the office of Cushing Academy, a private boarding school in Ashburnham, Massachusetts.

This source went on to say that Marjorie Swann is one of the leaders in that area of the so called "Counter Culture," who favor drug usage, have demonstrated against the war in Vietnam and who are generally opposed to policies of the U.S. Government. He stated that she has, on more than one occasion, been a participant in the "talk show" known as "Frankly Speaking," which is sponsored by a Fitchburg, Massachusetts, radio station. On these radio appearances she has promoted her ideas of organizing people to go to North Vietnam to help work and rebuild that country.

The source advised that Swann had held a meeting in Ashby on February 28, 1973, at the Unitarian Church, and very few people were in attendance. He further advised that it was his understanding that Swann's promotion of a trip to Vietnam had practically "fizzled" and that many of the individuals who had initially supported Swann and her idea had reneged on actually participating in such a trip.

The source related that Marjorie Swann is an intelligent shrewd woman, who by virtue of her prior trip to North Vietnam and her compatibility with the younger

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MARJORIE SWANN

"drug culture," has assumed a leadership position of this type of people in the Ashby area. The source concluded, however, that her support was very limited in the community.

Swann was born February 15, 1921, Social Security Number 335-14-9374, and resides on West Road, Ashby, Massachusetts.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-474015)

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-44079) (C)

SUBJECT: MARJORIE LOUISE SWANN, aka
IS - NORTH VIETNAM
(OO: Boston)

DATE: 10/23/73

Re WFO letter to Bureau, 10/5/73.

A review of the data developed concerning the subject indicates that her activities do not fall within the statutory criteria. The subject enjoys publicizing her activities and it is felt that she would make an issue of any attempt to interview. Accordingly, she will not be contacted and her file is being closed at this time based on this communication.

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Date: 1/23/71

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (ATT: DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-17152) (P)

SUBJECT: NEW ENGLAND COMMITTEE FOR NON-VIOLENT ACTION
(NECNVA)
IS-MISC.

RE: New York Teletype to Bureau, 1/15/71.

The New England Committee For Non-Violent Action (NECNVA) on 1/20/71 conducted a "Freedom Walk" from the Conn. Correctional Center, Montville, Conn. to Conn. College New London, Conn., and again on 1/21/71 from New London, Conn. to the Conn. Correctional Center, Niantic, Conn., under the direction of MAJORIE SWAN, Staff Member of the NECNVA, which has headquarters at Voluntown, Conn. According to information furnished by Troopers ROBERT OFTEN and ROBERT BEDELL, Conn. State Police, Groton, Conn., 7 persons participated in the walk on 1/20/71 and 10 persons on 1/21/71. Both walks were conducted without incident and little or no attention was given to the walk by the public.

The NECNVA by news release to the local press demanded an end to the "sympathetic government oppression of the Black Panther Party" and reaffirmed the NECNVA belief in a non-violent means of social change.

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It is noted that BOBBY SEALE, National Chairman of the BPP is incarcerated in the Conn. Correctional Center, Montville, and ERICKA HUGGINS, another BPP leader is confined at the Conn. Correctional Center, Niantic, Conn., pending their trials at New Haven, Conn.

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