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MARXIST DISCUSSION CLUB

LABOR YOUTH LEAGUE (LYL)

STUDENTS FOR FREEDOM IN THE SCHOOLS (SFFITS)

AMERICAN YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY (AYD)

YOUNG PROGRESSIVES OF AMERICA (YPA)

2D INDORSEMENT

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AHFKB-SD-PSB H1016940 (2 Jun 58) 2d Ind (C)
SUBJECT: Qualification of DD Form 98, Regular Registrant (SCHEER, Robert, SSVC Nr. 502936186)

HEADQUARTERS, FIRST UNITED STATES ARMY, Governors Island, New York 4,
New York

DEC 28 1958

THRU: Commanding Officer, Central Records Facility, Fort Holabird,
Baltimore 19, Maryland

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TO: Chief, Industrial and Personnel Security Group, Fort Holabird,
Baltimore 19, Maryland

1. (U) Forwarded in accordance with paragraph 26c (6), AR 604-10.

2. (U) This case has been reviewed in the light of the security criteria set forth in paragraph 13, AR 604-10, and, based upon all available information, it is determined that the induction of SUBJECT into the military service is clearly consistent with the interests of national security.

3. (U) The Commanding General, First United States Army, recommends that SUBJECT be declared acceptable for induction into the military service.

4. (U) The basis for the determination and recommendation follows:

a. On 28 May 1958, SUBJECT qualified DD Forms 98 and 398 by listing membership in the Marxist Discussion Club (MDC) in 1956, and stating that while a student at Queens College, New York, HE attended one or two meetings which may have been sponsored by the Labor Youth League (LYL). (LYL is a designated organization.)

b. FBI files revealed that:

(1) SUBJECT's character reference, Fred Jerome, was reported to have been in contact with a well-known CP leader in reference to forming a youth group, and had been advised by the CP leader to join the CP. Jerome was observed in the company of a member of the Soviet Embassy. Jerome's father was convicted for violation of the Smith Act.

(2) A former employer of SUBJECT was reported to be a member of the International Workers Order (IWO) and a subscriber to the Daily Worker (DW). (IWO is a designated organization. DW is no longer published, but was the daily newspaper of the CP.)

(3) Two associates of SUBJECT, Joseph Rosen and Peter Steinberg, attended the Moscow Youth Festival in 1957. Steinberg's father was a member of the Young Communist League.

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(4) A listed character reference of SUBJECT was a member of the Board of the New York State chapter of the Progressive Citizens of America (PCA). (Intelligence Files, Headquarters, First United States Army, reflect that the Progressive Party was formed by members of the PCA and that all officers of the Progressive Party were communist sympathizers.)

(5) A listed reference of SUBJECT was a member of the National Lawyers Guild (NLG). NLG was cited as a communist-front organization.)

(6) An associate of SUBJECT was reported to be an employee of Camp Lakeland and his father was reported to be a member of the CP in 1944. (Camp Lakeland was cited as a communist-sponsored camp.)

c. Investigation by this headquarters revealed that:

(1) SUBJECT was reported to be a member of the Students for Freedom in the Schools (SFFITS), which followed the policies of the American Youth for Democracy (AYD), the LYL the Young Progressives of America (YPA) and the Marxist Discussion Club; HE generally concerned HIMSELF with civil rights matters on the campus and advocated that students from the Soviet bloc nations be permitted to attend City College of New York. (AYD is a designated organization. Various chapters of the YPA have been cited as communist-front organizations. No derogatory information was disclosed reference the Marxist Discussion Club.)

(2) SUBJECT's former employer, Joseph Keen, was reported to have been an active advocate of Communism for over twenty years and as having registered for the American Labor Party (ALP) for a number of years. (ALP had been dominated by members of the CP.)

(3) SUBJECT's mother received the Daily Worker from 1941 through 1945, and HIS father and mother were members of the International Workers Order until 1951 and 1954, respectively. SUBJECT's father registered a preference for the American Labor Party in 1946, 1947 and 1949.

(4) Sources at SUBJECT's former places of employment and schools disclosed no derogatory information regarding SUBJECT.

d. In an interview under oath on 11 July 1958, SUBJECT stated that:

(1) HE attended numerous political meetings on and off the Queens College Campus which may have been sponsored by the LYL or members of that organization, but HE was never a member of the LYL; HE attended social gatherings where a left-wing crowd seemed to be in charge; HE attended a social affair which was sponsored by the LYL, but the affair was a party and not a political meeting.

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(2) HE is not presently attending any meetings of organizations on the Attorney General's list, but if one of the organizations on the list had a meeting of interest to HIM, HE would attend it unless HE was in the Army at that time; HE does not agree with the Attorney General's list and will not accept the mere listing by the Attorney General as proof that an organization is subversive or disloyal.

(3) HE attended social functions of the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order, but attended no meetings of this organization; HE attended Jewish chorus and dance groups, but was not aware of their connection with the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order.

(4) HE was never a member of the IWO, and believes there was a connection between the IWO and Camp Lakeland where HE was employed; Camp Lakeland had a union, but HE was not a member of this union and would not have joined it were HE asked to join; HE had no knowledge of political meetings at Lakeland.

(5) Communism in Russia is not communism in the Marxian sense; HE disapproves of almost every single political institution of Russia; Communism seeks to achieve its aims by propaganda and physical force; International Communism is somewhat primitive in its techniques of diplomacy and is more adept in the area of physical force than in the area of diplomacy.

(6) HE does not believe the CPUSA, at the present time, is a threat to the security of the United States; if HE knew a person to be a member of the CP, HE would take no action; HE does not believe a member of the CPUSA swears allegiance to a foreign power and HE is not now, nor has HE ever been, a member of the CP.

(7) HE would take the oath of allegiance to the United States as long as it is a democratic country; HE would defend the United States against all enemies regardless of what HE thought of the enemy; if the majority of the people in the country decided the United States should go to war, HE would fight.

e. SUBJECT readily answered all questions pertaining to HIMSELF, but refused to answer any questions about HIS mother or HIS associates' activities.

f. On 25 July 1958, SUBJECT signed the transcript of the interview and added a statement on the last page of the transcript that: HE had no doubts about HIS political fitness to fulfill HIS military obligation; that nothing HE had done could incriminate HIM; it is HIS desire to live in the land of HIS birth, participating as fully as possible in its activities, and to be denied admittance into the Armed Forces would hinder HIM in the future; HE believes HE had cooperated and had taken pains to indicate anything of a personal nature which might affect HIS military service.

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g. SUBJECT voluntarily disclosed association with subversive organizations by indicating such on HIS security forms and during interview, and subsequent investigation of SUBJECT confirmed this association. However the investigation failed to disclose evidence which would support allegations that SUBJECT is motivated by, or is in sympathy with, subversive aims or ideologies.

5. (U) In accordance with paragraph 26e, AR 604-10, the following data are submitted:

Name	- SCHEER, Robert
Grade	- Registrant
SSVC Nr	- 502936186
DOB	- 4 April 1936
POB	- Bronx, New York
Civilian Address	- 653 Britton Street, Bronx 67, New York
Flagging Action	- Initiated by this Headquarters UP AR 600-31, on 7 August 1958
DD Forms 98 and 398	- Inclosures 1 and 2

6. Attention is invited to Paragraph 7, AR 381-130.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

J. F. R. SEITZ
Major General, GS
Chief of Staff

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- ✓ 1. DD Form 98 re SUBJ
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- ✓ 2. DD Form 398 re SUBJ
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- ✓ 3. ROI re SUBJ dtd
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- ✓ 4. Dossier Nr H1016940
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