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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (162-157) (RUC)  
RE: MAX FRIEDSON  
INFO CONCERNING  
CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

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Re: Bureau airtel to Miami, 2/13/62.

Enclosed herewith are original and 5 copies of  
letterhead memorandum setting forth available public source  
info concerning MAX FRIEDSON.

Records of Greater Miami Credit Bureau, Miami PD,  
Dade County Dept. of Public Safety, and Miami Municipal Court  
records, were caused to be checked on 2/16/62, by IC CLIFFORD  
M. WERNER.

The records of the Southern Bell Telephone and  
Telegraph Co. were reviewed and the following info obtained  
for telephone number FRanklin 9-2530. This number is listed  
to MAX FRIEDSON, 415 S. W. 30th Rd., Miami, retired president  
of American Builders Supply Co. Service connected 9/22/60.  
Other service listed for number Highland 4-0378, Coral Gables  
Office. Records for this number reflect it is listed to LEAH  
FRIEDSON, 2222 S. W. 31st Ave., Miami. Service connected  
1958. Credit info for this number reflects that husband, who  
is President of American Builders Supply Corp. pays the bill.  
The records further listed as of 1958 one BELVIN FRIEDSON,  
son, Miami Barber College.

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On 7/10/53, HERB MC CUSKER, Editor, Greater Miami Union News and Miami Labor Citizen, advised he had been approached by a group of men and offered the position of editor of a monthly paper to be published called "Citizens Business." Purpose of paper to publish articles commenting on local political issues. He furnished a letterhead for the "Greater Miami Foundation for Civic Education, Inc.," 2728 S. W. 28th Lane, Miami, which listed the officers and board of directors of this organization. Among those listed was one MAX FRIEDSON, Executive Secretary. MC CUSKER advised this was the group that contacted him. He advised that he did not suspect the organization but believed that there was a possibility that some of the individuals might be "tainted," but he was unable to furnish any basis for this suspicion. This is only reference listed for "The Citizens Business," in Miami files.

MM 100-0-13799

On 2/20/56, MM 463-S, whose identity is known to the Bureau, furnished a letter dated 2/10/56, addressed to "Dear Member" from the Greater Miami Foundation for Civic Education, Inc. The letterhead listed one MAX FRIEDSON, 1691 Nethia Dr., Miami 33, Fla., Highland 6-5378, as Executive Secretary. Letter advised of a dinner meeting of above organization to be held on 2/16/56, for nomination of officers for the 1956-57 term.

Above 2 references are only references in Miami files to the Greater Miami Foundation for Civic Education, Inc.

MM 100-0-13878

On 3/22/54, Mr. P. A. TRIPP, 801 30th St., West Palm Beach, Fla., advised that until recently he had been employed and resided for approximately 30 years in the Miami area and had been active in the City of South Miami where he had run for the office of Commissioner.

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MAX FRIEDSON. BEILER advised that he informed SELIGMAN he was not interested and that such an organization would probably fall into the wrong hands and end up being dominated by the Communists. He suggested they contact the ACLU to see about establishing a chapter in Miami.

Professor BEILER was subsequently recontacted for further info at which time he advised that the group discussed by FRIEDSON and SELIGMAN had been formed and had adopted a name other than the Miami Civil Rights Committee, and he believed it was the Miami Chapter of the ACLU. He had not attended any meetings.

MM 100-13722

File captioned Miami Chapter American Civil Liberties Union. Serial 3. Article Miami Daily News, Miami, Fla., dated 7/23/55, lists one MAX FRIEDSON, not further identified, as one of the directors of the newly formed Miami Chapter of the ACLU.

Serial 38. MM 463-S, whose identity is known to the Bureau, furnished written report dated 2/21/58, by mail to SA MELVIN A. THOMPSON. Filed 134-35 Sub A. Included in this report was the information that one MAX FRIEDSON and a Mrs. FRIEDSON, possibly daughter-in-law, attended a special meeting of the Miami Chapter ACLU, Wednesday, 2/19/58, at the Unitarian Church. Purpose of the meeting was to decide course of action in connection with the Charley Johns Committee Hearings in Miami.

Serial 43. MM 463-S, furnished on 5/8/58, a typed report dated 4/5/58, to SA THOMPSON, filed 134-35 Sub A. This report states in part that a conversation between LEAH FELDMAN and another individual was overheard in which it was learned that one MAX FRIEDSON, not further identified, had been appointed the chairman of the drive to raise money for the ACLU's defense of Rev. EDWARD GRAHAM, against the legal moves of the Johns Committee of the Fla. State Legislature.

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Serial 55. On 2/9/59, MM 463-S furnished to SA THOMPSON a throwaway type paper issued by the ACLU, which lists the candidates selected by the nominating committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the ACLU. The name MAX FRIEDSON was among the list of candidates. Filed 134-35 Sub A 533.

Serial 74. A mimeographed letter mailed to the Quota Club of Miami which was in turn forwarded to the Miami Office bearing the letterhead of the Florida Civil Liberties Union, an affiliate of the ACLU, 509 Olympia Bldg., Miami, listing one MAX FRIEDSON as a member of the Greater Miami Chapter Board of Directors.

Serial 1a2. Letter received from MM 463-S on 9/3/55, by SA THOMPSON, listing the report of the nominating committee of ACLU of Greater Miami. This list contains the name of one MAX FRIEDSON (not further identified) as one of 39 individuals nominated as a director.

MM 100-808-225 Page 10.

Reference is made to New Orleans letter to Bureau, 2/4/55, captioned "Southern Conference for Human Welfare; Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., IS-C," Bufile 100-10355. This letter advised that on 8/11/54, Mr. FRANCIS BARNARD, printer, 433 Baronne St., New Orleans (protect), furnished several thousand cards belonging to this organization which in his opinion constituted a partial mailing list of the SCEF.

Among these cards was one bearing the following information: "MAX H. FRIEDSON, 1691 Nethia Dr., Miami, Fla." Upper right hand corner of the card contained following: "(J. J. LYNN)."

MM 100-808-275 Pg. 11.

Reference is made to New Orleans letter to Bureau dated 11/12/58, captioned "Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., IS-C, ISA, 1950," Bufile 100-10355. Letter

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1 - Mr. McAndrews  
1 - Mr. Sheridan

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[FOR STOTT] (S)

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With reference to memorandum dated February 8, 1962, captioned as above, there is set forth a resume of information concerning one Max Friedson, 415 S. W. 30th Road, Miami, Florida.

Polk's City Directory for Greater Miami Area

1949 Edition: Lists Max Friedson, President, American Builders Supplies, Inc., residence 353 Meridian Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida.

1953-54 Edition: Lists Max Friedson, wife Leah P., President, American Builders Supplies, Inc., 2728 S. W. 28th Lane, telephone 46206, residence 1691 Nethia Drive, Coconut Grove, telephone 45378.

Leah P. Friedson (Mrs.), listed as Secretary, American Builders Supplies, Inc., residence 1691 Nethia Drive, Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida.

1956 Edition: Lists Max H. Friedson, wife Leah P., distributor Window Tite Sales, residence 1691 Nethia Drive. Leah P. Friedson listed as employed Party Box Kosher Caterers, residence 1691 Nethia Drive.

1958-59 Edition: Lists Max H. Friedson, residence 1691 Nethia Drive. Mrs. Leah Friedson, employed Party Box Kosher Caterers, residence 6091 Nethia Drive.

1960 Edition: Lists Max H. Friedson, wife Leah T., as a salesman for Ferman Stocks and Bonds, residence 1691 Nethia Drive, Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida.

Current telephone directory, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, covering Greater Miami area, September, 1961, edition, lists Max Friedson, 415 S. W. 30th Road, Miami, telephone Franklin 9-2530. Further listing indicated for a Leah Friedson, 2222 S. W. 31st Avenue, telephone Highland 4-0378.

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
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- Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Evans \_\_\_\_\_
- Malone \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
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FOR STOTT (S)  
RE: MAX FRIEDSON

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The records of the Greater Miami Credit Bureau as caused to be checked on February 16, 1962, reveal a report dated July 6, 1961, for the Metropolitan Bank of Miami for one Max Friedson, wife Minnie, 415 S. W. 30th Road, Miami. Friedson described as white, male, age 45 to 50, employed as public relations man by R. L. Ferman and Company. Wife employed as assistant loan officer at Dade Federal Savings and Loan Association, Miami, for ten years. No local credit information available.

Current telephone directory for Greater Miami, classified section, lists the firm of Robert L. Ferman and Co., Ainsley Building, Miami, telephone Franklin 7-1671, under the section headed Stocks and Bonds.

Records of the Miami Police Department and Dade County Department of Public Safety as caused to be checked on February 16, 1962, failed to reveal any record identifiable with Max Friedson.

Records of Miami Municipal Court, as caused to be checked on February 16, 1962, reflect case number 61116, dated November 21, 1957, for one Max Friedson, 1691 Nethia Drive, Miami, described as white, male, age 59, retired, born in New York. Friedson charged with negligence in opening a car door at which time an accident occurred. Friedson fined \$10 and 4 days, received suspended sentence November 14, 1957.

The name Max H. Friedson, 1691 Nethia Drive, Miami, Florida, appeared in 1958 on the mailing list of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated. (SCEF).

The SCEF came into existence as the successor to the Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW) through an amendment to the charter of the SCHW dated April 26, 1946. This amendment listed the purpose of the SCEF as being to improve the educational and customary standards of the southern people in accordance with the highest American Democratic institutions, traditions and ideals. SCHW was cited as a communist front by the Committee on Un-American Activities in House Report 592 dated June 16, 1947.\*

The above information is in reply to your memorandum S/2298 dated February 8, 1962. (S)

\* Source - New Orleans letter 6/6/61, unrecorded serial, in Bufile 100-10355.

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