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the Bureau and offices covering FPCC chapters, inasmuch as
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NYO has been cognizant of the code letters "A62" which appear on some of the FPCC addressograph plates which were made available by NY 3245-S* on 5/21 and 22/61, and has been attempting to resolve the significance of the code letters through sources and investigation. Pertinent information has been developed as follows:

On 8/24/61, SA FRANCIS I. LUNDQUIST contacted NY 3229-S who furnished the following information:

On the night of 8/23/61, NY 3229-S assisted in the preparation of a propaganda mailing at FPCC headquarters in NYO. Approximately 1500 envelopes were stuffed with propaganda, stamped, and were addressed on the addressograph machine for mailing to individuals in the NY area. Of these, approximately 400 envelopes were withheld from the mail by the FPCC due to a shortage in the number of one of the propaganda leaflets.

NY 3229-S grasped the opportunity to confidentially inquire of BERTA GREEN, Secretary-Treasurer of NY chapter of the FPCC, as to the significance of the code letters "A62", "B62", and "C62", which appear on approximately 1/3 of the addressograph plates. GREEN confided to NY 3229-S that the FPCC has been gradually converting its addressograph plates so that members on the mailing list would be identified by code lettering which would signify a quarter of the year in which the membership would come up for renewal. GREEN explained that the code letters "A62" on the addressograph plate identify a member whose membership comes up for renewal in the first quarter of 1962. She said the code letters "B62" indicate a member whose membership comes up for renewal in the second quarter of 1962. The code letters "C62" indicate a membership renewal due in the third quarter of 1962.

NY 3229-S volunteered his services and the use of his car to FPCC in order to transport the mail to the Post Office. Thereby, NY 3229-S made the mail available to SA LUNDQUIST who in turn had all envelopes bearing either

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the code "A62" or "B62" or "C62" photostated. Enclosed for the Bureau are Photostats of the 364 names identified with one of the above codes which were included in the mailing.

This information is not being disseminated outside the Bureau at this time inasmuch as it has not been sufficiently confirmed through other sources. Furthermore, other factors set forth here and after appear contradictory, and yet some of the factors set forth here and after appear to support the information developed by NY 3229-S. Moreover, NY 3229-S was unable to determine whether or not the complete FPCC mailing list had been converted as yet or whether just the NY mailing list was being handled thus.

The Bureau will note that there are certain establishments on this mailing list which are also identified with code letters. This may be the result of clerical error at FPCC headquarters or on the other hand, FPCC may regard these as friendly establishments which they consider eligible to receive all mail sent to members.

Other pertinent information developed concerning membership follows:

When NY 3164-S first requested FPCC to place him on the mailing list in early 1961, he then received mail addressed to him with the code "A62." Subsequently, NY 3164-S complained to FPCC that he was receiving general mail whereas he desired to be placed on the press mailing list. NY 3164-S then began to receive mail with the code "B62." On 6/30/61 NY 3164-S became a member of FPCC. He thereafter received mail from FPCC with the code "C62."

On 8/7/61 NY 3164-S advised that on 8/4/61, he mentioned to RICHARD GIBSON that he had received three separate envelopes addressed to him all containing the same literature, but that he noted one envelope carried the code "A62", the second envelope carried the code "B62" and the third envelope carried the code "C62." NY 3164-S

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reiterated to GIBSON that he wanted to be sure he was receiving mail distributed by the FPCC to the press. He mentioned then that it appeared he was receiving only general mailings. GIBSON merely replied, "Oh, that's the list that was given to (Senator) DODD."

Also, on 8/7/61 NY 3164-S* advised that on 8/5/61 ANDRE MARTINSONS (who is employed in a clerical capacity at FPCC headquarters) remarked that there are three FPCC mailing lists. MARTINSONS said there is a general mailing list, a press list, and a third list concerning which MARTINSONS said, "We have a special list for people a little revolutionary."

On 5/23/61, CG 6259-S advised that when RICHARD GIBSON met with the Executive Council of the Chicago chapter of the FPCC on 5/20/61, at Chicago, Illinois, he remarked that the National Office of the FPCC would soon send out membership renewal notices on a quarterly basis.

It therefore appears quite likely that the FPCC is coding its mailing list to indicate memberships, and that GIBSON possibly perjured himself when he testified before the Senate Internal Security Sub Committee. Nevertheless, it has been determined from above information that BERTA GREEN has knowledge of the membership list. It is possible GREEN may be the custodian of the list.

NYO is making arrangements to recontact NY 3245-S* in mid September, at which time attempts will be made to obtain complete current mailing list of the FPCC and examine it for coded notations.

In the meantime, all offices receiving a copy of this communication should be alerted for any information pertinent to the coding of FPCC mailing list to reflect membership.

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