



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

January 22, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Bufile 100-393031  
NYfile 100-107297

Re: Lorraine V. Hansberry Nemiroff

The "New York Times" late city edition, issue of January 13, 1965, page 25, carried a lengthy article concerning the death of Lorraine Hansberry of cancer on January 12, 1965, in University Hospital, New York, New York.

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SAC, Chicago

Director, FBI

LORRAINE HANSBERRY  
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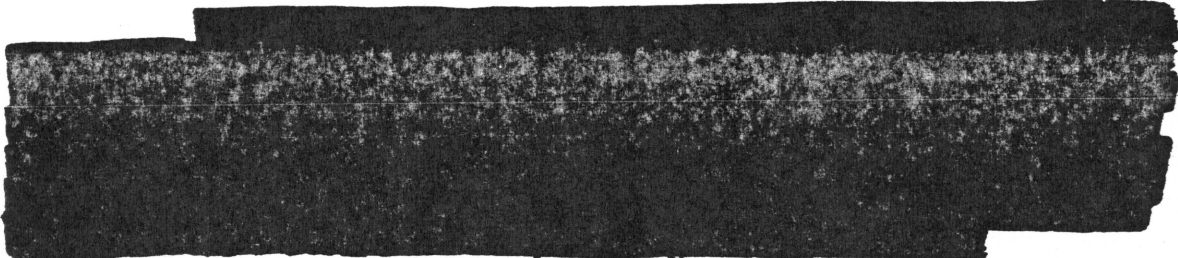
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A NEGRO WOMAN SPEAKS FOR PEACE

Attached herewith is a copy of an article which appeared on page 8 of the magazine section of "The Worker," June 22, 1952, issue.

For your information the Bureau's files reflect the following data concerning Lorraine Hansberry. - SUMMARY



(100-359192-208, pages 6 and 7.)

Domestic Intelligence report No. 102 received from G-2, December 20, 1951, stated that among the writers of a periodical entitled "New Challenge" was Lorraine Hansberry. "New Challenge" was described in this report as "a typical militant Communist publication."

(100-7660-5172, page 14)



Enclosure

(100-3-7 Serial 1477, pages 59 and 60)

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(100-3-4, Serial 7109, Page 65)

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Serial 39) Page 7 of the magazine section of the May 25, 1952, issue of the "Worker" carried an article indicating that Lorraine Hansberry, who was a delegate to the Montivideo Inter-Continental Peace Congress, would take part in a festival sponsored by the American Peace Crusade and the New York Peace Institute, held May 28, 1952, at the St. Nicholas Arena, New York City. (100-391304-8)

You are requested to institute an investigation of the subject to determine whether or not her activities warrant her inclusion in the Security Index.

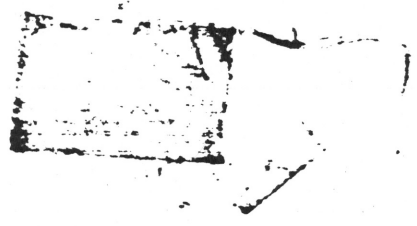
The New York Office will report information appearing in office files pertaining to the subject.

Chicago is designated as office of origin in this matter.

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*A Negro Woman Speaks for Peace  
by Lorraine Hansberry*



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ENCLOSURE

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# A Negro Woman Speaks for Peace

One of the delegates to the Inter-American Peace Congress in Uruguay tells how they met under extreme difficulties put in their way due to pressure from the United States. A first-hand report on what she and other delegates are doing for world peace.

By LORRAINE HANSBERRY

(The following excerpts are from a speech delivered by Miss Hansberry, member of the American delegation to the Inter-American Peace Congress, at a "Report Back Rally" held on April 17 in New York. The Congress, originally scheduled to be held in Buenos Aires, and banned by the Chilean government under pressure from the U. S. State Department, was finally held in Montevideo under great difficulties and the direct attack of the government of Uruguay.)

THERE IS SO MUCH I would like to tell, to describe and share with you, who are the peace fighters of our nation—but because there isn't time I shall speak rather of the things I learned—we learned in Montevideo.

We learned something about fraternity, something about courage, something about organization, and we learned a great deal about determination. For this is why the Congress was held—because of the determination of the representatives of the people. This is the great lesson for peoples everywhere, that out of the determination of these 200 or more people who managed to get to the Congress in spite of everything the enemies of peace could hurl at them—passport denial, visa denial, police intimidation, press attacks—the Congress for peace was held. Because the determined peoples of the Americas have said: there must be peace.

## HONORED BY PEACE FIGHTERS

The morning after I arrived in Montevideo I went to the meeting of the women. I walked in and someone gave me a seat. The meeting was being addressed by a former woman deputy of the Uruguayan Parliament. Soon this grand woman of peace finished her remarks and someone from the floor stood up and said something I did not understand and suddenly there was applause, and someone told me I had been elected one of the three women to sit on the presidium. This was a great honor. There a translator was selected and I stood up to give my report—but a policeman came in and everyone began chatting as though the meeting was a tea!

When the policeman left I went on with my report and when I had finished a beautiful



LORRAINE HANSBERRY

women of Brazil came out with a bouquet of sweet red carnations which she filled my arms with! Then she embraced me and made a speech which pledged the solidarity of the women of Brazil, which has a good five million more Negroes than we have in the United States! And I was very moved—of all the women in that room, the real heroines of the peace movement in America—women who had been in jail, who had known the worst kind of terror—had selected me, the lone representative of Negro womanhood from the United States, indeed, representative of all North American women, to honor—me, who in our own hemisphere, I am ashamed to say, have done the least.

Before I could thank them for this, a young Uruguayan woman stood before me with a little Uruguayan doll in her hand and with tears in her eyes she told me that the people of Uruguay are deeply unhappy and angry because for the first time there is racial discrimination in their country. You should know that one of the uglinesses of the U. S. interests in Uruguay is the presence of a sound truck which has gone through the streets of Montevideo preaching anti-Semitism and race hatred. And there are now hotels in Montevideo where a Negro guest must not stay.

I will never forget the street meeting in the great plaza when the representatives of the nations took their places on a huge platform and each rose to bring

greetings of peace to the peoples of Uruguay who stood under the stars, listening, cheering, shouting over and over again: "Paz Si—Guerra No" (Peace Yes, War No).

I will never forget how my voice choked up a little as I stood to present the U. S. delegation's gift to the Uruguayan host peace committee, and said: "People of Uruguay, in my hand I hold a message from a man whose name in my country is synonymous with the word peace—and from everywhere it rang out—Viva Robeson! Viva Paul Robeson!"

I told them what the little piece of tape recording said, that peace would be won through the struggles of people like themselves, that peace would conquer war, and that, yes, this message was from our beloved Paul Robeson and they cheered again. I will never forget that.

## YOUTH MARCHES FOR PEACE

Nor will I forget how when this meeting was over a young man came up to me and said the Jewish Youth of Uruguay had invited all the youth delegates to attend a party at the Jewish Educational Center and that I must come for it was right that our two peoples should celebrate the work of peace together and so I went. The youth were waiting. It was very dark and late. We began to walk. I shall never know where so many young people came from and of course there were police along the streets with their long swords at their sides and their arms crossed and their faces drawn into those long sober expressions peculiar to police all over the world—and these young people linked my arms with theirs and we began to walk four abreast through the streets of Montevideo.

We felt pretty good marching through the city like that. We had our big meeting right between the U. S. Embassy and a huge C. E. sign—we had gotten into the country and we had met for peace. . . . We had something to sing about and we sang—the song of free democratic youth all over the world. I walked with my arms linked in my brothers' arms, a young man of Argentina on my right and a young man of Brazil on the left. It was as if in the strength of their arms I could feel the promise of the future. We sang with all our hearts in Spanish and Portu-



The United States delegation being interviewed at Montevideo by Elmer Bendiner, correspondent of the National Guardian. (Left to right): Angel Torres, Mrs. Estelle Schwartz, Miss Lorraine Hansberry and Mrs. Mary Kossak.



Uruguayans peace sentiment greeted the delegates to Montevideo. On walls, pavement, houses, everywhere that signs could be posted or painted, peace was the word. Here on the wall of a building is painted the demand: "Peace, Yes! War, No!"

guese and English and Jewish. We are the youth, and the world acclaims our song.

We sang for those who were not there, for the heroic youth of Peru and Guatemala and Bolivia and Panama and Ecuador and Canada and Puerto Rico. And, though we never called their names, we sang with all our hearts—in fraternity—for the youth of great Peoples' China and—yes, for the youth of the great Soviet Union, for you are the generation who are asked to fight them and who say rather that we, the youth of all the Americas, want only peace and friendship with them and their people. . . .

## OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND TASK

But make no mistake, there was a question that I was asked again and again in Montevideo, and it is this:

What are the people of the United States, the great working people of this country, doing to stop the Korean war?

Each person who asked this was speaking for the decent people everywhere in the world. A young woman of Argentina who was a member of the Women's International Commission which went to Korea, asked: "What is happening to the young men in the United States

to make them such monsters?"

This is the bitter part, it is difficult to think that these "monsters" the people of the world are talking about are our own sons and brothers. Today, in 1952, the peoples of the world ask of the people of the United States what we asked of the German people a few years ago.

I have heard atrocities described which with all my heart I wish were not the work of the men of our land. But history will be objective and it will indict the guilty. And if we do not take up our burden our own hands will be the guilty ones. We must drive home to the American people what is going on in their name.

The peoples of the Americas have accepted their task—8,000,000 signatures to the petition for a five-power peace pact are testimony to that. We have no right as a people to stand before the nations of the world with the guilty of our government on our hands. Rather together with them, Negro and white, let us take the great call of the peoples to heed and go up and down our United States getting the names of our people signed to the petition for a five-power peace pact.

Long live the peoples! Long live peace!

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*JSM*  
TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, Chicago (100-26009)  
SUBJECT: LORRAINE HANSBERRY  
SM - C

DATE: February 27, 1953

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The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The New York Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The New York Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence Address: 820 West 180th Street, Apt. #41  
New York, New York

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Check the following applicable statements:

- This individual has been the subject of a Communist Index Card.
- This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card.  
(The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The \_\_\_\_\_ Division should affix the addresses reflected above and the appropriate case file number.)
- This subject was tabbed for Detcom.
- This subject was tabbed for Comsab.
- This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.
- Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.
- A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.

*Mc [signature]*

The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new office of origin with its copies of this letter:

- Security Index Cards
- Serials (specify)  
Three copies report of SA [redacted] entitled as above dated 2/27/53.

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2 cc: New York Division (Enc.) (REGISTERED)

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Form No. 8

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW YORK

FILE NO.

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TITLE: <b>LORRAINE HANSBERRY</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>	

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SUMMARY REPORT

SYNOPSIS:

[REDACTED]

DETAILS:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

All confidential informants cited are of known reliability, unless specified otherwise.

AGENCY *ice-usia*  
REQ. REC'D *4-28-57*  
REP'T FORW. *4-29-57*  
BY *BVG*  
*dissem. per B.C. fax*

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BACKGROUND

Residence

[REDACTED]

Former Residence

On January 9, 1953, [REDACTED] advised the writer that the subject resided at 5936 South Parkway with her mother, Mrs. IRMA HANSBERRY, until

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approximately one year ago. He stated that it was his understanding that the subject is now a student at some school in New York City.

Former Employment

[REDACTED] advised that as far as he knows, the subject was never employed in Chicago, pointing out that the family is quite wealthy, owning considerable real estate in the Chicago area. b7c b7D

Credit and Criminal

The files of [REDACTED] and the Chicago Police Department were searched at the request of SE [REDACTED] on January 2, 1953, and January 5, 1953, respectively, without locating a record for the subject. b7c b7D

MISCELLANEOUS

"Daily Worker"

[REDACTED] b1  
The March 24, 1952, issue of the "Daily Worker," Page 8, Column 4, lists the name of LORRAINE HANSBERRY as an instructor at the Frederick Douglas Educational Center, which opened March 17, 1952, at 124 West 124th Street, Harlem, New York.

[REDACTED] b1  
The Magazine Section of the "Worker" on June 22, 1952, carried portions of a speech made by the subject at a "Report Back Rally" held in New York on April 17, 1952. It is indicated that HANSBERRY was a member of the Inter-American Peace Congress held in Montivideo. In this speech, HANSBERRY praised the Congress who had honored her by electing her as one of the three women on the presidium. In this speech, she held the name of PAUL ROBESON to be synonymous with peace.

The "Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker," an East Coast Communist daily newspaper.

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Attendance at a Communist Party Meeting

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"Freedom"

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Labor Youth League

[REDACTED] one LORRAINE HANSBERRY, 5936 South Parkway, appeared on a mailing list of the Labor Youth League advertising a meeting in Washington Park at Chicago on July 16, 1950.

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It is noted that the Labor Youth League comes within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Young Progressives of America

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Current Informant Check

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DESCRIPTION

The following physical description of LORRAINE HANSBERRY was furnished by [REDACTED]

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*SUMMARY*

Age	21-24
Sex	Female
Race	Negro
Weight	130
Height	5' 4"
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Light brown
Occupation	Student
Relatives	Mother - IRMA HANSBERRY, 5936 South Parkway
	Sister - MAMIE L. HANSBERRY, same address
	Brother - CARL HANSBERRY, 6140 South Rhodes

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Form FD-128 has been submitted inasmuch as the New York Division has verified the permanent residence of the subject in that division.

LEADS

NEW YORK DIVISION

At New York City, New York

Will, through informants and other investigation, ascertain the subject's Communist activities or associations.

REFERENCE

Bulet to Chicago dated 7/21/52.  
New York letter to Chicago dated 1/9/53.

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Date March 19

Memo To: Director, FBI

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<u>ASAC</u>	<u>Security Matter - C</u>
<u>Supervisor</u>	
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*with attached*  
*Ref 97*  
 Attached are 5 copies of the amended informant page of the report of SA [redacted] dated February 27, 1953, in the above-captioned matter. *b7c*

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S.A.C. MALONE  
 Office Chicago *[signature]*

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*T. J. [signature]*

# Office Memorandum ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, WPT

DATE: 3/30/53

FROM : SAC, New York (100-107297)

SUBJECT: LORRAINE HANSBERRY  
SM - C

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"The Worker", dated April 13, 1952, reveals that the subject attended the "Inter-Continental Peace Conference" at Montivideo, Uruguay, from March 12 to 16, 1952.

Washington Field Office is requested to examine the files of the Passport Division of the United States Department of State in an effort to obtain all available background material on the subject, any derogatory information contained therein, and a photograph and complete description of the subject.

The following description of the subject is furnished for the assistance of the Washington Field Office:

Name	LORRAINE HANSBERRY
Present Address	820 West 180th St., NYC
Previous Address	5936 South Park, Chicago, ILL.
Sex	Female
Age	21-24
Race	Negro
Weight	130
Height	5'4"
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Relatives	Mother - IRMA HANSBERRY 5936 South Parkway Chicago, Ill. Sister - MAMIE L. HANSBERRY Brother - CARL HANSBERRY

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: August 4, 1953

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-27468)

SUBJECT: LORRAINE HANSBERRY  
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Relet from New York dated 3/30/53.

[redacted] Passport Office, Department of State, advised SA [redacted] on July 17, 1953, that the subject's file has not been located, and suggested that another request be submitted for the file in approximately 90 days from the present date in hope that the file will by then have become available for review. b7c

Accordingly it is suggested that the New York Division again request the WFO in approximately 90 days to cause a recheck to be made of the Passport files concerning the subject. RUC.

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2- New York (100-107297)

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York (100-107297)

SUBJECT: LORRAINE HANSBERRY  
SM - C  
(OO: NY)

DATE: 10/14/53

*FVB  
JHK*

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Re Chicago letter to NY, 3/19/53; Milwaukee letter to NY, 10/1/53.

The records of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, reflect that the subject registered on 5/6/48 at that University as LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY and indicated she was born 5/19/30 at Chicago, Ill. The subject further indicated that her permanent residence at that time was 5936 South Park, Chicago, Ill. and had been her residence since May 1939. The subject also listed her mother as NANNIE L. HANSBERRY, occupation real estate, address 5936 South Park, Chicago, Ill. since May 1939. The subject also indicated at the time of her registration that she attended Engelwood High School, Chicago, Ill. from February 1944 until the time she graduated on January 28, 1948.

The Chicago Office is requested to verify subject's birth and ascertain complete background information.

2 - Chicago (100-26009)

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York (100-107297)

SUBJECT: LORRAINE HANSBERRY  
SM - C  
(OO: NY)

DATE: 10/14/53

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Re WFOlet to Bureau, 8/4/53; NYlet to Bureau, 3/30/53.

WFO is requested to again examine the files of the Passport Division of the US Department of State in an effort to obtain all available background material on the subject, any derogatory information contained therein and, if possible, a photograph and complete description of the subject.

In addition to information as set out in referenced NY letter, the records of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis., reflect that the subject indicated she was born 5/19/30 at Chicago, Ill.

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TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM : <sup>Kuh</sup> SAC, Chicago (100-26009)  
 SUBJECT: LORRAINE HANSBERRY  
 SECURITY MATTER - C  
 (OO: New York)

DATE: November 20, 1953

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Re New York letter to the Director dated October 14, 1953.

The records of the Cook County Bureau of Vital Statistics, 130 North Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois, were reviewed by SA [REDACTED] on November 17, 1953, and reflected that LORRAINE HANSBERRY was born in Chicago, Illinois, on May 19, 1930. HANSBERRY's birth is recorded under Certificate # 21383. Her residence at that time was listed as 5330 Calumet Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The records failed to reflect the name of the subject's mother and father.

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TITLE <b>CHANGED:</b> <b>LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY,</b> <b>Mrs. Lorraine Hansberry</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

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ON 4/15/81

Subject born 5/19/30, at Chicago, Illinois. Subject was issued New York Series Passport #45060 on 3/11/52, for proposed two months travel to England, Scotland, France and Italy for vacation. Gave permanent residence as 5936 South Parkway, Chicago, and mailing address as c/o Mrs. E. BERKOWITZ, 499 West 130th Street, New York City. Subject's passport picked up by State Department in July, 1952, at which time subject allegedly residing with a JONES family, Apartment 6-A, 504 West 143rd Street, NYC. Subject's passport reflects travel to South America in March, 1952. Details and descriptive data set out

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R.C. [Signature]

**DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.:**

The title of this case has been marked changed to show the subject's full name as LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY and to show as an alias LORRAINE HANSBERRY, as evidenced by her passport file.

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, disclose that LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY was issued New York Series Passport #45060 on March 11, 1952, for proposed two months travel to England, Scotland, France and Italy for the purpose of vacation. In her passport application dated March 7,

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1952, at New York City, the subject stated that she intended to depart from the port of New York by Trans World Airlines about March 12, 1952. This passport was valid for two years travel to all countries except Japan, Okinawa, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Rumania and the USSR.

The subject stated in her application that she was born on May 19, 1930, at Chicago, Illinois. She furnished her permanent residence as 5936 South Parkway, Chicago, Illinois, and requested that her passport be mailed to her in care of Mrs. E. BERKOWITZ, 499 West 130th Street, New York City. The subject listed her father as CARL AUGUSTUS HANSBERRY, SR., born at Gloucester, Massachusetts, in 1896 and now deceased. She listed her mother as NANNIE PERRY HANSBERRY born in Columbia, Tennessee, in June, 1900, who at the time of the application was residing at 5936 South Parkway, Chicago, Illinois.

The subject stated in her application that she had never been married. The identifying witness to the application was ANNA MAE WALTON, no relation, 1122 Tinton Avenue, Bronx, New York, who had known the subject for two and one-half years.

The subject's file contains a copy of a birth certificate issued in Cook County, Chicago, Illinois, showing the birth of LORAIN HANSBERRY on May 19, 1930, at Chicago, Illinois.

The files of Washington Confidential Informant T-1, a government agency which conducts personnel and security type investigations, disclosed that T-1 conducted an investigation in New York City in June and July of 1952, to locate the subject to pick up her passport with negative results. T-1 also conducted an investigation in Chicago to this end during the same period and obtained the subject's passport from her mother. T-1 learned during that investigation that in July, 1952, the subject was residing with a JONES family in Apartment 6A, 504 West 143rd Street, New York City, and had spent a short vacation in Chicago beginning about July 3, 1952.

The subject's passport book, now contained in the files of the Passport Office, Department of State, was found to contain a stamp by the Uruguayan Police dated March 13, 1952, in Argentina (?), and a stamp reflecting arrival of the bearer at New York City on March 27, 1952.

The following description of the subject was taken from her passport application dated March 7, 1952:

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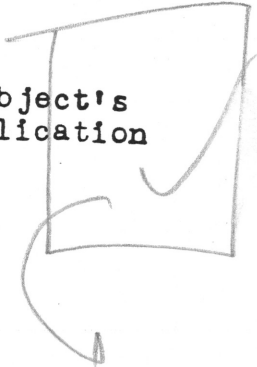
Height:	5' 5"
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Dark Brown
Occupation:	Office Worker

ENCLOSURES:

TO NEW YORK:

One negative and five prints of the subject's photograph taken from her passport application dated March 7, 1952.

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REFERENCE: New York letter dated October 14, 1953.

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TO : Director, FBI

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FROM : SAC, New York (100-107297)

SUBJECT: LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY NEMIROFF, SM-C

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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY NEMIROFF

ALIASES Lorraine Vivian Hansberry, Loraine Hansberry, Mrs. Robert Nemiroff

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NATIVE BORN  NATURALIZED \_\_\_\_\_ ALIEN \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNIST  SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY \_\_\_\_\_ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE \_\_\_\_\_

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

TAB FOR DETCOM \_\_\_\_\_ TAB FOR COMSAB \_\_\_\_\_ RACE Negro SEX Female

DATE OF BIRTH 5/19/30 PLACE OF BIRTH Chicago, Illinois

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) \_\_\_\_\_

Jefferson School of Social Science

575 6th Avenue, New York City

KEY FACILITY DATA:

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ RESPONSIBILITY \_\_\_\_\_

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RESIDENCE ADDRESS 337 Bleecker Street, New York City

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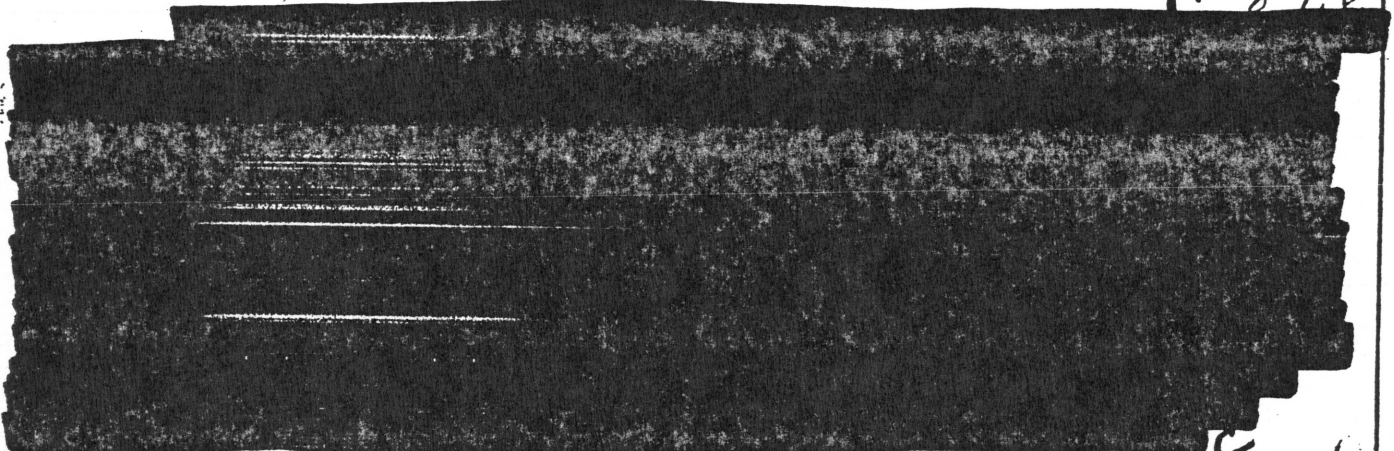
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TITLE CHANGED: <b>LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY NEMIROFF, was Lorraine Vivian Hansberry, Lorraine Hansberry, Mrs. Robert Nemiroff</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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The title of this case is being marked changed to reflect the married name of the subject, LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY NEMIROFF and Mrs. ROBERT NEMIROFF.

BACKGROUND

Birth

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The records of the Cook County Bureau of Vital Statistics, 130 North

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Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois as reviewed by SA [redacted] on November 17, 1953, reflected under certificate number 21383 that LORRAINE HANSBERRY was born on May 19, 1930 at Chicago, Illinois. This record failed to reflect the name of the subject's mother and father.

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Education

The records of the registrar's office, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin made available by [redacted] reflect that the subject filed residence form on May 6, 1948 under the name LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY, born May 19, 1930 at Chicago, Illinois.

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The records reflect that the subject matriculated at the University of Wisconsin, February 9, 1948 and was placed on final scholastic probation on February 10, 1950. The transcript reflects that the subject was a student in the Bachelor of Arts and Advanced Arts courses but she did not graduate.

These records also reflect that the subject attended Engelwood High School, Chicago, Illinois, entering in February, 1944 and graduating on January 28, 1948.

Marital Status

[redacted] Ethyl Corporation, 100 Park Avenue, New York City, advised SA [redacted] on December 7, 1953 that ROBERT NEMIROFF was formerly employed by his organization and had reported to the company for the official company records that he had married on June 20, 1953 at Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] advised that their records contained no further information regarding ROBERT NEMIROFF's wife.

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Employment

The 1953 fall term catalogue for the Jefferson School of Social Science, 575 6th Avenue, New York 11, New York, reflects on page 28 that LORRAINE NEMIROFF is the instructor of a class in Literature of the Negro People: 1900-1953 at this school.

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Residence

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the NEMIROFF family resided at 337 Bleecker Street, New York City. [REDACTED] advised that the members of the family presently residing at 337 Bleecker Street are Mr. and Mrs. NEMIROFF and son, ROBERT and his wife, who he married a short time ago.

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The records of the University of Wisconsin, registrar's office, Madison, Wisconsin, previously referred to, reflect that the subject stated her permanent home address in 1948 was 5936 South Park, Chicago, Illinois since May, 1939 with her mother, NANNIE L. HANSBERRY of this same address, whose occupation was real estate.

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The records of the University of Wisconsin, Student Personnel Office, made available by [REDACTED] reflect that the subject resided at 140 Langdon Street, Madison, Wisconsin during the period she was a student at the University of Wisconsin.

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AFFILIATIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

Evidence of Communist Party Sympathies

The "Worker" dated July 27, 1952, contains an article on page 7, column 2, entitled "JEROME to Discuss His Novel Tuesday". This article reflects that LORRAINE HANSBERRY, associate editor of "Freedom", would speak at a forum on July 29, 1952 sponsored by the "New Challenge" and that V. J. JEROME would discuss his novel, "A Lantern for Jeremy".

The "Worker" is a Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker", an east coast Communist newspaper.

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The Labor Youth League has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

V. J. JEROME was one of the Communist Party leaders indicted on June 20, 1951 for violation of the Smith Act and convicted in the Southern District of New York on January 21, 1953 for violation of the Smith Act.

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The "Worker" dated May 25, 1952 contains an article on page 7, of the magazine section indicating that LORRAINE HANSBERRY, who was a delegate to the Montivideo Inter-Continental Peace Congress, would take part in a festival sponsored by the American Peace Crusade and New York Peace Institute to be held May 28, 1952 at St. Nicholas Arena, New York City.

The following information regarding the American Peace Crusade is contained in the Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. dated May, 14, 1951:

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AMERICAN PEACE CRUSADE

(Organized in January 1951, with national headquarters at 1186 Broadway, New York 1, N. Y.)

1. Cited as an organization which "the Communists established" as "a new instrument for their 'peace' offensive in the United States" and which was heralded by the Daily Worker "with the usual bold headlines reserved for projects in line with the Communist objectives." (Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, statement issued on the March of Treason, February 19, 1951, and House Report No. 378, on the Communist "Peace" Offensive, April 25, 1951, original date, April 1, 1951, p. 51.)

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[REDACTED] that one LORRAINE HANSBERRY of Madison, Wisconsin had sent a communication to Federal Judge HAROLD R. MEDINA, Southern District of New York, Federal Court House, Foley Square, New York, dated March 1, 1949 protesting the trial of the 11 Communist leaders in New York City.

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Communist Party Fronts

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The Council on African Affairs has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker" dated October 10, 1952 contains a notice which reflects that LORRAINE HANSBERRY would act as moderator at the First Freedom Forum on Thursday, October 16, 1952 at the United Mutual Auditorium, 319 Lenox Avenue, New York City. This notice reflects that the forum is under the auspices of Freedom Newspaper Forum Series.

THE JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

The Jefferson School of Social Science has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker" dated October 8, 1953 contains a notice on page 8, column 5, which reflects that LORRAINE HANSBERRY-NEVMIROFF would be the instructor at a class "Literature of the Negro People" during the 1953 Fall term starting October 5, 1953 at the Jefferson School of Social Science, 575 6th Avenue, New York City.

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The "Daily Worker" dated April 15, 1953 contains a column captioned, "What's On?" on page 8, column 2, which reflects that LORRAINE HANSBERRY would appear at a Sunday Forum on April 19, 1953 in celebration of Jewish History Week at the Jefferson School of Social Science, 575, 6th Avenue, New York City.

The "Daily Worker" dated February 8, 1952 contains an advertisement on page 8, column 1 reflecting that LORRAINE HANSBERRY would be featured at a Sunday forum dedicated to the celebration of the Negro History Week at the Jefferson School of Social Science, 575 6th Avenue, New York City, on February 10, 1952.

The following information regarding the American Labor Party is contained in the Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. dated May 14, 1951:

AMERICAN LABOR PARTY

1. "For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Party but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control."

(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, p.78.)

2. Among "organizations that are victims of Communist domination." (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, pp. 40 and 41. )

The "Worker" dated February 22, 1953 contains an advertisement on page 16 which reflects that LORRAINE HANSBERRY, writer for "Freedom" would be featured at the Community Center, 220 West 80th Street, New York City operated by the New York County American Labor Party on Sunday, February 22, 1953.

Miscellaneous Communist Party Activities

The December, 1951 issue of "Masses and Mainstream" contains an article on pages 59 and 60 entitled, "Sights and Sounds: A Medal for Willie" written by one LORRAINE HANSBERRY. This article is a favorable review of the play "A Medal for Willie" being presented at Harlem's Club Baron, New York City, by the Committee for the Negro in the Arts.

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The following information regarding the "Masses and Mainstreams" is contained in the Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. dated May 14, 1951:

MASSES AND MAINSTREAM

1. Cited as the successor to New Masses, "a Communist magazine." (Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report No. 1953, on the Congress of American Women, April 26, 1950 (originally released October 23, 1949) p. 75.)
2. "Among typical examples of the Communist press and publications." (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p. 225.)

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The National Negro Congress has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States as pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The July, 1951 issue of "Masses and Mainstream" contains a poem entitled "Lynchsong" on pages 19 and 20 written by one LORRAINE HANSBERRY, not further identified.

AFFILIATIONS OF CLOSE RELATIVES WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

HERBERT ROMERSTEIN in testimony given before the sub-committee to investigate the administration of the internal security act and other internal security laws of the Committee on the Judiciary on June 12, 1951, identified ROBERT NEMIROFF as one who was present at Communist Party meetings.

[REDACTED] but who was personally acquainted with ROBERT NEMIROFF, advised on January 16, 1951 that Mrs. NEMIROFF, ROBERT NEMIROFF's mother, was a "fanatical Communist" and that she had raised her sons LEO and BOBBY to be the same.

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Associates

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CLAUDIA JONES was one of the Communist Party leaders indicted on June 20, 1951 for violation of the Smith Act and convicted in the Federal District Court, Southern District of New York on January 21, 1953 for violation of the Smith Act.

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[REDACTED] all of known reliability and who are familiar with some Communist Party activity in the New York City area, advised that they have no knowledge of the subject.

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The records of the Board of Elections, New York City, as reviewed by SE [REDACTED] on December 3, 1953 failed to reflect a record for the subject for the years 1951 and 1952.

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The records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, New York City Police Department, as reviewed by SA [REDACTED] on December 3, 1953 failed to reflect a record identical with the subject.

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DESCRIPTION

The following description of the subject was obtained from records of the Cook County Bureau of Vital Statistics, records of the registrar's office University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, and records of the Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D. C.:

Name	LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY NEMIROFF
Aliases	Lorraine Vivian Hansberry, Loraine Hansberry, Mrs. Robert Nemiroff
Sex	Female
Race	Negro
Age	23
Born	May 19, 1930 at Chicago, Illinois
Residence	337 Bleecker Street New York City
Former residences	1952-53: 820 West 180th Street New York City, Apartment 41





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1952: 504 West 143rd Street  
New York City, Apartment 6-A

1939-50: 5936 South Park  
Chicago, Illinois  
(permanent home address)

1948-50: 140 Langon Street  
Madison, Wisconsin

Height	5'5"
Weight	130 lbs.
Build	Medium
Hair	Black
Eyes	Dark brown
Complexion	Light brown
Occupation	Lecturer, writer
Marital Status	Married
Immediate Relatives	

Husband: ~~ROBERT NEMIROFF~~ NY  
Mother-in-law: ~~MAE BARON NEMIROFF~~  
both of 537 Bleecker Street  
New York City

Brother-in-law: LEO NEMIROFF  
Bronx, New York

Mother: ~~NANNIE PERRY HANSBERRY~~  
5936 South Park  
Chicago, Illinois

Sister: ~~MAMIE HANSBERRY~~  
same address III

Brother: ~~CARL HANSBERRY~~  
6140 South Rhodes  
Chicago, Illinois

Nationality American  
Country of Birth United States

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At New York, New York

Will await Bureau's decision regarding recommendation submitted on FD-122.

Will report results of verification of subject's marriage at Chicago, Illinois as requested in letter to Chicago, 12/7/53.

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Report of SA [REDACTED] Washington, D. C., 11/27/53. b7c

Report of SA [REDACTED] Chicago, 2/27/53.

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Marital Status

**MRS. ROBERT NEMIROFF**

The records of the Cook County Borough of Vital Statistics Chicago, Illinois, as reviewed by SE [REDACTED] on December 15, 1953, reflect that an affidavit for marriage license was filed on June 19, 1953 by LORRAINE HANSBERRY, born May 19, 1930, and ROBERT NEMIROFF, born October 29, 1929. Marriage License #2275845 also on file with this agency indicates that NEMIROFF and HANSBERRY were married in Chicago, Illinois on June 29, 1953 by ARCHIBALD CAREY, JR., Minister.

AFFILIATIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

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- Labor Youth League (LYL)

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The Labor Youth League has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States as pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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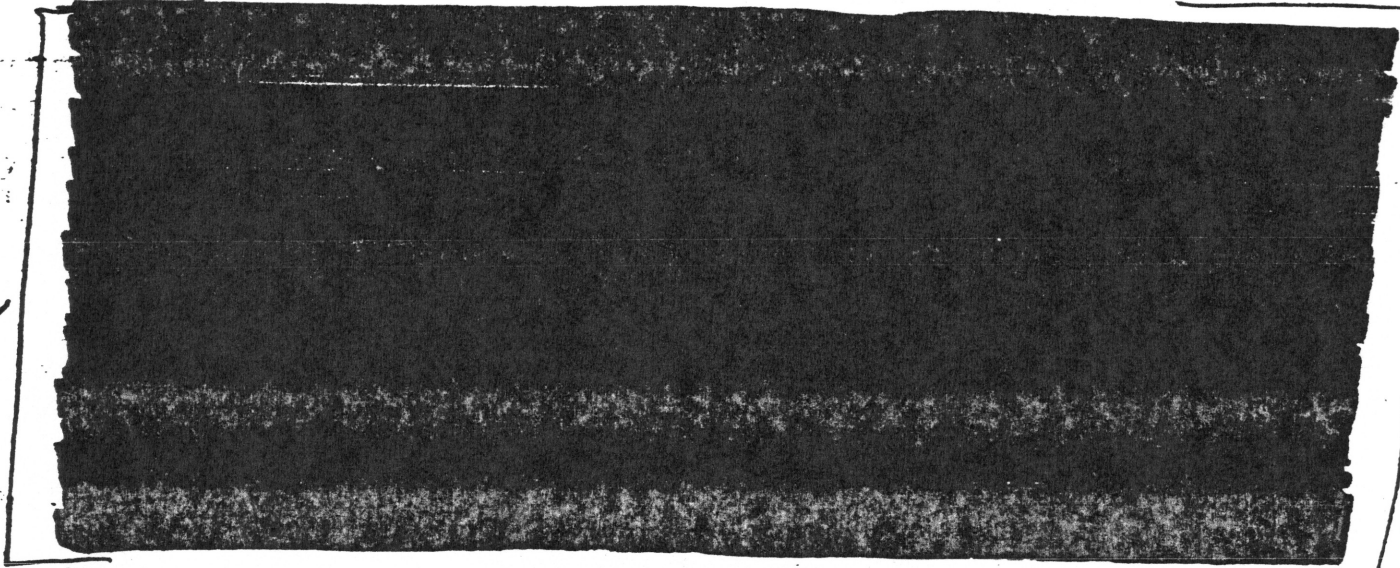
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REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] (A), dated 12/18/53 at NY. *b7c*

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, F.B.I. (100-393031)

FROM : SAC, New York (100-107297)

SUBJECT: LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY NEMIROFF, was  
SM - C

DATE: 8/13/55

Security Index Card Canceled

Class. & Ext. By SP1- [handwritten]  
Reason-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2  
Date of Review 4/15/91

REFERENCE: SAC letter 55-30, 4/12/55.

### SUCCINCT RESUME OF CASE:

All symbol number informants used in this resume have furnished reliable information in the past.

[REDACTED]

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cc to New York  
9-6-55

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NY 100-107297

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According to an advertisement in the "Daily Worker" of 2/8/52, p. 8, col. 1, LORRAINE HANSBERRY was featured in a program for 2/10/52 entitled "Working Class Poets of the Negro People" sponsored by the Jefferson School of Social Science, NYC.

The 1953 Fall term catalogue for the Jefferson School of Social Science, 575 6th Ave., NYC, reflects on page 28 that LORRAINE NEMIROFF is the instructor of a class in Literature of the Negro People: 1900-1953, at this school.

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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RECOMMENDATION: (copy 1952)

Remove from SI...

No reliably reported or verified information placing subject in CP in last five years.

Front activity has not amounted to leadership or active substantial participation in past three years.

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NY ltr. to Dir  
NY 100-107297

DETCOM TABBING:

- 1). Subject not tabbed.
- 2). Subject not approved according to SAC letter 55-12, 2/10/55.  
No SI card from Bureau.
- 3). Subject being recommended for deletion from the SI.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-393031) ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107297) HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
 SUBJECT: LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY NEMIROFF, WAS. EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN  
 SM-C OTHERWISE  
**Mrs. ROBERT NEMIROFF**  
 Re New York letter to Director, 8/23/55.

5/29/56

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4-11-56  
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By referenced letter, the Bureau was advised that activities of the captioned subject did not place her within the criteria set forth in SAC Letter #55-30, dated 4/12/55. She was subsequently removed from the Security Index of the New York Office upon receipt of Bureau authorization.

Class. & Ext. By: SP-1 [Signature]  
 Reason-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2  
 Date of Review 4/11/91

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The Bureau has been previously advised of the subject's activities concerning the Labor Youth League. Referenced letter sets forth certain of these activities and reports possible affiliation of the subject with the CP.

In view of the comments of [REDACTED] it is believed possible that the subject has become active in the CP, while continuing

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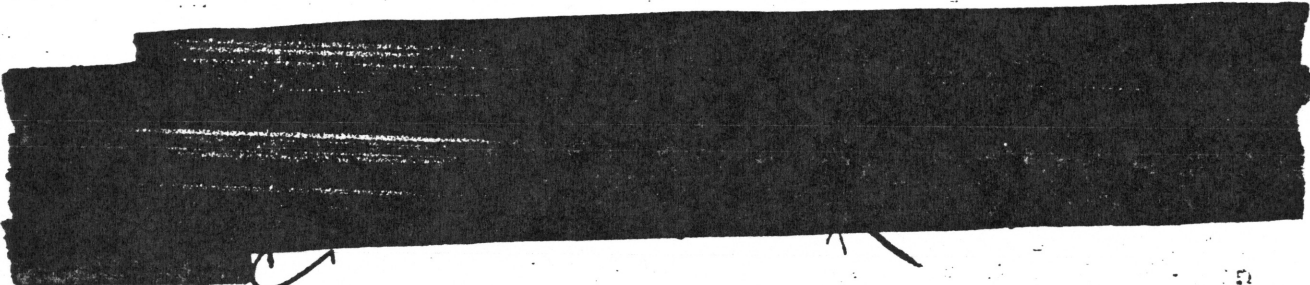
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Letter to DIRECTOR

5/29/56

Re: LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY NEMIROFF, was.  
SM-C

to maintain an interest in the LYL.



Investigation has been instituted in the New York Division to determine the extent of HANSBERRY's activities. Appropriate recommendations regarding the subject's Security Index status will be submitted for Bureau approval immediately upon completion of this investigation.

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been in the  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-393031)

DATE: 8/10/56

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107297)

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SUBJECT: LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY NEMIROFF, was  
SM-C

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*Card*  
*KH 8/23*  
*9/23*  
*9/27*

*CALL ON INDEX!*

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DATE 4/15/56 BY Sp-Subburg

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NAME LORRAINE VIVIAN NEMIROFF

LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY, LORRAINE HANSBERRY,

MRS. ROBERT NEMIROFF

NATIVE BORN  NATURALIZED \_\_\_\_\_ ALIEN \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNIST  SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY \_\_\_\_\_ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE \_\_\_\_\_

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE OF BIRTH 5/19/30 PLACE OF BIRTH Chicago, Illinois

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address)

People's Artists Inc.

124 W. 21st St., NYC

KEY FACILITY DATA:

GEOGRAPHIC REFERENCE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

INTERESTED AGENCIES \_\_\_\_\_

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 337 Bleecker St., NYC

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-393031)

DATE: 8/19/56

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107297)

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*Forward letter sent 8-19-56*

SUBJECT: LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY NEMIROFF, was SM-C

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[REDACTED]

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Previous subversive information concerning the subject was submitted in NY letter dated 8/23/55, which recommended that the subject be deleted from the SI.

Subject is being recommended for the SI in view of

[REDACTED]

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Class. & Ext. By *SP-1 gpk/awg*  
Reason-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-393031)

DATE: 2/20/57

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FROM : SAC, New York (100-107297)

SUBJECT: LORRAINE V. HANSBERRY NEMIROFF, was.  
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COMMUNIST \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY \_\_\_\_\_ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE \_\_\_\_\_

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

TAB FOR DETCOM \_\_\_\_\_ TAB FOR COMSAB \_\_\_\_\_ RACE \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) \_\_\_\_\_

Unemployed

KEY FACILITY DATA:

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ RESPONSIBILITY \_\_\_\_\_

INTERESTED AGENCIES \_\_\_\_\_ *100-393031-*

RESIDENCE ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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MJN:MTR

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DATE 4/5/84 BY SP-1

*W.K. COH.*

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-393031)

DATE: 8/22/58

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FROM : SAC, New York (100-107297)

SUBJECT: LORRAINE S. HANDBERRY NEMIROFF, was.  
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Date of Birth _____	Place of Birth _____	
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address) <i>Free lance writer from residence</i>		
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Residence Address _____		

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 8/31/56	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/8-11, 14-18, 21, 23-25, 28-29; 31; 6/6, 25; 7/16, 23, 27, 29; 8/2, 8, 9, 12, 15, 17/56
TITLE OF CASE LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY NEMIROFF, was		REPORT MADE BY <i>[Redacted]</i> b7c	TYPED BY jjg/w.
Agency <i>CCB CIA photo &amp; stab</i> Req. Rec'd Date Forw. <i>2-2-59</i> How Forw. <i>AG-1</i> By <i>[Signature]</i>		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	

**SYNOPSIS:** Subject resides at 337 Bleecker Street, NYC, and is employed at People's Artists, Inc., 124 West 21st Street, NYC.

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*4-F*  
*8-1-c*

*[Large Redacted Area]*

Subject was Associate Editor of "New Challenge," an LYL magazine, during 1955 *[Redacted]*

*[Redacted]* Information received that NEMIROFF has been associated with numerous front organizations, committees or publications.

Class. & Ext. By *SP-1 [Signature]*  
Reason-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2 *2/3*  
Date of Review *5/28/91 5/28/81*

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APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
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DETAILS:

BACKGROUND

Residence

During a pretext telephone call by an agent of the FBI on July 23, 1956, to a person who identified herself as the subject, it was determined that NEMIROFF resides at 337 Bleecker Street, New York City.

Employment

During a pretext phone call to People's Artists, Incorporated, 124 West 21st Street, New York City, on July 27, 1956, by an agent of the FBI, it was determined that the subject is employed there for approximately four hours a day Monday through Friday.

The "New Challenge" editions of November, 1954, January, February, April, May, June September, through December of 1955, reflected that LORRAINE HANSBERRY was the Associate Editor of that paper. By means of a phone call to the JSSS on September 20, 1954, by an agent of the FBI, it was determined that NEMIROFF was then employed by that school.

Records of the Manhattan Board of Elections, as reviewed by SA [redacted] on June 6, 1956, reflected that in 1953, the subject indicated she was employed by Rachel Productions, 756 7th Avenue, New York City. b7c

AFFILIATION WITH THE  
COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)  
MOVEMENT

Information Concerning  
CP Membership

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