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"In listening to some of Miss Hansberry's poignant and bitter lines, one hears overtones of a Sean O'Casey's 'Juno and the Paycock.' At other times, one seems to be hearing again John Osborne's 'Look Back in Anger,' this time with the reason for anger more firmly pronounced.

"We do not know if Miss Hansberry has written a timeless play, but she certainly has written a timely one. . . ."

New Haven is requested to advise New York whether the play was attended in New Haven by a Bureau employee or informant.

If New Haven did not cover play with a Bureau employee or an informant, New York is requested to advise whether PH should do so in an effort to determine whether the play in any way follows the Communist line.

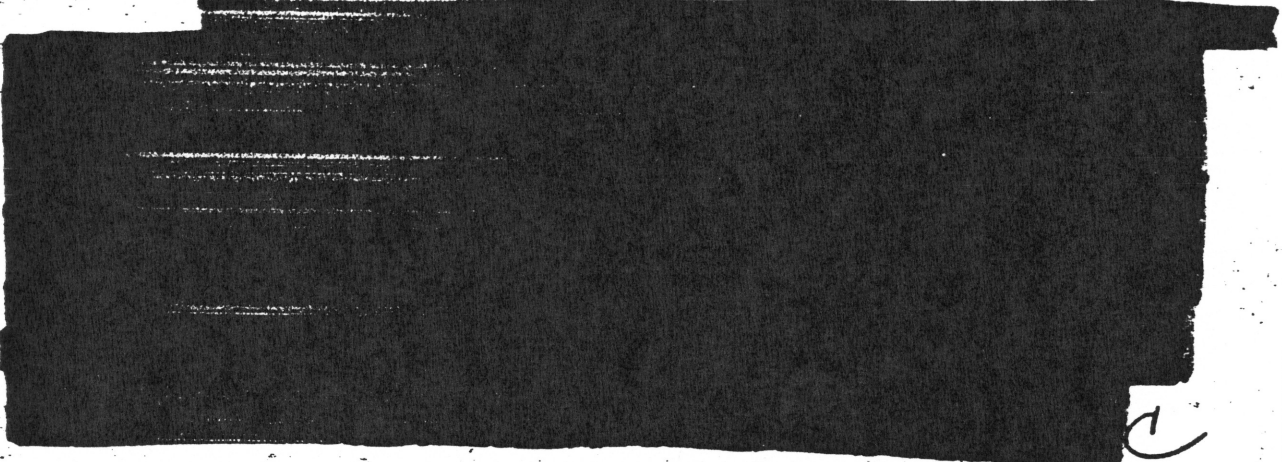
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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June 18, 1959

FBI Liaison:

For Information Only

Re:

Vivian
Lorraine Hansberry Nemiroff
Born: May 19, 1930
Place: Chicago, Illinois

Present Address:

337 Bleecker Street
New York, New York

Mailing Address:

c/o Hansberry
1145 Hyde Park Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois

Bureau File Number:
Washington Field Offices:

Unknown
100-27468

Passport Numbers:

1622640 issued May 27, 1959

Re Communist Party
Memberships:

In the passport application filed
May 13, 1959, Mrs. Nemiroff did
not answer the questions relating
to present and past membership in
the Communist Party.

Attorneys:

None

Travel Plans:

Port of Departures:

New York

Date of Departures:

July

Means of Transportation:

Ship

Proposed Length of Stay:

Three Months

Countries to be Visited:

England and France

Purpose of Trip:

Overseas production of play

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Counterpoint to 'A Raisin in the Sun'

By HELEN DUDAR

The story has all the raw materials for irony-edged social theater. Shaw wrote one version years ago, but its theme will be modern as long as overcrowded cities stand. And it's being acted out now in the harsh spotlight of day-to-day drama.

On Broadway the "first play" success of the season is Lorraine Hansberry's "A Raisin in the Sun," which deals brilliantly with the plight of a Negro family fighting its way out of a Chicago South Side slum.

On Chicago's South Side, one of the principal targets of the city's fight against slum landlord's is the Hansberry family.

For an other year, the city has been pressing the Hans-

berry Enterprises—run by the playwright's two brothers and a sister—for correction of scores of building, health and fire violations on 13 tenements they own.

Listed as Owner

The case took on a bizarre public note two weeks ago when, in a new action, the city listed the playwright as owner of one of the buildings.

The published reports created a painful personal conflict for Miss Hansberry. On the one hand, it would have been simple enough to announce she owned no South Side property and drew no profits from slums. On the other hand, she did not want to make a gesture that would suggest she was disassociating her-

self from her family.

Curled up in a chair in her small, third-floor Bleecker St. apartment in the Village the other day, Miss Hansberry said:

"When I first heard about the story, I didn't know what they were talking about. I called Chicago and learned that my name had been placed on a piece of property when it was purchased some years ago. I wasn't told about it and I have no legal or equitable title to that building."

A Sense of Responsibility

"Of all the things in the world I could have been hit with, this was the most painful. I had visions of adding a few thousand to the ranks of the cynics. Some sophisticates treated it as nobody's business but mine."

As a writer with a trenchant sense of social responsibility, Miss Hansberry doesn't relish the lofty detachment implicit in that reaction.

"It's not something to be dismissed as 'my business,'" she said. "I'm not a slum landlord. I've never derived a cent from that building—whoever owns it. Parenthetically, I might say I haven't drawn a cent from the family since I came east nine years ago."

The Hansberry real estate interests, successfully started and operated by her father, have been run for his widow since his death.

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EDITOR: JAMES A. WECHSLER

RE: LORRAINE VIVIAN
HANSBERRY NEMI ROFF
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In 1945 by three older children, Carl Jr., Perry and Mamie.

The playwright takes considerable pride in the Hansberry history. Her father spent a personal fortune fighting restrictive covenants in Chicago and, several times, the family withstood riots and violence while their right to live in a white neighborhood was carried through the courts.

"My people have been responsible for opening up more new neighborhoods, where people could have decent places to live, than anyone I know," she continued.

"But they do own kitchenettes." (Kitchenette is the local term in Chicago for one-room dwellings with a kitchen alcove—the living places for many Negro families on the South Side.)

"When my father put them up, there was no place else for Negroes to live in Chicago. I've always thought they were horrible and the family has always been sensitive about them. But what the family is involved in now is ugly, grotesque and incredibly complicated."

Steady Deterioration

The city's complaint against the Hansberrys is the steady deterioration of the crowded dwelling units they own. The case reached massive proportions just a year ago when the city asked for \$40,800 in fines as a result of 41 building code violations against 13 buildings.

On July 12, the family filed suit against Mayor Daley and other officials asking \$1,000,000 in damages and an injunction against the city's suits. The suit charged the city was conducting "capricious mass inspections" of their buildings and claimed the city action was depriving the Hansberrys of liberty and property without due process of law.

Two weeks later, Carl pleaded guilty to the violations after a compromise conference with Municipal Judge Kowalski. The judge said he would not press for immediate payment of the fines. Instead, he would require monthly reports on progress toward compliance and, if satisfied by the corrections, would reduce the fines. In turn, the \$1,000,000 suit was dropped.

Charges Added

But, Hansberry claims, the city reneged and has since added 31 new charges against him.

Two weeks ago, Hansberry went into U.S. District Court and asked permission to reinstate the \$1,000,000 damage suit. He claims he has been subjected to

"multiple litigation and mass inspections" of his property.

Hansberry told a Post correspondent that the city administration had made it impossible for him to get the financing to do the necessary remodeling.

In March, 1958, Mayor Daley summoned bank and mortgage officials to his office and requested that no loans be made to slum landlords.

"We have tried some 30 banking and mortgage agencies, trying to get financing for remodeling," said Hansberry. "Their excuse is, we don't make loans in that area, meaning an area principally occupied by Negroes."

"Most contractors won't do business with us because they're afraid the city will prosecute us. We can't comply with the city's

demand if we can't get the money."

The administration denies it is doing any more in Hansberry's case than "enforcing our police powers."

Asst. Corp. Council Waxler told The Post that the city had agreed only to give Hansberry time to correct violations. After 11 months, Waxler said, the city resumed prosecution because

repairs had not been made.

"We are not harassing anyone," said Waxler. "We have to enforce the city ordinance regardless of race, creed or color."

Waxler characterized Hansberry's inability to secure mortgage money as "unfortunate," but he said, the city was not in the banking business, and Hansberry would have to find a way out of his dilemma.



LORRAINE HANSBERRY

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American Embassy
Paris 8, France

Date: August 14, 1959
To: Director, FBI (100-393031)
From: Legal Attache, Paris (100-984)
Subject: LORRAINE VIVIAN MANSBERRY NEMIROFF
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Dear Editor.

ABOUT BILLIE HOLIDAY

I just wanted to tell you that I think that the piece on Billie Holiday is fine and beautiful. I do not save things; I shall save these articles. There is a bold and ungarished, yet sweet humanity in the writing which is undoubtedly the right, the incredibly right, kind of tribute to what was apparently her true greatness as an artist and human being.

I never knew her. William Dufty makes it possible. I am, from his account of her life, much moved. I mention greatness above because of the way it haunts Mr. Dufty's testimony, in the things he selects to remember: her appraisal of Louis; her pronouncement of the world race question; and what the Spanish-speaking people call her on the street.

I will say only that the depth of telling in his story makes me grateful that such a woman had such friends as William Dufty and his wife.

LORRAINE HANSBERRY.

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RE: LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-393031)

CONFIDENTIAL DATE: August 26, 1959

FROM : Legat, London (100-1956)

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Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 10/19/59	Investigative Period 8/14-9/23/59
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TITLE OF CASE LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY NEMIROFF aka	Report made by [REDACTED] b7c	Typed by bts
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CHARACTER OF CASE
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REFERENCE

Report of SA **[REDACTED]** 10/21/58 at NY.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The pretext interview mentioned in the report was made by SA **[REDACTED]**. The pretext utilized was **[REDACTED]**.

During the course of this interview, the subject stated that she might leave for California in a month or so to take over the writing of the screen play of her play "A Raisin in the Sun." She stated that she wanted to go to Europe but did not have the time to go at present.

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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 confidential because (state reason) _____
 it contains information from confidential informants of the NYO. Disclosure of the contents of this report could reveal the identities of these informants and hamper the investigation of security cases; this would be injurious to National Defense.
8. Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) in view of the great notoriety being given subject at the present time it is felt that an interview might possibly cause embarrassment to the Bureau. Therefore, consideration to interviewing subject is not being submitted at this time.
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) _____

11. Subject's SI card is is not tabbed Detcom.
 His activities do do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to:

Report of: [REDACTED] b7c
Date: 10/19/59

Office: New York, New York

File Number: New York 100-107297

Bureau 100-393031

Title: LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY NEMIROFF

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: (A) PURCHASE of PAID movie rights!
(incl)

Subject resides at 337 Bleecker Street, New York City, and is a self-employed free lance writer. New York City informants could furnish no information concerning the subject.

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY SLIP(S) DATE 11/16/81

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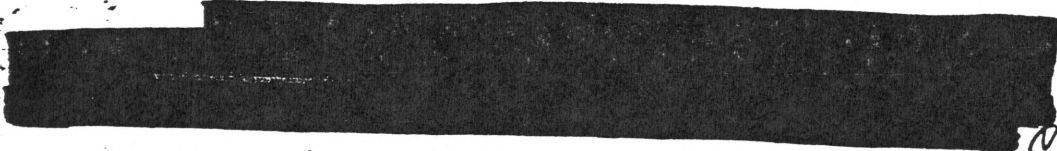
Residence and Employment

A pretext interview was conducted with the subject on September 16, 1959, at which time the subject advised that she presently resides at 337 Bleecker Street, New York, New York, and is a self-employed free lance writer. The subject stated she wrote the play "A Raisin in the Sun", currently being shown on Broadway in New York City.

II. MISCELLANEOUS

New York City informants who have furnished reliable information in the past advised that they could furnish no information concerning the subject.

The "New York Times", issue of April 1, 1959, reflected that Columbia Pictures announced that they had purchased the screen rights to the hit Broadway play, "A Raisin in the Sun" by LORRAINE HANSBERRY. The purchase price was reported to be \$300,000.00.

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"The Worker", issue of May 17, 1959, page 3, column 1, identified BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., as Chairman of the New York County Communist Party (CP).

The CP, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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"The Worker" is a Sunday Communist publication.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

October 19, 1959

Re: Lorraine Vivian Hansberry Nemiroff
Security Matter - C

The informants mentioned in the New York
report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated
and captioned as above, have furnished reliable infor-
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TO : Director, FBI (100-393031)

DATE: October 27, 1959

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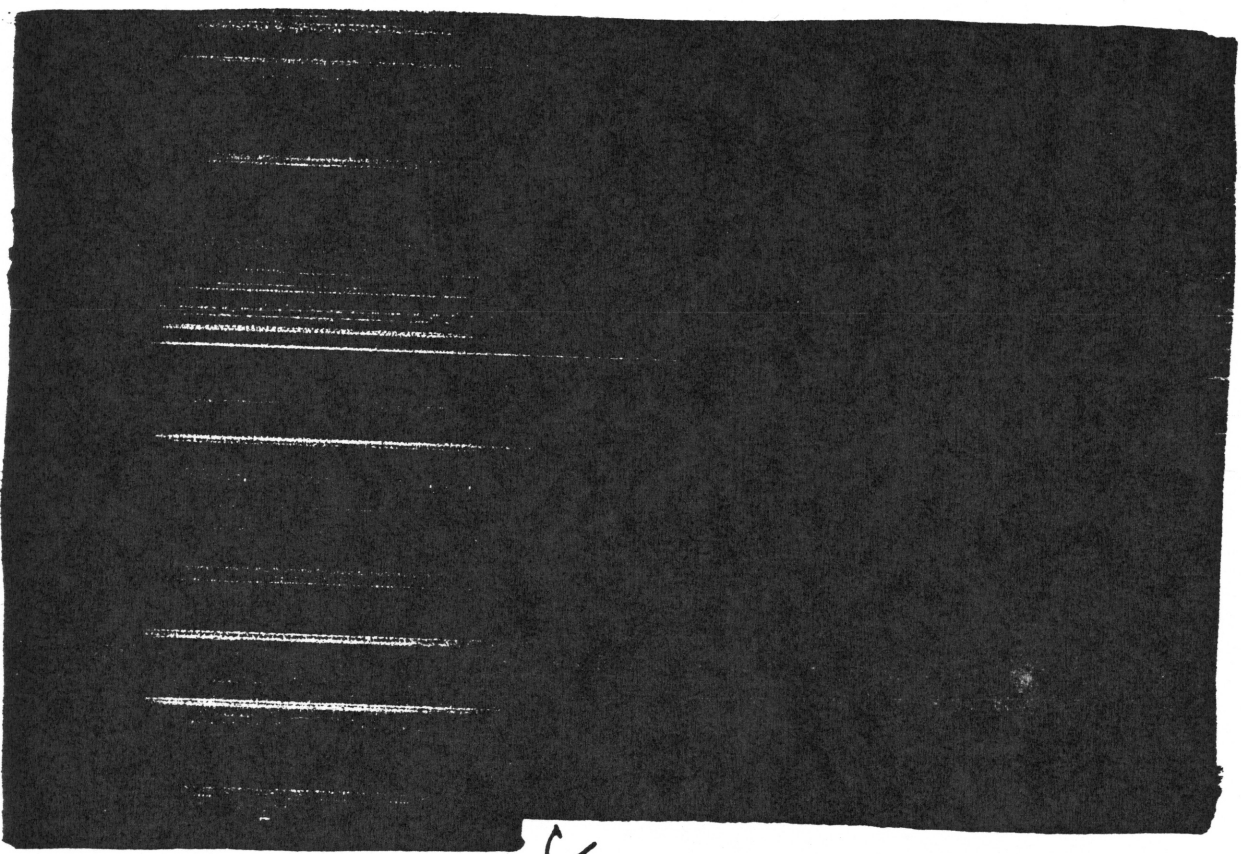
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SA verified subject's address and employment on 8/6/59 and 8/9/59 by pretext interviews with subject and another individual. b7c

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Report of SA [REDACTED] (an annual report) dated 10/19/59 carried on an administrative page the information that a pretext interview with subject on 9/16/59 developed the fact subject stated she wanted to go to Europe but did not have the time to go at the present. This was the first communication to the Bureau after receipt of Bureau memorandum dated 7/6/59, and the file reflects no effort to obtain the information requested by the Bureau prior to that date.

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The case was closed with the report of SA [REDACTED]. It was reopened 2/10/60 and assigned to SA [REDACTED] for purpose of again verifying address and employment. It does not appear there has been any improper handling of this case by SA [REDACTED].

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the following:

Explanations are requested from

1. SA [REDACTED] is requested to advise why he did not immediately conduct investigation pursuant to Bureau instructions in Bureau memorandum 7/6/59, and submit the results in a form suitable for dissemination.

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2. SA [REDACTED] is requested to explain why he did not reopen this case for investigation upon receipt of Bureau memorandum dated 7/6/59 (Serial 225) and why he did not, as supervisor of this case, detect the fact this lead had not been covered and take necessary action to have appropriate investigation conducted and the Bureau advised.

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Comments of ASAC NORMAN MC CABE and SAC FOSTER are requested.

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SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] is on extended sick leave and has been instructed by his physician not to return to work prior to 3/28/60. Explanations will be obtained from him on his return and forwarded to the Bureau. b7c

SUPERVISOR [REDACTED] The Bureau by letter dated 7/6/59 (Serial 225) requested certain travel information, which serial was blockstamped 7/7/59 by the NYO.

I promptly stamped this serial for reopening on 7/9/59 and assigned the case to SA [REDACTED]. This is self-evident. The normal procedure then is to put the serial with file in the outgoing box which I did.

Subsequently on 7/20/59, I received an FD 154 (Serial 219). Not having any independent recollection of the existence of serial 225 and the case being closed, I reopened and assigned this case to SA [REDACTED] for SI verification. Sometime after 7/20/59, the existence of Serial 225 was brought to my attention by SA [REDACTED]. Inasmuch as the case was already assigned to SA [REDACTED] it was deemed inefficient to assign the case to SA [REDACTED] at this point. Since the case was already pending, I then crossed out the instructions to reopen the case and the name of SA [REDACTED] was added to the blockstamp. I do not know the whereabouts of Serial 225 subsequent to 7/9/59. SA [REDACTED] could not have received this serial prior to July 20 and the exact date he received it is unknown.

The lead requested by the Bureau was specifically covered by the report of SA [REDACTED] dated 10/19/59 (Cover Page A) where he pointed out that the subject did not travel at all because of lack of time.

The cases of each Agent on my squad are reviewed in detail on a monthly basis which is my normal procedure.

I am unable to recall whether the pertinent serials regarding travel were in the case file at the time of the monthly file reviews. Since I am alert to insure that leads, particularly those directed by the Bureau, are given expeditious attention, I can only assume that the serials were not available to me. It is regretted that this apparent delay occurred.

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ASAC McCABE: It is regretted that this matter was not handled promptly at the time the copy of the Director's letter to the Office of Security, Department of State, serial number 225, was received in the New York Office. Every effort will be made to avoid such delays in the future.

SAC FOSTER: This matter should have been handled promptly upon receipt of the instructions from the Bureau. Every effort will be made to avoid such delinquencies in the future.

It appears there may be SOG supervisory responsibility in connection with the delinquencies noted.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-393031) DATE: 4/11/61

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107297)

SUBJECT: LORRAINE V. HANSBERRY NEMIROFF, aka
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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):

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To Director (100-39303) (RM)

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Re att. R/S, + Rep. dated 9/9/60.

Attached hereto are four copies of amended Pg. 2, and two copies of amended cover page A of resp, submitted in accordance with instructions outlined in att. R/S.

ENCLOSURE

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H. G. Fafoutz

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

SUBJECT: Lorraine Hansberry

CROSS REFERENCES

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK

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PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT

Classified by SP4ELW/mbh 3/8/83
Declassify on: OADR C204517

Freedom Associates Incorporated will be referred in this report by the initials FA.

FA is substantially directed, dominated or controlled by the Communist Party, USA, a Communist action organization, so designated by the Subversive Activities Control Board on [REDACTED], and is primarily operated for the purpose of giving aid and support to the Communist Party, USA.

FA was in existence after September 23, 1950, and has failed to register with the Attorney General as provided in Section 7 (b) of the Internal Security Act of 1950.

LOUIS E. BURNHAM, a director of FA, and Editor of "Freedom" newspaper, and GEORGE B. MURPHY, JR., a director of FA, have failed to register for the organization.

See inv. corrections pgs. 70 & 73.

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8-16-55 [REDACTED] b7c

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PAUL ROBESON continues as Chairman of the Editorial Board;
LOUIS E. BURNHAM as Editor and GEORGE B. MURPHY, JR. as
General Manager.

Exhibit Number 15:
"Freedom", Volume 1, Number 6,
June 1951, Page 4

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"Freedom" of April 1952, adds the following
officers:

Associate Editor - LORRAINE HANSBERRY
Business Manager - BERTRAM ALVES *n.y.*

PAUL ROBESON continues as Chairman of the Editorial
Board and LOUIS E. BURNHAM as Editor.

Exhibit Number 16:
"Freedom", Volume 2, Number 4,
April 1952

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"Freedom" for March 1955, page 2, lists as General
Manager THELMA DALE. *n.y.*

Exhibit Number 17:
"Freedom", Volume 5, Number 3,
March 1955, Page 2

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B. Evidence Showing that Persons who are Active in the Management, Direction or Supervision of FA are Active in the Management, Direction or Supervision of/or as Representatives of the Communist Party, USA

Positions held by persons set forth in this section

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5. VICTORIA GARVIN (Editorial Board, "Freedom").

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6. YVONNE GREGORY (Editorial Board, "Freedom").

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7. EWART GUINIER (Editorial Board, "Freedom").

In May 1950, EWART GUINIER was described as being a concealed member of the Communist Party, prior to 1945.

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8. SHIRLEY GRAHAM (Editorial Board, "Freedom").

In June 1950, SHIRLEY GRAHAM was described as a concealed member of the Communist Party, prior to 1945.

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9. LORRAINE HANSBERRY (Associate Editor, "Freedom").

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10. OLIVER HARRINGTON (Editorial Board, "Freedom").

According to the "New York Sun", a former New York City newspaper, issue of August 31, 1949, OLIVER HARRINGTON was Campaign Manager for BENJAMIN J. DAVIS then seeking re-election as New York City Councilman.

Exhibit Number 19:
"New York Sun", August 31, 1949
Page 16, Column 1
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BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. was one of the eleven Communist Party leaders convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on October 21, 1949, for teaching and advocating the violent overthrow of the United States Government in violation of the Smith Act.

11. CHARLES P. HOWARD (Editorial Board, "Freedom").

CHARLES P. HOWARD in July 1951, was described as a concealed member of the Communist Party, prior to 1945.

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12. ALPHAEUS HUNTON (Editorial Board, "Freedom").

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen
RE: RACIAL MATTERS

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Lorraine Hansberry (On Security Index, New York Office, since August 22 1956.)

Hansberry born 5-19-30, daughter of wealthy family with considerable real estate holdings. Attended University of Wisconsin but did not graduate. Moved to New York City in early 1950's and has pursued writing career since that time. Best known for play "Raisin in the Sun" produced on Broadway in 1958 and later made into a motion picture. Has been employed as a writer and instructor by various schools and papers described as communist controlled. Described as Communist Party member in 1951 and 1957. In 1953 married Robert Barron Nemiroff.

[REDACTED] Hansberry during 1950's active in various communist front groups. In 1962 Hansberry identified as friendly with persons publishing "National Guardian," described as virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia. Reports of security investigations concerning Hansberry [REDACTED] have been furnished Department on continuing basis.

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen
RE: RACIAL MATTERS

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter and enclosures be forwarded to the Attorney General.

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General manager GEORGE B. MURPHY, JR.

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[REDACTED] 70
June, 1951

The Editorial Board listed in this issue included the names outlined in the April, 1951 issue and in addition lists the following individual on the Board:

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[REDACTED] 70
April, 1952

The Editorial Board for this issue includes the names of the individuals outlined in the June, 1951 issue and in addition lists the following persons:

Associate Editor - LORRAINE HANSBERRY
Business Manager - BERTRAM ALVES

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January, 1953

The Editorial Board of this issue of "Freedom" lists the same individuals mentioned in the April, 1952 Editorial Board with the exception of LORRAINE HANSBERRY and BERT ALVES.

C - "FREEDOM" REPRESENTATIVES

The April, 1951 issue of "Freedom", Volume I, Number 4, page eight, reflected an article entitled, "In the Freedom Family". The following information appears therein:

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The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", dated March 3, 1951, prepared and

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The Civil Rights Congress has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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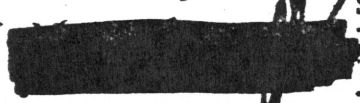
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RACIAL MATTERS - GENERAL

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(TIMES)
 LONDON - THE SUNDAY TIMES REPORTED TODAY ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT KENNEDY'S SECRET MEETING WITH NEGRO LEADERS WAS "ANGRY, HEATED AND SHOWED A DEEP GULF BETWEEN NEGROES AND THE GOVERNMENT."
 THE ARTICLE QUOTED NEGRO AUTHOR JAMES BALDWIN AS SAYING "WE WERE SHOCKED BY ROBERT KENNEDY'S NAIVETE ABOUT AMERICAN NEGROES' FURIOUS RESENTMENT AT THE WAY THEY ARE TREATED BY WHITE SOCIETY."
 "AND KENNEDY WAS SHOCKED BY OUR PASSIONATE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION FOR DOING NOTHING TO PREVENT THE CLASH THAT'S THREATENING THE NORTH," BALDWIN ADDED.
 THE MEETING, WHICH TOOK PLACE FRIDAY IN A PRIVATE NEW YORK APARTMENT, INCLUDED SENATORS HARRY WHEELER AND LEONID KREYDIN, PLAYRIGHT
 BALDWIN SAID THE NEWS REPORTED KENNEDY TO BE "CLOSELY DANGEROUS RACIAL CRISIS IN THE NORTH."
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Tele. Room	_____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, WFO (157-New)

Washington DC

**HEARINGS CONCERNING
MISSISSIPPI RACIAL SITUATION
NATIONAL THEATRE
WASHINGTON, D.C.
JUNE 8, 1964
RACIAL MATTERS**

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██████████ advised 6/5/64, hearings will be conducted on June 8, 1964, at the National Theatre, Washington, D.C., concerning the State of Mississippi racial situation. The hearings are being sponsored by the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee and are open to the public. The hearings will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m.

██████████ about 20 to 25 persons will give testimony concerning increased violence in Mississippi and their personal experiences.

██████████ the following list of names who will be on the panel and hear the testimony:

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Special Agent in Charge

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~~C. VANN WOODWARD~~
Yale Professor

DC
Conn

~~JUSTINE WISE POLIER~~
New York City Judge

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American Sociological Association

DC

~~HAROLD TAYLOR~~
Former President Sarah Lawrence College

Ny DC

~~ROBERT PENN WARREN~~
Author and Professor

DC

~~MICHAEL HARRINGTON~~
Literary and Social Critic and Author

DC

~~LORRAINE HANSBERRY~~
Playwright

DC


~~JAMES MURRAY KEMPTON~~
Journalist

DC

~~PAUL GOODMAN~~
Poet and Novelist

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 after the testimony has been given it will be presented to the White House for consideration and study.

WFO will furnish Bureau pertinent information obtained through appropriate sources concerning the identity and comments of the witnesses and those called before the panel.

Secret Service has been advised.

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The Attorney General

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May 31, 1963

Director, FBI

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - [REDACTED]
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RACIAL MATTERS

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I am enclosing herewith for your information summaries of information in the files of this Bureau concerning the individuals identified in newspaper articles as those with whom you met in New York City on May 24, 1963, to discuss racial matters.

Enclosed are two copies each of memoranda concerning

[REDACTED]
Lorraine Hansberry, also known as
Lorraine Vivian Hansberry Neiroff; [REDACTED]

with regard to two of the individuals, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] our files contain no identifiable information.

Upon removal of the classified enclosures, this document becomes unclassified.

Enclosure (18)

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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May 31, 1963

~~LORRAINE HANSBERRY~~

Also known as Lorraine Vivian
Hansberry Neiroff

Summary

Hansberry was born on May 19, 1930, in Chicago, Illinois, the daughter of a wealthy Chicago family owning considerable real estate. She attended the University of Wisconsin but did not graduate. She moved to New York City in the early 1950's and has since pursued a writing career. Hansberry has been active since 1949 in writing articles for procommunist publications and making public statements of a procommunist nature. In 1952 she was employed as an instructor at the Frederick Douglas Educational Center in New York City, which school has been described by sources who have furnished reliable information in the past as completely communist controlled and operated. She subsequently was employed on the staff of "Freedom," described by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a monthly Negro publication in New York City which was controlled by individuals such as Paul Robeson, Sr., and others who had extensive communist front and Communist Party records.

In 1953 she was listed as instructing in the Jefferson School of Social Sciences, which has been cited pursuant to Executive Order 10450. In recent years she has engaged in free-lance writing and is best known for her play "Raisin in the Sun," which was produced on Broadway in 1958 and later made into a motion picture.

In 1953 she married Robert Barron Neiroff, also known as Bob Rolfe, who at that time was Managing Editor of "New Challenge," official monthly publication of the Labor Youth League, which organization has been cited pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Lorraine Hansberry

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During the 1950's she was described as active in various communist front groups, including the Labor Youth League, the People's Rights Party, and the Provisional Committee on Latin American Affairs. She has also publicly participated in tributes to Paul Robeson, Sr.

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In October, 1962, a self-admitted former member of the Communist Party advised that it was overheard at a fund-raising party sponsored by Greenwich Village Communist Party clubs in June, 1962, that Hansberry [REDACTED] friendly with the "Guardian crowd." This source interpreted this to mean that they associated with the persons publishing the "National Guardian," which has been described by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a "virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia."

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Reports containing detailed results of investigations conducted concerning Hansberry [REDACTED] have been furnished to the Records Administration Office of the Department of Justice on a continuing basis captioned "Lorraine Vivian Hansberry Nemiroff; SM-C" [REDACTED]

(100-393031; [REDACTED])

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Mr. Tolson	✓
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Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
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Mr. Gale	✓
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TO DIRECTOR -9- / ATTENTION CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
FROM SAC NEW YORK 44-NEW

CONFERENCE WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL, NYC, FIVE TWENTY FOUR SIXTY THREE.,
CIVIL RIGHTS MATTERS. *RACIAL MATTERS*

RE BU TEL CALL FIVE TWENTY EIGHT SIXTY THREE.

THE NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE OF FIVE TWENTY SIX SIXTY THREE
STATES THAT A CONFERENCE WAS HELD IN NYC ON FIVE TWENTY FOUR SIXTY
THREE WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AT WHICH CIVIL RIGHTS MATTERS WERE
DISCUSSED. THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE MENTIONED BY THE HERALD TRIBUNE

OF FIVE TWENTY SIX SIXTY THREE AS ATTENDING THIS CONFERENCE.
*DR. KENNETH CLARK, PSYCHOLOGIST, CONY.; LENA HORNE, SINGER;
HARRY BELAFONTE, SINGER; LORRAINE HANSBERRY, PLAYWRIGHT; JAMES BALDWIN
AUTHOR; DAVID BALDWIN, ACTOR, BROTHER OF JAMES BALDWIN; DR. EDWIN
D. BERRY, DIRECTOR OF CHICAGO URBAN LEAGUE; CLARENCE B. JONES, COUNSEL
TO GANDHI SOCIETY; BURKE MARSHALL, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE; RIP
TORN, ACTOR, JEROME SMITH, AGE TWENTY FIVE, FREEDOM RIDER.* IN ADDITION

THE NEW YORK TIMES OF FIVE TWENTY SIX SIXTY THREE ALSO LISTS JUNE
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
SHAGALOFF, NAACP OFFICIAL ON SCHOOL INTERGRATION AS ATTENDING.

THE ABOVE IS FOR INFO OF BUREAU. JUN 4 1963

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

CC-MR. ROSEN

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3. <i>Racial Matters - New York</i>	
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- ANSWER OR ACKNOWLEDGE ON OR BEFORE _____
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- AS REQUESTED
- NOTE AND FILE
- YOUR INFORMATION

REMARKS

12 June

The attached is self-explanatory, in accordance with your request, following that of the AG. Sorry to be so slow, I would appreciate it if you would let me know anything of interest. I have previously been informed on [redacted] so that is not necessary. Thanks.

BM

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The Attorney General

June 14, 1963

Director, FBI

RACIAL MATTERS

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Name Check Section

My letter to you of May 31, 1963, furnished summaries of information in our files concerning individuals identified in newspaper articles as those with whom you met in New York City on May 24, 1963, to discuss racial matters.

Assistant Attorney General Marshall has now furnished a list of individuals reportedly in attendance at that meeting which list contains, in addition to those mentioned in my letter of May 31, the names of [redacted] and [redacted]

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The files of this Bureau contain no information concerning [redacted] and no identifiable information concerning [redacted] and [redacted] in addition to that set forth in my letters to you of May 29 and May 31, 1963, captioned, "Allegations by [redacted] Concerning Personnel of the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

It is noted that the list furnished by Mr. Marshall did not include [redacted] who was identified in the newspaper articles as in attendance at the meeting and concerning whom information was included in my letter of May 31, 1963.

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. Burke Marshall
Assistant Attorney General

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NOTE: AAG Marshall, on 6-13-63, furnished a list of names of individuals reportedly in attendance at the 5-24-63 meeting, which list he had received from [redacted] by letter of 6-7-63.

AAG Marshall requested any information concerning [redacted] whose names had not appeared in newspaper publicity as in attendance at the meeting.

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The Attorney General

Information in Bureau files concerning those previously identified in the newspaper as in attendance at the meeting was furnished the Attorney General on 5-31-63 and this letter is to advise him of the results of a review of Bureau files concerning the three additional individuals on the list furnished by [REDACTED] to AAG Marshall. b7c

AAG Marshall is aware of the information furnished the Attorney General on 5-31-63.

NOTE: See cover memo Belmont from Rosen same date & re.