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

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The Yugoslav-American Cooperative Home, Incorporated has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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

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advised on May 1, 1956, that LORRAINE HANSBERRY attended the May Day Rally on April 30, 1956, in New York City.

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The "New Challenge" editions of November, 1954, and January, February, April through June, and September through December, 1955, reflected that LORRAINE HANSBERRY was the Associate Editor of that magazine.

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[REDACTED] advised in April, 1954, that ESTELLE BERKOWITZ was a member of the Harlem LYL from 1950 to 1951, and was a member of the Ben Davis Youth Club of the CP in 1950.

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[REDACTED] who was in a position to furnish reliable information, advised on March 5, 1955, that an unknown female was observed entering the Yugoslav-American Cooperative Home, Incorporated, on that date.

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Freedom Associates, Incorporated

On August 6, 1954,

[REDACTED] made available information regarding Freedom Associates, Incorporated. This information indicated that LORRAINE HANSBERRY was a member of the staff "Freedom," the monthly publication of Freedom Associates, Incorporated.

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In regard to Freedom Associates, Incorporated, also known as Freedom Associates, "Freedom" in its issue of March, 1955, volume 5, Number 3, page 2, reflected that it was published by Freedom Associates located at 139 West 125th Street, New York City.

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The "Daily Worker" issue of August 6, 1953, page 8, column 1, described Camp Unity, Wingdale, New York, as an "adult inter-racial resort."

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JSSS

As noted previously, under the heading of employment, it was determined by means of a pretext phone call on September 20, 1954, that the subject was employed at the JSSS.

The September 28, 1953, issue of "National Guardian" contains an advertisement from the JSSS announcing the Fall term of the school. This advertisement contained a photograph of LORRAINE HANBERRY WEITROFF and is captioned, "Literature of the Negro People."

Regarding the "National Guardian," a 1949 report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities, cited the "National Guardian" as a publication launched in New York in 1948, aiming at National circulation which they found to be from its inception notoriously Stalinist in its staff, writers, management, and content.

(1949 report of the California Senate Facts Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, page 394).

People's Artists, Incorporated

As noted under the section headed employment, it was determined during a pretext telephone call by an agent of the FBI, on July 27, 1956, that the subject is employed at People's Artists, Incorporated, 124 West 21st Street, New York City.

The People's Artists, Incorporated has been cited as a Communist front.

(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1943, page 392.)

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People's Rights Party

① "The Worker" issue of September 7, 1952, Section 1, page 1, column 3, identified LORRAINE HANSBERRY, Associate Editor of "Freedom" as a leading campaign worker for SIMON W. GERSON, People's Rights Party candidate for Congress from Brooklyn.

The People's Rights Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to executive order 10450.

Women's Committee for
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~~Regarding~~ The Women's Committee for Equal Justice, (WCFEJ,) according to the "Daily Worker," issue of October 2, 1951, page 3, was a group that organized to review and strengthen the world wide demand for unconditional pardon of Mrs. INGRAM and her two sons. Mrs. INGRAM and her two sons where sent to life term sentences in a Georgia State Prison having been convicted of homicide.

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"Sojourners for Truth
and Justice" (SFTJ)

The "Daily Worker" issue of October 1, 1951, page 8, column 2, identified LORRAINE HANSBERRY as one of 100 "Sojourners for Truth and Justice" who in September, 1951, visited Washington, D.C., "to demand that the Federal Government protect the lives and liberties of 15 million of its own Negro citizens."

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[REDACTED] that she had learned that the SFTJ had disbanded after the ROSALIE INGRAM affair in December, 1952.

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The "Daily Worker", issue of March 15, 1954, page 3, column 3, identified LORRAINE HANSBERRY as a participant in a rally held at the Manhattan Plaza, New York City, on March 12, 1954, under the auspices of the Provisional Committee on Latin American Affairs (PCLAA).

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"Latin American Facts", dated November, 1950, stated that it is published monthly by the Latin American Review Board, 799 Broadway, New York City, room 636.

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Beginning with its March, 1953, issue the Latin American Review Board announced a change in the name of its publication from "Latin American Facts" to "Latin America Today".

The March, 1956, issue of "Latin America Today" identified BETTY MILLARD as its editor.

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American Labor Party

The records of the Manhattan Board of Elections, as reviewed by SA [REDACTED], on June 6, 1956, reflected that LORRAINE NEMIROFF registered a preference for the American Labor Party (ALP) in 1953 and for one of the two major political parties in 1955. There was no record for 1954.

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Committee to Restore PAUL ROBESON's Passport

[REDACTED] as reviewed on May 14, 1956 at the request of SA [REDACTED] reflected that LORRAINE HANSBERRY was a speaker and performer at a rally titled "A Salute to Paul Robeson" held by the Committee to Restore PAUL ROBESON's Passport on May 26, 1954, at the Renaissance Casino, 138th Street and 7th Avenue, New York City.

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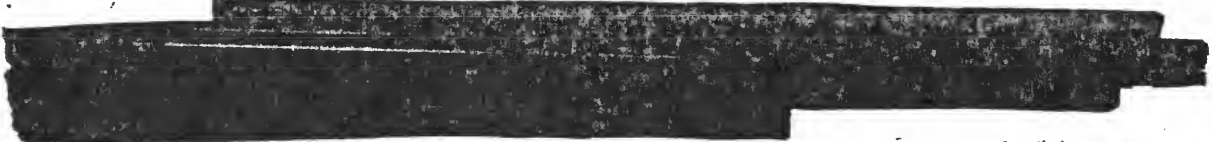
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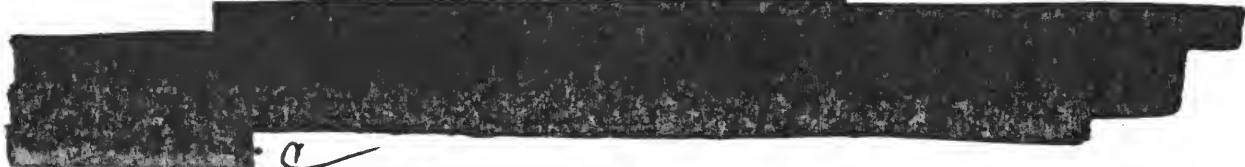
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The Committee to Restore PAUL ROBESON's Passport was originally formed as the Provisional Committee to Restore PAUL ROBESON's Passport with an address of 139 West 125th Street, New York City, according to a mimeographed letter dated in May, 1954, and issued by the Provisional Committee.

 who was in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that the Committee to Restore PAUL ROBESON's Passport was formed for the purpose of launching a campaign for the restoration of ROBESON's passport which was denied him by the State Department and that the Committee's activities were launched at a rally on May 26, 1954, in New York City. b1

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

Miscellaneous

As mentioned in this report under the heading Employment, the subject indicated in 1953 that she was employed by Rachel Productions, 756 7th Avenue, New York City.

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[REDACTED] of the County Clerk's Office, New York City, furnished on October 29, 1954, information reflecting that Rachel Productions was located at 756 7th Avenue, New York City, and that a "Business Certificate for Partners" had been filed on February 16, 1956 in behalf of Rachel Productions by HOWARD DA SILVA of 635 Riverside Drive, New York City, and ARNOLD PEARL, 129 Beach Avenue, Mamaroneck, Long Island. This certificate was signed on February 12, 1953. b7c

Mr. LEO HEALEY TOWNSEND, a self-admitted former member of the CP, between 1943 and 1948, advised during his testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on September 18, 1951, at Los Angeles, California, that HOWARD DA SILVA was an important member of the Hollywood Section of the Los Angeles CP in the 1940's.

PAUL R. MILTON, member of the Radio Writers Guild, in testimony before the Senate Sub-Committee on Subversive Infiltration of Radio, Television and Entertainers Industry, stated on June 7, 1951, that ARNOLD PEARL always associated with the pro-Communist group of the Radio Writers Guild and had a long and public front record including teaching at the Jefferson School of Social Science, New York City.

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Other confidential informants, who have furnished reliable information in the past and who are familiar with certain phases of Communist activity in the New York City area, advised during May, 1956, that they had no information concerning the subject.

[REDACTED] respectively, that they had no current information concerning the subject. b1

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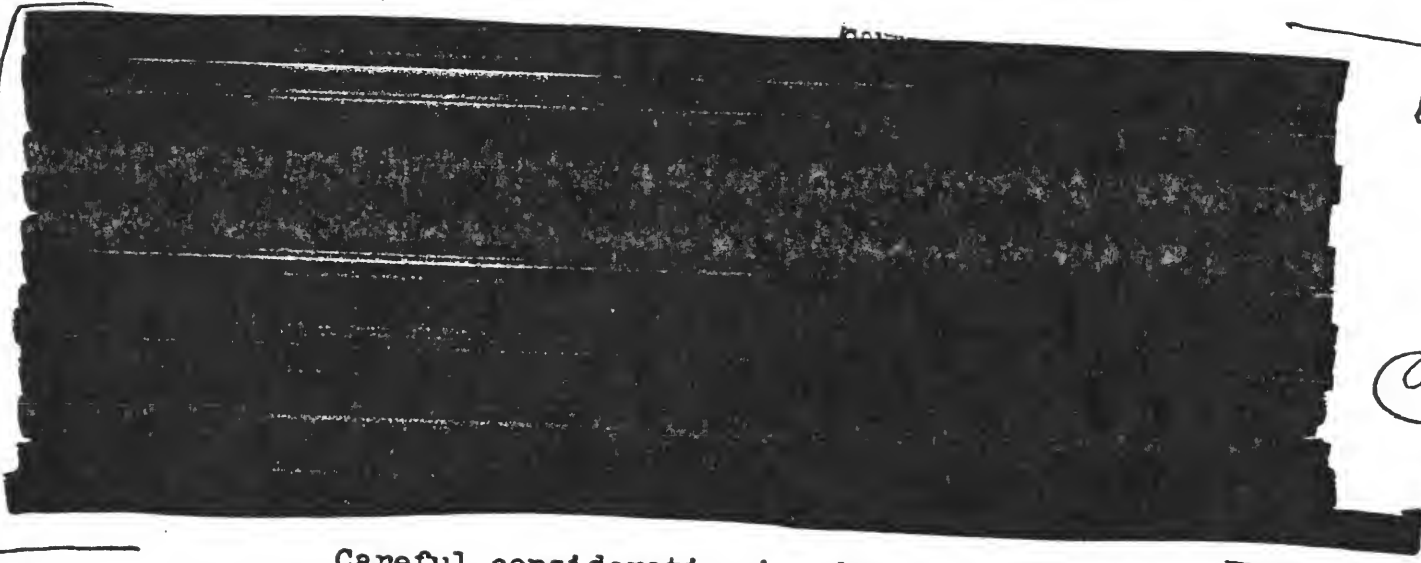
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The subject is again being recommended by FD 122 for the Security Index of the NYO after having been deleted from the Security Index by letter dated 8/23/55.

Consideration has been given to an interview of the subject, but in view of the subject's contacts with [redacted] no request is being made to contact subject at the present time.

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By separate communication, NY has requested Albany to contact the informant and exhibit to him photographs of the subject in an attempt to identify LORRAINE, LNU.

SA [redacted] The pretext used on 9/20/54 was employed by [redacted]

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The pretext used on 7/23/56 was employed by SA [REDACTED]

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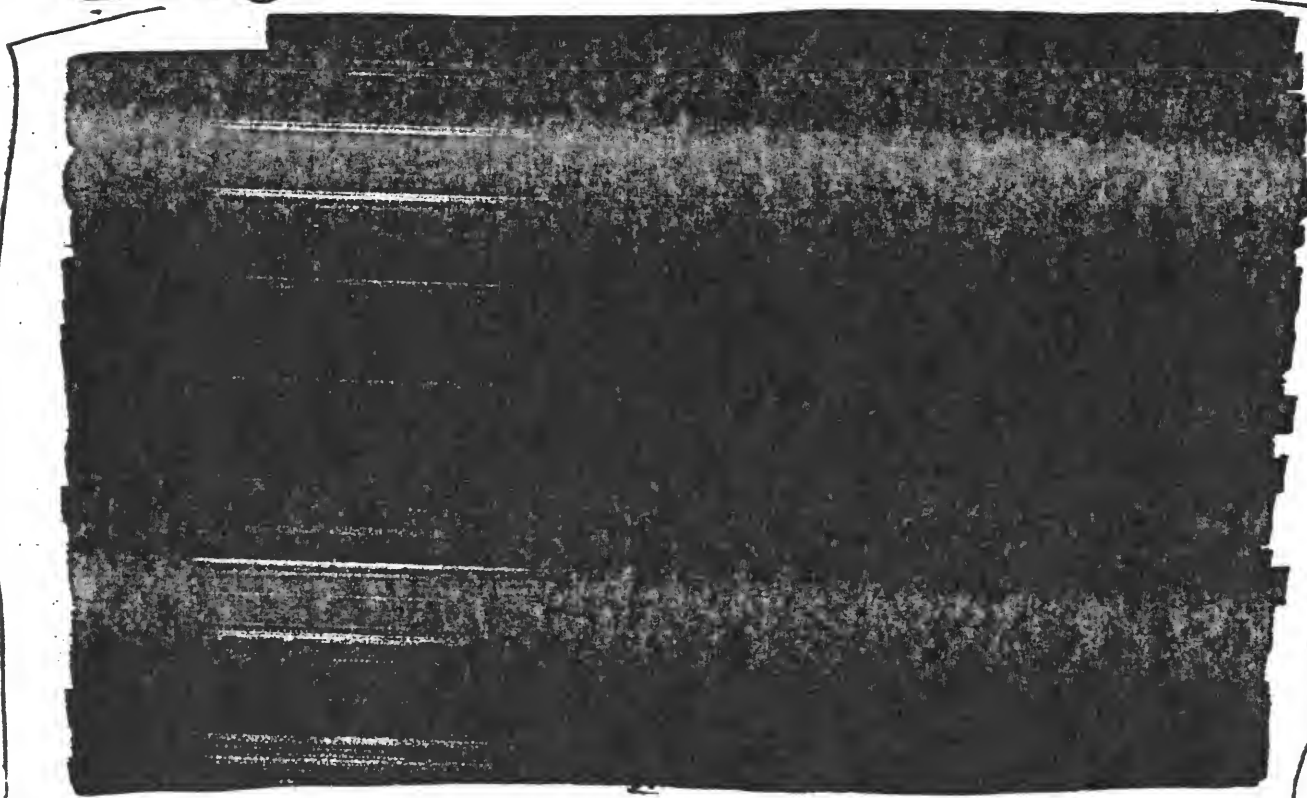
He was told that the subject works at People's Artists for approximately four hours a day, Monday through Friday.

On 3/5/55 Photographer [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] photographed persons entering and/or leaving the Yugoslav-American Home. [REDACTED]

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At New York, New York

1. Will await Bureau's decision regarding FD 122 being submitted by the NYO.

2. Will await and report results of information requested by Albany in a separate communication.

REFERENCES

NYlet to Bureau, 5/29/56.

Report of SA [REDACTED] 2/26/54, NY. b7c

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BACKGROUND

Residence

During a pretext phone call by an agent of the FBI on September 26, 1956, to a person who identified herself as LORRAINE NEMIROFF, it was determined that NEMIROFF resides at 337 Bleecker Street, New York City.

Employment

On September 28, 1956, during a phone call to People's Artists, Incorporated, 124 West 21st Street, New York City, by an agent of the FBI, it was determined that NEMIROFF is employed by that company.

AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

Miscellaneous Communist Party Information

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The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast daily Communist newspaper.

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[REDACTED] advised in April, 1954, that ESTELLE BERKOWITZ was a member of the Harlem LYL from 1950 to 1951, and was a member of the Ben Davis Youth Club of the CP in 1950.

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[REDACTED] advised on June 8, 1956, that a Teen-Age cultural festival sponsored by the LYL occurred on May 25, 1956, in New York City and that NEMIROFF was a judge of the exhibits presented during this festival.

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[REDACTED] that NEMIROFF was on the staff of Camp Unity during the summer of 1954.

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The "Daily Worker" issue of August 6, 1953, page eight, column one, described Camp Unity, Wingdale, New York, as an "adult inter-racial resort."

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As noted in this report under the section of Employment, NEMIROFF is employed by People's Artists, Incorporated.

People's Artists, Incorporated has been cited as a Communist front.

(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, page 392).

DESCRIPTION

The following description of the subject was obtained by personal observation by an agent of the FBI on July 24, 1956:

Approximate age	25
Height	5'4"
Weight	105-110 pounds
Race	Negro
Complexion	Brown
Hair	Black, with "Italian" cut
Eyes	Brown, no glasses

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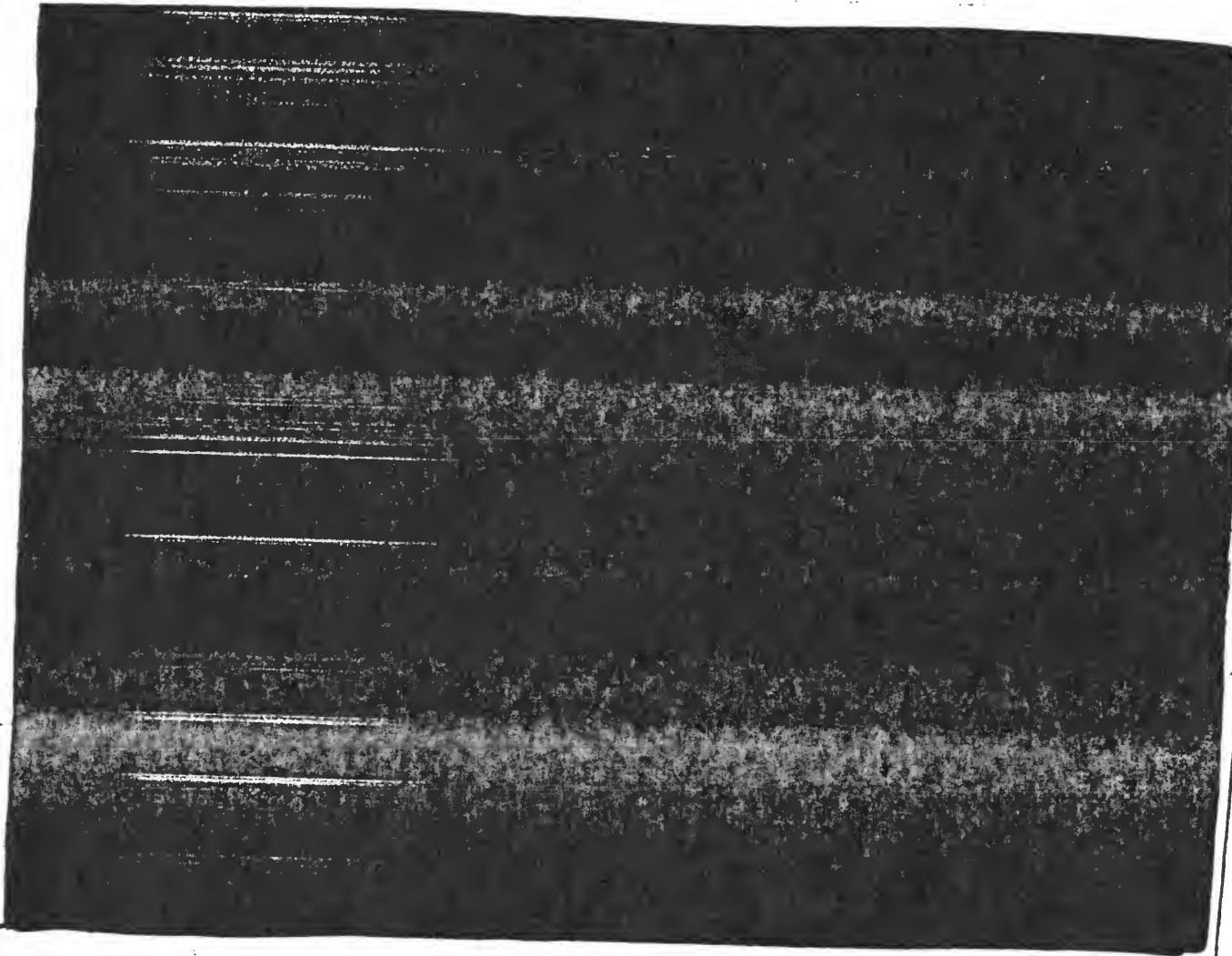
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This case has been reviewed in the light of the SI criteria and it still meets those requirements.

Consideration has been given to an interview of the subject, but since there is no indication that she has wavered from the Party line and since she has been close to [REDACTED] no contact with her is being made and this case is being closed. b7D

The pretext phone call on 9/26/56, was made by SA [REDACTED] b7C b7E

The phone call on 9/28/56, was made by SA [REDACTED] no pretext used. b7C

The subject was observed on 7/24/56, by SA [REDACTED] b7C

REFERENCE

New York report of SA [REDACTED] 8/31/56. b7C

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Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 10/21/57	Investigative Period 26;10/1,2,4,7/57 9/19,20
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Subject resides 337 Bleecker Street, New York City, and is unemployed.



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DETAILS

BACKGROUND

Residence

A pretext call by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to subject's residence on September 26, 1957, reflected that the subject presently resides at 337 Bleecker Street, New York City.

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Employment

A pretext call to the subject at her residence on September 26, 1957, reflected that the subject is at the present unemployed.

AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

Communist Party (CP) Membership

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Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed LORRAINE NEMIROFF departing from 74 Fifth Avenue at 12:21 a.m. on January 12, 1957.

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

[REDACTED] which reflected that LORRAINE NEMIROFF was a member of the American Labor Party Club, Assembly District 28, Greenwich Avenue, New York, from 1954 to 1956. (See Appendix Section).

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MISCELLANEOUS

New York City informants, who are generally familiar with CP activities in and about the New York area, could furnish no information concerning the subject.

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APPENDIX

AMERICAN LABOR PARTY

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the 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, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 78.)"
- "2. 'Communist dissimulation extends into the field of political parties forming political front organizations such as the * * * American Labor Party. The Communists are thus enabled to present their candidates for elective office under other than a straight Communist label.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

On October 7, 1956, Peter Hawley, New York State Chairman, American Labor Party, publicly announced the American Labor Party State Committee unanimously approved a resolution dissolving the organization and ordering the liquidation of its assets.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-393031)

DATE: 10/21/57

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107297)

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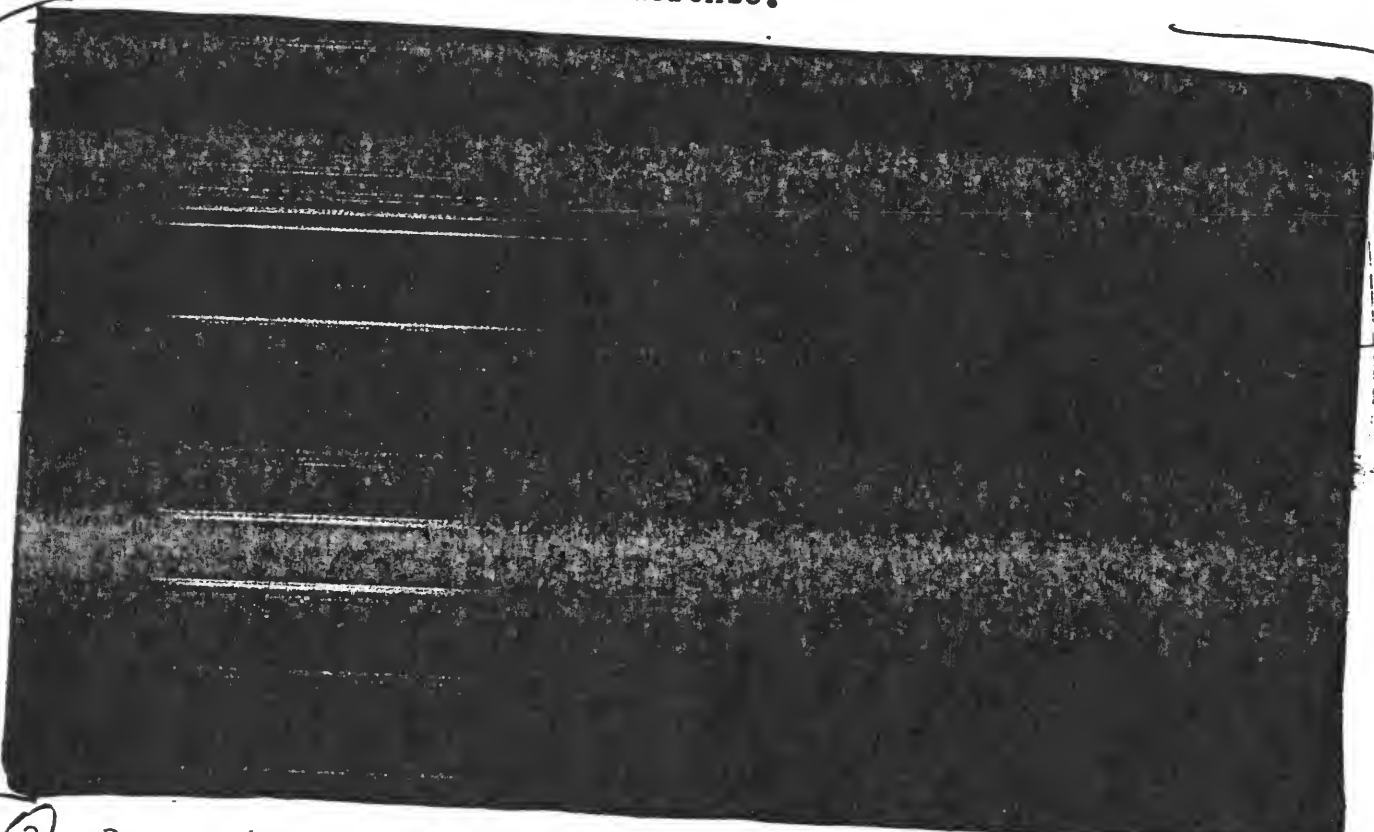
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Enclosed are four copies of the report of SA [redacted] dated as above at New York and four copies of a blank memorandum.

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This report is being classified confidential inasmuch as it contains information which, if disclosed, would be injurious to the national defense.

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The pretext utilized in the attached report was made by SA [REDACTED]

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Subject's SI cards are current and correct.

The subject's case has been re-evaluated per SAC letter 55-30 and it is felt that the subject continues to meet SI criteria. A photograph of the subject is on file in the NYO.

The subject was observed on 1/12/57, by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED].

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Interview with the subject is not being contemplated at this time in view of [REDACTED]

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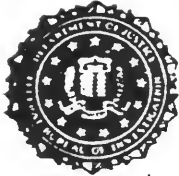
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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, New York
October 21, 1957

Re: Lorraine Vivian Hansberry Memiroff, with aliases

Negative informants mentioned in the attached report have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-393031)

DATE: 8/25/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107297)

SUBJECT: LORRAINE M. HANSBERRY NEMIROFF, was.
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Re Report of SA [redacted] at NY, 10/21/57. b7C
The subject is on the SI of the NYO.

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Nemiroff, Negro, age 25 is a Security Index subject of the New York Office. She attended a Communist Party (CP) section convention in 1-57; attended a CP meeting held in her home in 1956; was characterized as CP member in 1951; was active in the Labor Youth League as late as 1956; was assistant editor of official Labor Youth League publication in 1955; and has associated with and written for several communist publications. She was instructor at Jefferson School of Social Science in 1953. New York Office being instructed to establish whether play in question is communist line play.

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SAC, New York (100-107297)

September 5, 1958

Director, FBI (100-393031)

LORRAINE V. HANSBERRY MEMROFF
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reurlet 8-25-58.

Promptly conduct necessary investigation in an effort to establish whether the play written by subject, referred to in relet, is in any way controlled or influenced by the Communist Party and whether it in any way follows the communist line.

IS PLAY "CONTINUED" BY C.P. LINE?

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject in Security Index. She attended Communist Party (CP) section convention in January, 1957; attended CP meeting held in her home in 1956; was characterized as CP member in 1951; was active in Labor Youth League (LYL) as late as 1956; was assistant editor of official LYL publication in 1955; and has associated with and written for several communist publications. She was instructor at Jefferson School of Social Science in 1953. According to relet, an informant reported that play written by subject entitled "Rais'n In The Sun" would be produced on Broadway in September, 1958.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date OCT 21 1958	Investigative Period 9/18, 22, 23, 26, 27, 10/7-10, 14, 15/58
TITLE OF CASE LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY NEMIROFF, was.		Report made by [Redacted] b7c	Typed By pam
		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	

Synopsis:

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Subject resides at 337 Bleecker Street, NYC, and is self-employed as a free lance writer from her residence. Subject has written a play entitled "Raisin in the Sun," which is to be produced on Broadway sometime during the coming winter season.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

Residence and Employment

On October 10, 1958, a pretext telephone call was made by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to CH 2-3875, the telephone listed to ROBERT NEMIROFF, 337 Bleecker Street, New York City. An individual, identifying herself as LORRAINE NEMIROFF, advised that she currently resides at the above

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address with her husband ROBERT.

This individual further advised that she is a free lance writer working from her residence, and that she has written a play entitled "Rais'n in the Sun," which is to be produced on Broadway during the coming winter season.

II. MISCELLANEOUS

Confidential informants, who are acquainted with certain phases of Communist activity in the New York City area, advised during September and October, 1958, they do not know the subject and have no knowledge of NEMIROFF's current activities.

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Office Memorandum ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-393031)

DATE: OCT 21 1958

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107297)

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Letter will be
submitted 1/5/59*

SUBJECT: LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY NEMIROFF, was.
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*1/5/59
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Enclosed herewith are the original and three copies of report of SA [redacted] NY, and four copies of a letterhead memorandum relating to the reliability of informants, all dated and captioned as above.

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REFERENCES

Bulet to New York, dated 9/5/58.

Report of SA [redacted] at New York, dated 10/21/57.

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The pretext telephone call used to ascertain subject's residence and employment and to obtain information about her play, was made by SA [redacted] on 10/10/58. Pretext used: [redacted]

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Subject also advised that the play she has written, to be produced on Broadway this winter, would have the "usual out-of-town trials" and mentioned that it would possibly appear in Boston, Philadelphia or Detroit. Subject refused further comment on the play.

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Reason-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2
Date of Review *4/16/91 4/16/81*

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At New York, New York

Will continue investigation in an effort to determine if the play subject has written is in any way controlled or influenced by the CP and whether it in any way follows the Communist line. ✓

Agree!

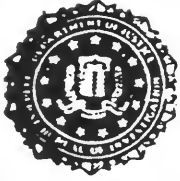
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1. Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
 2. The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
 3. Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
 4. A suitable photograph is is not available.
 5. Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
 6. Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
 7. This report is classified _____ because (state reason)
8. Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) of the pending investigation regarding the play she has written.
9. This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York

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Re: Lorraine Vivian Hansberry Nemiroff,
with aliases
Security Matter - C

With reference to the report of
Special Agent [redacted] at New York, dated and
captioned as above, the confidential informants referred
to in this report have furnished reliable information
in the past. b7c

This is loaned to you by the FBI,
and neither it nor its contents
are to be distributed outside the
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Office Memorandum • ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-393031)

DATE: JAN 2 1959

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107297)

SUBJECT: LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY MEMIROFF
Att. SM-C

ReNYlet to Bureau, dated 10/21/58.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On 12/5/58, [REDACTED] advised she could furnish no additional information concerning the above play.

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Investigation is continuing ^{in the} under NYO in an effort to obtain additional information concerning this play.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-393031)

DATE: 1/16/59

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SUBJECT: LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY NEIMIROFF, Aka.
SECURITY MATTER - C
(O.O. - New York)

Re New York letter to the Director, dated January 2, 1959.

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In the meantime, this case is being placed in a Pending Inactive status in the Chicago Division.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-393031)

DATE: 10/2/56

FROM : SAC, New York (100-107297)

SUBJECT: LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY NEMIROFF, was.
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Card U.T.D.
OCT 10 1956

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, was.

ALIASES Add: "JOHN HENRY"

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Date: 1/23/59

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-393031)
 FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107297)
 SUBJECT: LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY NEMIROFF, aka. SM-G

Re NY airtel, dated 1/22/59.

The "New York Herald Tribune," in its late city edition of 1/23/59, page 8, carried the following verbatim account of the play "A Raisin in the Sun" which opened in New Haven on 1/21/59:

"The New Haven audience and critics gave a warm reception Wednesday night to 'A Raisin in the Sun' starring Sidney Poitier and an all-Negro cast.

"The 'New Haven Journal-Courier' wrote: 'The combination of an engrossing story, a beautifully written play and superb direction by Lloyd Richards marks the production for certain success on Broadway.'

"The 'New Haven Register' wrote: 'A new Negro play of exceptional warmth and discernment and a Negro cast of great charm and proficiency last night made 'A Raisin in the Sun' one of the dramatic high spots of the season at the Shubert.'

"The play has yet to find a house in New York."

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- 2- Philadelphia (100-) (RM)
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- 1- New York (100-107297)

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Date: 1/29/59

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-393031)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107297)
SUBJECT: LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY NEMIROFF, aka.
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Re Philadelphia airtel to Bureau, dated 1/27/59.

In the event New Haven did not cover the play, "A Raisin in the Sun," with a Bureau employee or an informant, Philadelphia is requested to designate an Agent to attend in order that a true picture of the play's content can be obtained and properly analyzed.

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New Haven discontinue investigation if no information has been developed re instant play.

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- 2- New Haven (100-) (RM)
- 2- Philadelphia (100-44090) (RM)
- 1- New York (100-107297)

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Date: 1/28/59

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-393031)

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-44090)

SUBJECT: LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY NEMIROFF, Aka.
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(OO - New York)

Remyairtel 1/27/59.

Enclosed for New York's information is one copy each of the following newspaper clippings and one copy of the page 11 of "A Raisin in the Sun," which opened in Philadelphia on 1/28/59.

1. Clipping from the 1/25/59 issue of the Sunday Bulletin captioned, "On the Stage."

2. Clipping from the 1/25/59 issue of the Sunday Inquirer, which is an announcement of the opening of "A Raisin in the Sun" in Philadelphia.

3. Clipping from the 1/27/59 Final Edition of the Philadelphia Inquirer captioned, "POITIER in Timely Play on Trials of Negroes," by HENRY T. MURDOCK. Excerpts from MURDOCK's review were furnished in reairtel.

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4. Clipping from the 1/25/59 Sunday Edition of the Philadelphia Inquirer captioned, "Footlight Fare Old and New" by BARBARA L. WILSON. This item announces the opening of new plays in Philadelphia during the current week which includes "A Raisin in the Sun." According to this item, Miss HANSBERRY says that her play is "an effort to say a great deal about a large and important part of our contemporary situation. I believe one or two affirmative things are still left to be said about life and people." This item also contains a photograph of SIDNEY POITIER and RUBY DEE, playing his wife.
5. Clipping from the 1/25/59 Sunday Bulletin captioned, "Family Life is Theme of Two Plays Bowing Here" by WAYNE ROBINSON. This item announced that on opening night a 27 year old Negro authoress from Chicago will be introduced to local playgoers with the drama, "A Raisin in the Sun," about a family in her own Windy City. The playwright is LORRAINE HANSBERRY and her play stars SIDNEY POITIER. POITIER in his first starring role for the Broadway stage will play the ambitious, restless elder son in a family of strong individualists. With one exception, JOHN FIEDLER, who plays the role of a lawyer, the cast is all Negro.
6. Clipping from the 1/27/59 issue of the Evening Bulletin captioned, "Raisin in the Sun Opens at the Walnut," by ERNIE SCHIER. This item sets out SCHIER's review of the play, and one copy of this item is enclosed for the Bureau.
7. This item is a clipping from the 1/27/59 issue of the Philadelphia Daily News captioned, "Raisin in Sun Warms Walnut," by JERRY GAGHAN. This item sets out GAGHAN's review of the opening night of the play and one copy of the article is enclosed for the Bureau. This review begins, "Explosive in content, topical as today and extraordinarily well performed, 'Raisin in the Sun' brings back the excitement of controversy to our stage season."

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"The new play at the Walnut looks bleakly upon the facts of integration. The action takes place in the North, an area which piously prefers to segregate this problem to the South.

"LORRAINE HANSBERRY is seething with purpose, but never lets the preaching impede the progress of the play. Underneath the ready racial humors are tensions always about to erupt into violence, which adds the quality of suspense. The hero is a product of his environment, a muddled husband bitter about his lack of education and his job as a chauffeur. He is bursting with resentment also against the mother, who refuses to finance him in the opening of a liquor store. Miss HANSBERRY's message seems to be that the restrictions, repressions and segregations produce only half a man, but that maturity must result when the victim finally fights back." This article continues that the play is bright with laugh lines, a lot of which are due to CLAUDIA McNEIL as the matriarch of the family. It is her purchase of a house in a white neighborhood which brings on the crisis. The item concludes that IVAN DIXON employs the diction of HERBERT MARSHALL in his role as a visiting African student. JOHN FIEDLER is reasonable itself as the white "villain" of the piece.

8. The Playbill. *FABC - SURVEIL - w/ Mr. Review!* *(80)*

Local Philadelphia Negro newspapers have been reviewed, however, since these papers are not daily, no reviews were located. It is noted that "The Pittsburgh Courier" of 1/21/59, contained an announcement of the play. On Page 22 of this paper an item was noted in a column captioned, "IZZY ROWE's Notebook." This item stated that SIDNEY POITIER is scheduled to receive the Stephen Wise Award from the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Jewish Congress on 2/6/59, and the 369th Veterans Annual Achievement Award in March. The article stated that in New

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no form for Mr. Review! *(80)*

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Haven the talented actor received rave reviews for his role in "A Raisin in the Sun." According to the item, another cast *member* ~~importance~~ who held the eyes of the critics was CLAUDIA McNEILL with her best dramatic role to date, and one which may be hers in the star category when the vehicle reaches Broadway.

Copies of the above items not retained by Philadelphia.

Philadelphia will continue to follow.

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'Raisin in Sun' Warms Walnut

By JERRY GAGHAN

Explosive in content, topical as today and extraordinarily well performed, "Raisin in the Sun" brings back the excitement of controversy to our stage season.

The new play at the Walnut looks bleakly upon the facts of integration. The action takes place in the North, an area which piously prefers to segregate this problem to the South.

LORRAINE HANSBERRY, the playwright, has turned out a remarkably effective and workmanlike drama for a newcomer.

She is seething with purpose, but never lets the preachment impede the progress of the play. Underneath the ready racial humors are tensions always about to erupt into violence, which adds the quality of suspense.

The story concerns a Negro family on Chicago's South Side. They have just received a \$10,000 settlement claim after the death of the father. The bickerings developed over the spending of this windfall. The daughter (Diane Sands) wants enough to pay her tuition in medical

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PHILADELPHIA, PA.

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BULLETIN _____
DAILY NEWS _____
DATE 1/29/59 _____
EDITION 4/4/59 _____
PAGE 43 _____
COLUMN 1 _____
EDITOR _____
TITLE OF CASE _____

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school.

THE CONFUSED SON of the household is Sidney Pottier. The hero is a product of his environment, a muddled husband bitter about his lack of education and his job as a chauffeur. He is bursting with resentment also against the mother, who refuses to finance him in the opening of a liquor store.

His turgid ineptness with money, when he gets the fleeting chance to play the big shot, hastens the plot to its grim, if hopeful, conclusion. Miss Hansberry's message seems to be that the restrictions, repressions and

segregations produce only half a man, but that maturity must result when the victim finally fights back.

IF THIS SOUNDS too much like a tract, let us add that "Raisin in the Sun" is bright with laugh lines and hilarious situations.

A lot of them are due to Claudia McNeil, as the matriarch of the family. It is her purchase of a house in a white neighborhood which brings on the crisis.

A figure of authority, Miss McNeil manages to be wholly sympathetic. Her interpolative timing is perfect. She

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-393031)
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-44090)
SUBJECT: LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY NEMIROFF, aka.
SM - C

Re New York airtel 1/29/59.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are four copies of a memo written by SA [redacted] who witnessed the play "A Raisin in the Sun" in Philadelphia on 2/4/59. This memo, consisting of four pages, sets forth SA [redacted] review of the play. In addition, there is enclosed for the Bureau the play bill for the play which was obtained by SA [redacted] on 2/4/59. New York was previously furnished a play bill.

Enclosed for New York are three copies of SA [redacted] memo and the following newspaper articles:

1. An item which appeared in the "Pittsburgh Courier, a Negro newspaper, on 1/31/59, captioned "New Haven Critics View 'A Raisin in the Sun' As Something to Rave About."
2. Another item which appeared in the 1/31/59 issue of the "Pittsburgh Courier" which states that SIDNEY POITIER is scheduled to receive the Stephen Wise Award from the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Jewish Congress, 2/6/59 and the 369th Veterans annual achievement award in March.

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