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*M. K.* FROM: Michael E. Shaheen, Jr.  
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SUBJECT: Senate Select Committee Request

Attached is a letter from the Senate Select Committee requesting declassification of certain documents enclosed with that request. We forward them for your attention and appropriate action.

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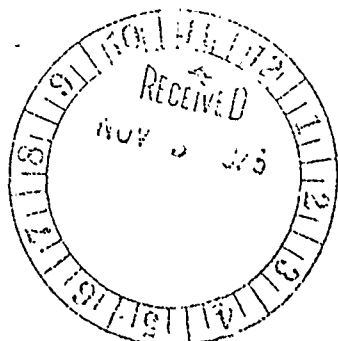
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Dear Mike:

Please have the enclosed documents as received by the Senate Select Committee, declassified for public hearings. They are as follows:

1. Excerpts from Former FBI Director Hoover's briefing of the National Security Council, presided over by the President, dated 11/6/58, pages 35-37.
2. Excerpts from Former FBI Director Hoover's "off record" statements, as presented to the House Subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations, for fiscal years 1959 thru 1967.
3. Letter from J. Edgar Hoover to the Honorable Robert Cutler dated May 8, 1958.
4. Memorandum from the Director FBI to the Attorney General dated May 8, 1958 and captioned Communist Party, USA, Internal Security - C.
5. Letter from J. Edgar Hoover to the Honorable Dean Rusk dated January 10, 1961.
6. Letter from J. Edgar Hoover to the Honorable Robert F. Kennedy dated January 10, 1961. This letter has attached to it a five page enclosure entitled Communist Party, USA, dated January 10, 1961.



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*(O)INTELPRO/Klan*  
7. Memorandum from the Director, FBI to the Attorney General dated September 2, 1965 and captioned Penetration and Disruption of Klan Organizations, Racial Matters.

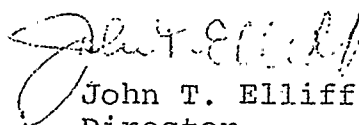
*Klan, incl CONTELPRO*  
8. Letter from J. Edgar Hoover to the Honorable Marvin Watson dated September 2, 1965.

*CONTELPRO/Klan*  
9. Memorandum from the Attorney General Nicholas de B. Katzenbach for J. Edgar Hoover, Director Federal Bureau of Investigation, dated September 3, 1965 captioned your Memorandum of September 2, regarding penetration and disruption of Klan organizations.

*Klan*  
10. Memorandum from the Director FBI to the Attorney General dated December 19, 1967 and captioned Ku Klux Klan Investigations, FBI accomplishments. This memorandum has attached to it a ten page enclosure entitled Ku Klux Klan Investigations FBI accomplishments, dated December 19, 1967.

*Klan*  
11. Memorandum from the Director, FBI, to the Attorney General dated September 17, 1969 and captioned Investigation of Klan Organizations, Racial Matters (Klan).

Sincerely,



John T. Elliff  
Director

Domestic Intelligence Task Force

L. EXCERPT FROM FORMER FBI DIRECTOR HOOVER'S BRIEFING  
OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
PRESIDED OVER BY THE PRESIDENT, DATED 11/6/53

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To counteract a resurgence of Communist Party influence in the  
United States, we have a seventh program designed to intensify any confusion  
and dissatisfaction among its members. During the past few years, this program

has been most effective. Selected informants were briefed and trained to raise controversial issues within the Party. In the process, many were able to advance themselves to higher positions. The Internal Revenue Service was furnished the names and addresses of Party functionaries who had been active in the underground apparatus. Based on this information, investigations were instituted in 262 possible income tax evasion cases. Anticommunist literature and simulated Party documents were mailed anonymously to carefully chosen members.

*THIS SENTENCE DELETED AS IT TENDS TO IDENTIFY INFORMANTS INVOLVED IN SENSITIVE INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUES.*

These programs are part of our over-all counterintelligence operations. They are specific answers to specific problems which have arisen within our investigative jurisdiction. You may have noticed, however, during my comments regarding communism and espionage, the constantly recurring



theme of passports. They present a problem in all of our counterintelligence work.

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Director's :  
Material  
FY 1959

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FBI Countermeasures

Our investigations clearly show that the activities of the Communist Party-USA are aimed at penetrating every conceivable phase of cultural and industrial institutions for the purpose of creating and maintaining in readiness the most devastating Fifth Column the world has ever known.

~~BEGIN TOP SECRET - OFF THE RECORD~~

To counteract these activities the FBI for years has had a planned intensive program designed to infiltrate, penetrate, disorganize and disrupt the Communist Party-USA.

Through informant coverage, which has penetrated the Communist Party on all levels, we have developed not only witnesses who can testify effectively when called upon but also sources who provide the Bureau with current plans and policies of this subversive conspiracy.)

The Bureau now has live, active informants operating in the security field. Our security informants furnish intelligence information to the FBI on a daily basis. We in turn disseminate this data to policymaking officials and to other Federal defense agencies having security responsibilities.

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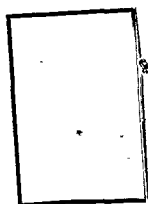
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Our informant programs have been extremely successful. They have likewise worked to excellent advantage as a disruptive tactic. I should like to cite just one instance of their effectiveness. This case is typical of many others of a similar nature.

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DIVULGE THE IDENTITY OF A HIGH LEVEL  
INFORMANT.*

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FBI's Anti-Communist Counterintelligence Program

Another of our effective countermeasures is directed against the internal machinery of the Communist Party-USA:

Through the launching of <sup>The</sup> the FBI's anticommunist Counterintelligence Program, some Bureau security informants in 12 strategically located field offices have been carefully briefed to engage in controversial discussions with the Communist Party so as <sup>to</sup> promote dissension, factionalism and defections from the communist cause. This technique has been extremely successful from a disruptive standpoint.

Under another phase of this program, we have carefully selected 28 items of anticommunist propaganda and have anonymously mailed it to selected communists, carefully concealing the identity of the FBI as its source.

More than 2,800 copies of literature have been placed in the hands of active communists.

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Recent developments have disclosed that Communist Party leaders are considerably concerned over this anonymous dissemination of literature to sources within its ranks, indicating clearly that this tactic is causing a great deal of intra-Party confusion.

*Excised AS IT TENDS TO REVEAL  
IDENTITY OF HIGH LEVEL SOURCES*

[Although leaders of the Communist Party-USA are unable to determine the source of these pamphlets, key officials strongly suspect that factionalist elements within the Party itself may be responsible for much of the literature.]

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Director's  
Material  
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FBI's Counterintelligence Program

(Note: The following data regarding FBI's Counter-Intelligence Program has been included pursuant to Director's specific instructions dated 8-26-59.)

The FBI's Counterintelligence Program is directed against the internal machinery of the Communist Party.

Background: This program was devised to promote dissension, factionalism and defections within the communist cause. We have bombarded Party members on a highly selective basis with anticommunist propoganda attacking such issues as anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union, the Stalin crimes, the Soviet suppression of the Hungarian Revolution and other "weak spots" which could be adequately exploited for our purpose.

Recent developments have disclosed that Communist Party leaders are considerably concerned over this anonymous dissemination of literature to sources within its ranks, indicating clearly that this tactic has been extremely successful from a disruptive standpoint.

One of the best indications of its value and effectiveness comes directly from the mouth of the enemy. Here are the facts:

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High Level Source.

{ Among these documents was a report written by  
attached to the Office of the Czech Military  
Attache. who returned to Czechoslovakia in  
, had apparently written his report from information  
furnished by , a leading member of the  
Communist Party-USA. }

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OF A THIRD PARTY

{ report, which was written in the Czech  
language NAME OF TRANSLATOR }

indicated that the tactics of the FBI in writing  
letters to Party members who are known to be waivering, and  
in using various Trotskyite groups to decompose the Party  
internally, appeared to be the greatest danger to the Com  
munist Party-USA, and much more serious than the schism  
inside the Party.

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Counterintelligence Program

Since August, 1956, we have augmented our regular investigative operations against the Communist Party-USA with a "counterintelligence program" which involves the application of disruptive techniques and psychological warfare directed at discrediting and disrupting the operations of the Party, and causing disillusionment and defections within the communist ranks. The tangible results we are obtaining through these covert and extremely sensitive operations speak for themselves.

During the past year we have caused disruption at large Party meetings, rallies and press conferences through various techniques such as causing the last-minute cancellation of the rental of the hall, packing the audience with anti-communists, arranging adverse publicity in the press and making available embarrassing questions for friendly reporters to ask the Communist Party functionaries.

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These operations are carried out in such a covert manner that the FBI is never involved. For example, it was through our initial efforts and planning that photographs of [redacted] were taken showing them entering the Soviet United Nations Delegation headquarters in New York City on the evening of November 6, 1961, to attend the Soviet celebration of the Bolshevik Revolution. The photographs and an accompanying article appeared in the (NAME OF A NEWSPAPER). This served to again clearly show the public the close relationship between the top leaders of the Communist Party-USA and officials of the Soviet Union.

We have increased factionalism and discord inside the Party through the use of carefully selected informants inside the Party who are in key positions to sow seeds of disunity. Another phase of the program is to expose and discredit communists who are secretly operating in legitimate organizations and employments, such as the Young Men's Christian Association, Boy Scouts, civic groups, and the like.

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In addition to these disruptive operations,  
we are reaching hundreds of long-time, active communists  
with psychological anticommunist literature anonymously  
sent to their homes. This literature points out true facts  
concerning anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union, crimes com-  
mitted during the Stalin era, the lack of democracy under  
communism and other pertinent disillusioning information.  
Many of the long-time communists we have reached in this  
manner have subsequently become inactive in the communist  
movement.

Director's  
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FY. 1966.

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