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Dear Sir:

The following is quoted from a recent report received from Agent [redacted] of the Chicago Ill. office of the Bureau dated February 29, 1924 relative to OTTO HUISWOUD.

"The first speaker was Mr. Otto E. Huiswood, 206 West 133d Street, New York City, who said: 'A little over a year ago I was just back from Russia. I attended the Fourth Congress of the Third International. Mr. Claude McKay and I were there together and Mr. McKay got so enthused with the country that he said he was not coming to this country until the revolution was over in America; that there was no discrimination in that country; that he had been in meetings with Mr. Lenin and he was the same Lenin every day. He said that it was Lenin that said to Mr. John Reed: 'What are we doing for the American Negro. The American Negro has no more right to be in bondage than the Jew in Russia.'"

The above is for your information.

Very truly yours

Director.

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June 2, 1944

Director, FBI

Re: OTTO EDWARD HUISWOOD  
[redacted]

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is material made available to the writer by Captain [redacted] Security Officer, Trinidad Police Force. Captain [redacted] has advised that he received instructions to prepare this material for the writer from his predecessor, Captain [redacted] who recently visited Bureau officials in Washington and New York. It is believed that this material was requested of Captain [redacted] by the New York Field Division.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]  
Liaison Officer

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September 22, 1944

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

OTTO HOUISWOULD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Reference is made to the letter from the New York Field Division dated April 28, 1944 captioned [redacted] Internal Security - C."

Reference letter states that [redacted] furnished information concerning Otto Houiswould, a Negro citizen of Dutch Guiana, whom he stated was an international courier employed by the OGPU. [redacted] stated that he saw Houiswould in Moscow in 1932 and in New York City about 1941. [redacted] further stated that Houiswould was placed in charge of the International American Bureau in Berlin in 1934 and he believed that he was in communication with [redacted]

The files of the Bureau fail to disclose any information relative to Houiswould. Reference is found however, to one Otto Houiswood, who was reported as "a prominent member of the Blood Brotherhood and also a member of the Workers' Party of America, who would speak on March 25, 1935 at the Machinist Temple, 1239 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on 'The Oppression of Negroes in America'".

Inasmuch as Houiswood is alleged to be an international courier for the Soviet Secret Intelligence Service (NKVD) formerly known as the OGPU prior to 1934, the Bureau desires that a discreet investigation be conducted in order to locate him at the present time.

The Philadelphia Field Division should review the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service for all information relative to Otto Houiswood.

The New York Field Division should reinterview [redacted] for all additional information he may be able to furnish relative to Houiswould and his activities as an international courier for the OGPU.

CC: Philadelphia

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, Philadelphia  
 SUBJECT: OTTO HUISWOUD  
 INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: September 22, 1944

Reference is made to Bureau memorandum dated September 22, 1944 referring to [redacted] and OTTO HUISWOUD.

The files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service reflect that OTTO EDUARD HUISWOUD, last residence 408 West 128th Street, New York City, Alien Registration #4892607, is a Negro citizen of Dutch Guiana. Inasmuch as there is no record of anyone with the name spelled HUISWOUD or HUISEWOOD, it is felt this person is identical with the one mentioned in the Bureau memorandum.

OTTO EDUARD HUISWOUD was born October 28, 1893 at Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana, Province of Surinan, and is a citizen of Holland. He left New York January 15, 1941 on the SS "PYGMALION" and there is no application on file for a reentry permit. His description is given as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	Negro
Height	5'6"
Weight	155
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Marital status	Married; no children

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He has lived at the following addresses in New York City: 450 Mott Avenue; 2800 Bronx Park East, U-54; 408 West 128th Street. He was employed by W. A. DOMINGO at 110 West 143rd Street, New York City, and also the Midtown Secretarial Bureau, 2007 7th Avenue, New York City.

HUISWOUD first arrived at the Port of New York March 1, 1923 on the "RYNDAM" and the original immigration information will be on file at that port. He entered as a permanent resident, expecting to reside permanently in the United States. When the Alien Enemy Registration form was filled out December 23, 1940 HUISWOUD stated he had lived a total of 17 years in the United States.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service Reentry Permit file discloses that he left New York March 9, 1929 for Holland and Germany to travel and study. He reentered at New York June 14, 1929, Application #439528, Reentry Permit #457641. He again left New York City July 20, 1929

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to go to the West Indies on business, returning to New York City September 16, 1929, Application #520483, Reentry Permit #514626. He left New York City February 19, 1930 to go to Jamaica and Dutch Guiana on business, returning June 17, 1930 to New York, Application #568792, Reentry Permit #565123. At the time HUISWOUD made these trips he was in the employ of W. A. DOMINGO.

In the Alien Registration application HUISWOUD also stated he had no memberships in any clubs, no military service, was never arrested or indicted for conviction of any offense, and within the past five years had not been affiliated with, or active in any organization devoted in whole or in part to influencing or furthering the political activities, public relations or public policies of a foreign government. He also said he had not applied for United States citizenship papers.

HERMINA HUISWOUD, wife of OTTO HUISWOUD, mailed his Alien Enemy Registration card back to the Immigration and Naturalization Service with the statement that he had left New York January 15, 1941 on the SS "PYGMALION."

In order to assist New York in tracing HUISWOUD, the following information is being set out on his wife:

Name	HERMINA ALICIA HUISWOUD, nee DUMONT
Address	450 Mott Ave., N.Y.
Born	October 8, 1905, New Amsterdam, British Guiana
Race	White
Height	5'1"
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark
Citizenship	U.S.; naturalized February 17, 1928 in Bronx County Supreme Court, Bronx, N.Y., Ctf. #2703971
Marital status	Married September 30, 1926 at N.Y. to OTTO HUISWOUD; no children

She arrived in the United States at the Port of New York November 5, 1919 on the ship "KORONA" from Georgetown.

No further action is being taken by this office in regard to Mr. or Mrs. HUISWOUD.

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cc New York

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SAC, New York

December 5, 1944

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

OTTO HOUISWOULD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Reference is made to Bureau letter of September 22, 1944, in the above-captioned matter, requesting you to conduct a discreet investigation of subject.

You will recall that Houiswould is alleged to be an international courier for the Soviet Secret Intelligence Service (NKVD), and to formerly have been in charge of the International African Bureau in Berlin, Germany, during 1934.

A review of the Bureau files fails to disclose the receipt of a report. You are requested to place this matter in line for investigative attention, and a report should be submitted in the near future.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Subject, a Netherlands citizen, born Paramaribo, Surinam, Dutch Guiana, 10/28/93. Entered US at NYC 3/1/23, there- after taking a prominent part in African Blood Brotherhood; Workers Party of America; American Negro Labor Congress; the International Labor Defense; the International Labor Aid; the Workers School; the Negro American Labor Party; and other CP activities and organizations. Reported to have attended the Universal Negro Improvement Association Conference in Jamaica in 1929; to have been sent to the International Lenin University in Moscow in 1931; to have worked in the Negro Bureau of the Red International of Labor Unions in Russia; to have managed the production of the "Negro Worker" in Paris in 1933; and to have been placed in charge of the International African Bureau in Berlin in 1934. Subject reported to have travelled for the OGPU in the British colonies under an illegal US passport and to have operated as an international courier on their behalf. Subject returned to US where he attended the 11th National CP Convention in 1940, again departing from NYC on 1/15/41 for Paramaribo, where subsequently interned until October 1942 for Communist activities. HUISWOOD reported presently in contact with wife HERMINA A. HUISWOOD, apartment 20, 408 W. 128th Street, NYC, and with [redacted] Steps requested with I.N.S., Philadelphia, and US Customs, Washington. Description set forth.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter to New York dated September 22, 1944, captioned "OTTO HUISWOUD, INTERNAL SECURITY - R".

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DETAILS:

Investigation in this matter was predicated upon information received from Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, who stated that HUISWOUD was an international courier employed by the OGPU. Inasmuch as there appears to be no former report consolidating and setting forth background information concerning subject, there is being hereinafter set forth in chronological order, insofar as is practicable, information regarding his past activities as obtained from a review of the files in the New York Field Division.

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OTTO HUISWOUD, negro, was born October 28, 1893 at Paramaribo, Surinam, Dutch Guiana, and is a citizen of Holland.

(S) He is reported to have joined the Communist Party in 1919 (Gitlew's book "I Confess", page 522) or 1921 and on March 1, 1923 first entered the United States on the vessel "Ryndam" as a permanent resident, at that time declaring his intention of residing in this country permanently. [In that year, according to [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, he is reported to have been national organizer of the African Blood Brotherhood with headquarters in New York, which information is substantiated by an announcement made shortly after his arrival that one OTTO HUISEWOOD, "a prominent member of the Blood Brotherhood and also a member of the Workers Party of America", would speak on March 25, 1923 at the Machinist Temple, 1239 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on "the oppression of negroes in America", as set forth in reference Bureau letter dated September 22, 1944. (S)(U)

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By 1924 subject had become of such importance in the Party that in a report dated at Chicago on July 15, 1924, entitled "General Communist Activities", an unnamed confidential source was credited with reporting that:

" OTTO HUISWOUD, the foremost leader of the Negro Section of the Workers Party of America, with headquarters in Chicago, was ordered to return to New York to remain there indefinitely. He left for his destination on June 28 (1924). Before leaving he placed one of his supporters in one of the Chicago divisions of the Universal Negro Improvement Association and I am informed that the Central Executive Committee directed him to get in touch with his undercoverman and find out what steps have been taken by the local division toward selecting delegates to the 4th convention of the Universal Negro and Improvement Association to be held in New York commencing August 1 (1924) so that the national office of the Workers Party can outline a course of action

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"and prepare propaganda for dissemination among the delegates. This secret agent reported that the election of delegates to the Garvey convention would be taken up at the meeting of the division at 3335 South State Street on July 2 and promised to send the names to HUISWOUD as soon as they were chosen .....

Shortly thereafter, as set forth in the report of Special Agent John L. Haas, dated June 20, 1925 at New York, entitled "Special Report of Radical Activities in the Greater New York District for Period Month Ending June 30, 1925", an unnamed confidential informant who was also a member of the Negro Branch of the Communist Party, advised that: "OTTO HUISWOUD is now in New York City acting as organizer of negro Communistic groups. This work is said to be financed with funds from Moscow through the Workers Party."

In the report of Special Agent George J. Starr, dated August 18, 1925 at Chicago, entitled "Workers Party of America, General Investigation", one THEODORE BURRELL is quoted as advising that:

" OTTO HUISWOUD of the African Blood Brotherhood, who is very prominent in organizing the (American Negro Labor) Congress, is a member of the Soviet Red Army and has in his possession a Red Army uniform."

Attached to this same report was a photostatic copy of a letter from LOVETT FORT-WHITMAN to AUBREY CLIFFORD MAILEY on the letterhead of the American Negro Congress, on which is printed a list of a "Provisional Committee for Organizing American Negro Congress", under which appears: "OTTO HUISWOUD, African Blood Brotherhood, New York City".

On September 30, 1926 subject married HERMINA "ERMY" ALICIA DUMONT of New York City. She is reported to have been born in New Amsterdam, British Guiana on October 8, 1905 and to have entered the United States November 5, 1919 as a passenger on the "Korona" at New York City, thereafter becoming a citizen of this country by naturalization in the Bronx County, New York Supreme Court on February 17, 1928, receiving naturalization certificate #2703971. She is variously reported by Confidential Informant [ ] to have been seen in the Lenin University in Moscow, to have worked with her husband on a negro left wing trade union paper in Hamburg, Germany; to have made various trips for the Communist Political Association to Russia, Haiti and South America; to have frequented the State and National headquarters of the Communist Party during the period 1936 to 1942; to have been the 1940-1941 Executive Secretary of the Communist Party unit on 125th Street and 8th Avenue in New York City; to have been seen at the headquarters of the Washington Carver School and of the American Labor Party; to have attended meetings in support of Adam Clayton Powell; to have been active in the Negro Labor Victory Committee;

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and to have been working for the Collins Committee. She is presently reported to be residing at apartment 20, 408 W. 128th Street, New York City.

On August 29, 1942 [redacted]

[redacted] submitted information to the effect that OTTO HUISWOUD was a member of the National Election Campaign Committee of the Workers Communist Party in 1928, as well as a member of the American Workers Communist Party, the International Labor Defense, and the International Labor Aid, and was contributing editor of the "Negro Champion", official organ of the American Negro Labor Congress.

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In 1928, as reported by [redacted]

(S) subject was elected an alternate member of the Executive Committee of the Communist International, and in 1929 as a charter member of the Communist Party Boston delegation, signed an appeal sent by the National Convention of the Communist Party of the United States of America to Moscow. (S) (U)

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As set forth in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at New York, January 10, 1944, entitled "New York Workers School; Internal Security - C", the 1928-1929 "Announcement of Courses" set forth among those listed as officers of the (New York) Workers School and a member of the National Advisory Committee, the name of OTTO HUISWOUD.

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In February 1929, as set forth on pages 522, 523 of BENJAMIN GITLOW's book "I Confess", published in 1940 by E. P. Dutton Company, Inc.: "The proletarian chosen by the (national) convention (at New York City to) — appealed to the Comintern against its decisions on the American (Communist) Party — consisted of — OTTO HUISWOUD, a negro Communist, who had been a paid Party official almost from the organization of the Party in 1919 ..... each one of them was a native born American with the exception of HUISWOUD who was a West Indian. However, being a negro was considered a mark of distinction among us."

Such a trip is reflected in the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service at Philadelphia, which revealed that on March 9, 1929 HUISWOUD left New York allegedly for the purpose of travelling and studying in Holland and Germany, and that he re-entered the United States at New York City on June 14, 1929 by virtue of re-entry permit #457641, application #459528. Immigration and Naturalization Service records further reflect that on July 20, 1929 he again departed from New York for the purported purpose of going to the West Indies on business. This trip was apparently made in his capacity as a Comintern agent inasmuch as on page 173 of the book "Harlem: Negro Metropolis", by CLAUDE MC KAY, published in 1940 by E. P. Dutton & Company, Inc., the author in speaking of the International Convention of Negroes in Jamaica in 1929, organized by the negro leader, MARCUS AURELIUS GARVEY, writes: "The Communist Party sent its

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(S) "international carpet-bagger OTTO HUISWOUD, who challenged Garvey to debate whether negroes should join the Comintern. Garvey took up the challenge and speaking on the negative side, won overwhelmingly." This is substantiated by information received from [redacted] that: "HUISWOUD is known to have definite connections with Jamaica. In 1929 he attended the Universal Negro Improvement Association conference there as a delegate from the U.S.A. and later started a Jamaica trade or labor union which subsequently died through lack of support." (S)(u)

Returning from Jamaica HUISWOUD again re-entered the United States at New York on September 16, 1929 by virtue of re-entry permit #514626, application #520483, as reflected in the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service at Philadelphia. However, on February 19, 1930 he again departed from the port of New York for the expressed purpose of going to Jamaica and Dutch Guiana on business for W. A. DOMINGO, 110 W. 143rd Street, New York City, in whose employ he had similarly claimed to be on former departures from the United States. [redacted] (S)(u)

(S) [redacted] advised that upon the arrival of OTTO ERNEST HUISWOUD and his wife in Trinidad from Jamaica on April 11, 1930, he claimed to be travelling as the representative of the American Negro Labor Congress of New York, for the purpose of getting representatives to attend the London conference in July. [redacted] In Trinidad subject was discovered to be a dangerous Bolshevik and Communist agitator and was in consequence ordered by the Inspector General of Constabulary to leave the colony at the earliest possible moment, whereupon he and his wife left Trinidad for Paramaribo Surinam, on April 28, 1930. (S)(u)

The files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service reflect his re-entry in the United States at New York on June 17, 1930, but contain no record of his subsequent departure until January 15, 1941. However, according to the testimony of WILLIAM ODELL NOWELL, negro, and former high-ranking Detroit Communist, before the Committee on Un-American Activities on July 29, 1939, as set forth in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 20, 1942 at New York, captioned "Communist Party, USA, Voorhis Act", HUISWOUD was one of the 26 individuals sent from the United States in 1931 to enter the International Lenin University in Moscow. (S)(u)

(S) [redacted] advised that in 1931 the subject was working in the Negro Bureau of the Red International of Labor Unions in Moscow where he is also reported to have been seen in 1932 by Confidential Informant [redacted] This has confirmation in the further statement of WILLIAM ODELL NOWELL as set forth in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated October 18, 1940 at Detroit, and entitled "Harry Renton Bridges, Communist Activities; Immigration Matter", to the effect that: (S)(u)

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" In the fall of 1931, among American Communist leaders assigned to the Comintern and the Red International of Labor Unions (RILU) was OTTO HUISWOUD, negro of New York."

Also as further stated by NOWELL before the Dies Committee:

" I then recall that (in November 1932) I had to my surprise bumped suddenly into OTTO HUISWOUD and [redacted] in Berlin and that he had a roll of American bills from Moscow and also that he had been in Russia for two years. It became evident that (ROBERT) MINOR, HUISWOUD and [redacted] had contacted one another in Berlin. I recalled also that (GEORGE) PADMORE, negro Communist and at that time head of the International Negro Trade Union Committee in Hamburg, was under fire and that he had been sent to Moscow ostensibly to head a negro colonial delegation at the International Convention of the ILO (MOPR). I had attended the convention and had a meeting with PADMORE and the delegation before leaving Moscow. HUISWOUD's mission in Germany was obviously to get 'evidence' and undermine PADMORE during his absence and also to keep an eye on me in Berlin."

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(S) [redacted] According to information received from [redacted] HUISWOUD, alias CHARLES WOODSON, was sent from Moscow to Paris in 1933 to take over the production of the "Negro Worker" and according to Confidential Informant [redacted] in 1934 HUISWOUD was placed in charge of the International African Bureau in Berlin. (S)(u)

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(S) [Subject was next reported by [redacted] to have been in Trinidad for a few days sometime in 1940 while enroute to Surinam but there is no record of his re-entry into the United States during this period. However, MAURICE MALKIN when interviewed on February 17, 1940, as set forth in the report of Special Agent George J. Starr at New York, dated May 18, 1940 and captioned "Communist Party, USA, Voorhis Act", stated that OTTO HUISWOUD, who also used the name BILLINGS, was travelling for the OGPU in the British colonies under an illegal United States passport. (S)(u)

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When subsequently interviewed on October 21, 1941 at Bureau request (Bureau letter to Chicago dated September 11, 1941), as set forth in the report of Special Agent George J. Starr, dated April 27, 1942 at New York, MALKIN stated that HUISWOUD had also used the name of WOODSEN and was a friend of LOVETT FORT-WHITMAN, as well as the writer of many articles for the Daily Worker. He stated that the subject had been in the United States in 1940 but was now out of the country and suggested that CLAUDE MC KAY, negro poet, be contacted inasmuch as he had been acquainted with the subject. HUISWOUD's presence in the United States during this period is confirmed by confidentially received information set

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out in Bureau letter to all field offices dated October 21, 1941, entitled "Communist Party, USA; Voorhis Act", to the effect that among persons listed as having attended the 11th National Convention at New York City on May 30, 1940 to June 2, 1940 as official delegates was "OTTO HUISWOUD (negro) - He is from New York and is reported to represent Jamaica."

As reflected in the files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Philadelphia, as set forth in Philadelphia letter dated September 29, 1944, the subject received alien registration #4892607, his alien enemy registration form dated December 23, 1940 reflecting he had lived a total of 17 years in the United States. He also stated that he had no membership in any clubs, no military service, was never arrested or indicted for commission of any offense, and within the past five years had not been affiliated with or active in any organization devoted in whole or in part to influencing or furthering the political activities, public relations or public policies of a foreign government. He also stated that he has not applied for United States citizenship papers.

The files further reflect that HERMINA HUISWOUD, subject's wife, mailed his alien enemy registration card back to the Immigration and Naturalization Service with the statement that he had left New York January 15, 1941 on the SS Pygmalion. This was confirmed by a check at the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Ellis Island, New York, by Special Agent [redacted] which reflected on outgoing manifest #8170 that the SS Pygmalion had sailed from the port of New York on January 15, 1941 bound for the ports of Trinidad and Paramaribo. OTTO E. HUISWOUD, age 47, who stated that he had last entered the United States on June 15, 1930, was listed as a passenger enroute to live in Paramaribo, Netherlands Guiana.

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(S) Through [redacted] it was ascertained that subject had stated that he was enroute to Keizerstratt 17, Paramaribo, Surinam, Dutch Guiana, where he expected to visit his family concerning a settlement of family property. At that time the subject advised that he had in the past been employed in the sale of tropical produce for the Mando Trading Company of 223 W. 143rd Street, New York, but for several months prior to his departure from the United States on January 15, 1941 had been unemployed. He advised that he had formerly taken a part in politics supporting the Democrats and the Socialists but was no longer interested. While aboard the Pygmalion subject was found to be in possession of a travel document issued by the Consul General of the Netherlands at New York to OTTO EDUARD GERARDUS MAJELLA HUISWOUD, born in Paramaribo, Surinam on October 28, 1893, which showed his address as 408 W. 128th Street, New York. Among articles found in his possession were the following publications: (S)(u)

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- 1) "The Results of Emancipation" by AUGUSTIN COCHIM, published by Walker Wise & Company at Boston, 1863.
- 2) "The Negro in the Americas", edited by Charles H. Wesley, published by the Graduate School, Howard University, Washington, D. C., 1940.
- (S)(u) 3) "An ABC of International Affairs"; the Penguin Political Dictionary, compiled by WALTER THEIMER and published by Penguin Books, Ltd., Hammondsworth, Middlesex, England.
- 4) "The Negro in the American Revolution" by HERBERT ANTHERKER, published by the International Publishing Company, Inc. (S)(u)
- 5) "The Negro in the Civil War" by HERBERT ANTHERKER, published by the International Publishing Company, Inc.
- 6) "Negro Slave Revolts" - 1526-1860, by HERBERT ANTHERKER, published by the International Publishing Company, Inc.
- 7) "Oration Delivered by FREDERICK DOUGLAS at the Unveiling of the Friedman's Monument in Memory of Abraham Lincoln", published by the Pathway Press, New York.
- 8) "Foreign Policy Reports", issue of August 15, 1940, published by the Foreign Policy Association, Inc., New York.
- 9) "The Rural New Yorker", issue of January 11, 1941, published by the Rural Publishing Company, New York.

On February 8, 1943 information was received from Confidential Informant A, whose identity is known to the Bureau, that OTTO HUISWOOD was interned in Surinam for Communist activities but had been released, in October 1942. This same source advised that subject still receives American negro literature from his wife, whose address is apartment 20, 408 W. 128th Street, New York, which literature was considered by the Dutch censor as undesirable for local consumption. (S)(u)

From available information the subject is described as follows:

Race	Negro
Citizenship	Dutch
Age	51
Born	October 28, 1893 at Paramaribo, Surinam, Dutch Guiana.
Height	5'6 to 5'7½"
Weight	155
Complexion	Brown
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown

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Face	Medium in size
Voice	Intellectual and soft
Marital status	Married
Wife	HERMINA "ARMY" ALICIA DUMONT HUISWOUD
AR No.	4892607
Past addresses	2800 Bronx Park East, New York City; 450 Mott Avenue, New York City; 408 W. 128th Street, New York City.
Past employment	W. A. DOMINGO, 110 W. 143rd Street, New York; Midtown Secretarial Bureau, 2007 7th Avenue, New York; Mando Trading Company, 223 W. 143rd Street, New York City.

A photograph of the subject has been submitted by [redacted] which is apparently a copy of that appearing on page 6 of the October 29, 1928 issue of the Daily Worker.

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The subject's wife, HERMINA "ARMY" ALICIA DUMONT HUISWOUD, whom he married in 1926, is described as follows:

Race	Negro
Age	39
Born	October 8, 1905, New Amsterdam, British Guiana
Citizenship	United States
Naturalized	February 17, 1928 in Bronx County Supreme Court, certificate #2703971.
Height	5'1"
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark

The indices of the Daily Worker and of the reports of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities available in the New York office have been checked for additional information concerning the subject with negative results, as have the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York.

Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, has been recontacted as suggested in reference Bureau letter, but was able to give no further pertinent information concerning subject.

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Mail covers are presently being maintained on the residence of the subject's wife, HERMINA A. HUISWOUD, apartment 20, 408 W. 128th Street, New York City, and on the office of [redacted]

[redacted] with whom the subject is reported by Confidential Informant [redacted] to have been in

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communication. Both of these individuals are the subjects of separate case files in the New York Field Division.

The Philadelphia and Washington Field Division having been requested to place stops with the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the United States Bureau of Customs against the subject's re-entry into the United States, and mail covers having been placed against his reported correspondence in the United States, this case is being placed in a pending inactive status pending receipt by this office of further activity of interest in this matter.

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A copy of this report is being forwarded for the information of the Philadelphia Field Division inasmuch as that office has been requested to place a stop with the Immigration and Naturalization Service against possible future entry of the subject into this country.

Copies of this report have been designated for the San Francisco office inasmuch as this subject is of possible interest in the Comrap case of which that office is office of origin.

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THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York City

(Will, upon receipt of requested authorization from the Bureau, contact the appropriate Netherlands Consular Official for information which may be available in his files concerning the subject's activities.) (S)(u)

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John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

OTTO EDWARD GUERARDUS MAJELLA EYISWOOD,  
with aliases  
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IMMIGRATION MATTERS

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Reference is made to your letter dated February 1, 1945, requesting the Bureau to obtain information from its sources in Surinam, Dutch Guiana, relative to subject's present activities, as well as the reasons for his internment in October of 1942. Referenced letter further requested that the Bureau grant permission for your office to contact the appropriate Netherlands Consular official in New York City for such information as his records may disclose concerning subject's activities. (S)(u)

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Date: February 10, 1945

To: Mr. Richard W. Lawrence  
American Consulate  
Oranjestad, N. W. I.

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: Otto Eduard Gerardus Majella Huiswood, was.  
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Enclosed is a copy of a strictly confidential report of Special Agent [redacted] New York City, dated February 1, 1945, regarding the captioned individual, a Netherlands citizen born in Surinam October 28, 1893, who has been reported to have acted as an international courier for the Russian GPU. The whereabouts of Huiswood are not now known, although in 1941 he was residing at Keizerstatt 17, Paramaribo, Surinam, Dutch Guiana, and was subsequently interned in Surinam for Communist activities, reportedly being released in October, 1942. (S)(u)

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cc - [redacted]

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Port-of-Spain, Trinidad

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

EMG:CT  
100-66924

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: OTTO EDUARD GERARDUS MAJELLA HUISWOOD, was.  
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dated February 1, 1945, at New York City, in the above-captioned matter.b6  
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(S) Inasmuch as the subject is reported to have been a prominent member of the Comintern and to have acted as an international courier for the OGPU (NKVD) [redacted]

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[redacted] For the Bureau's information, it is pointed out that HUISWOOD was last reported (1941) as residing at Keizerstatt 17, Paramaribo, Surinam, D.G., but was subsequently interned in Surinam for Communist activities and released in October of 1942. (S)(u)

The Bureau is further requested to grant to this office permission to contact the appropriate Netherlands Consular Official in New York City for such information as his records may disclose concerning the subject's activities. (S)(u)

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DIRECTOR, FBI

Re: OTTO EDUARD GERARDUS MAJELLA HUISWOOD, was.

*Curaçao* Internal Security - R

Dear Sir:



The Bureau will be advised immediately upon receipt of this  
information from the Attorney General.

Very truly yours,

*Richard W. Lawrence*

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April 27, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

OTTO EDUARD GERHARDUS MAJELLA HULSWOOD, with aliases  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

There are attached for your information copies of a memorandum received through the Bureau's sources at Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, British West Indies, relative to the subject. (U)

*M. Moore*

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Director, FBI

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ON 8-24-99

RE: OTTO EDUARD GERARDUS MAJELLA HUISWOOD,  
with aliases;  
SECURITY MATTER (R)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
[redacted] dated April 3, 1945, at Port-of-Spain, Trinidad,  
B. W. I., in the above entitled case.

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In view of the information contained in reference  
report concerning the subject's location and activities, it  
is suggested that copies of this report be furnished the New  
York Field Division, since that office has been designated the  
office of origin in the domestic field. (254)

Copies of this report are enclosed herewith for that  
purpose.

Very truly yours,

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As requested in referenced Bureau letter, a discreet inquiry was made by Special Agent [redacted] of Naval Intelligence, Trinidad, B.W.I., concerning the subject of this report. Subsequently, the information set out herein was made available to the writer as having emanated from the U. S. Naval Observer in Paramaribo, Surinam. (S) b6 b7C

This report is not being distributed locally in accordance with prior and existing Bureau instructions applicable to this office.

IDENTIFICATION OF SOURCES

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FROM: Postmarked New York (Sta J.) Signed "H"		TO: Mr. O.E. Huiswood Keizerstraat, 17 Boven Paramaribo, Surinam			
LIST: None see note 0-12		LIST: None see note 67443			
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## COMMENT

SI 6713  
INDIVIDUAL IN NEW YORK WRITES TO MAN IN SURINAM TELLING OF CONTACTS WITH PERSONS  
IDENTIFIED BY INITIALS ONLY. MENTIONS SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE AND ASKS ABOUT RACE

Writer uses the salutation "Dear Otto", and says that she is taking a free moment  
to write. She speaks about the recent change in weather and continues:

"It happened that I had a lot of getting about so I was thoroughly exhausted  
by nightfall. However, though really best I took time to visit Uncle, have a  
chat with [ ] and see [ ] who promises faithfully that he'd drop you a line  
today the 21st since you complained of being abandoned."

[ ] asked after you and said he had you in mind constantly- I told him you complained  
of being abandoned and he said all the things I suggested were O.K. but if  
unrealizable immediately would at some time prove that you had friends who have  
not forgotten you but wish you well and will do all to make you comfortable  
when possible. So please be patient. Our Turkish friend [ ] sends regards too.

"Please let me know when you receive [ ] not, I want to see if he kept  
his promise, promptly. The big thing now is preparing for the San Francisco  
meeting in April. Does your radio still function? What about the various  
people I've met? Regards to the family & give Easter greetings. Affect."

## Examiner's Note:

F. B. Y. WATCH LEE

There is a Huiswood or Huiswood Herminia Alica or Nermaine (Dumont)  
(GJ 4601) 208 W 128 St., N.Y.C.

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May 8, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

OTTO HULSWOUD

INTERNAL SECURITY (R)

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There is attached a photostatic copy of a censorship intercept relative to the subject for your information.

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FROM:		TO:			
POSTMARKED: SURINAME SIGNED: OTTO		MRS. H. HUISWOOD 408 WEST 128 STREET, APT. 21 NEW YORK CITY U.S.A.			
LIST: NONE		LIST: GJ 4601 SEE NOTE			
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SI 5965

MAN IN SURINAME WRITES TO WOMAN IN NEW YORK ON TOPICS OF MUTUAL INTEREST, MAKING VARIOUS OBSERVATIONS

Writer using salutation "DEAREST HON" states he was glad to receive addressee's letter dated March 9 as he had been perturbed because he had had no news for two months. He says "later in the day a message from [ ] also reached me," and comments "This is not the first time that word from him came just at the time when the bottom had been reached."

Writer is glad that addressee has made a change for the better in her "occupation" and says "Your statement about the methods employed to recruit workers, makes me reflect on how different the two worlds are in which we live. Here the very opposite has been taking place for some time."

Writer says he dreamed that he and addressee were together and he hopes that the dream will come true soon. He thinks that the war will be over in the autumn and continues,

"The new outfit in PARIS which has just been established and which you mentioned will certainly be second to none in importance. I think that that place will once again become the center of many things important in human affairs."

"It is largely with those thoughts in mind that I expressed the ideas, set forth in my two previous letters to you. I'm awaiting your comment."

Writer sends good wishes to addressee "in your new circle."

He adds "The Folks here are all right." How is [ ] "Please save the stamps."

EXAMINER'S NOTE: 1. There is a HUISWOOD or HUISWOOD, HERMINA ALICA or HERMINA (DURONT) (GJ 4601) 208 W. 128 ST., N.Y.C.

2. NY 398119 covering letter signed "H" postmarked N.Y. (STAT) to MR. O.E. HUISWOOD, KEIZERSTRAAT, 17, BOVIC, PARAGUAY, SURINAME dated MARCH 21, 1945 reveals that "H" wrote to O.E. HUISWOOD telling of contacts made with persons identified by initials only, one of whom, MR. G., promised to write to O.E. HUISWOOD.

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Re: OTTO EDUARD GERARDUS MAJELLA HUISWOOD, was.  
Internal Security - R

Dear Sir:

*Re: Otto Eduard Gerardus Majella Huiswood, was.*

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated February 10, 1945  
(Bureau File 100-333861) concerning the above-captioned individual

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Reference is also made to a letter  
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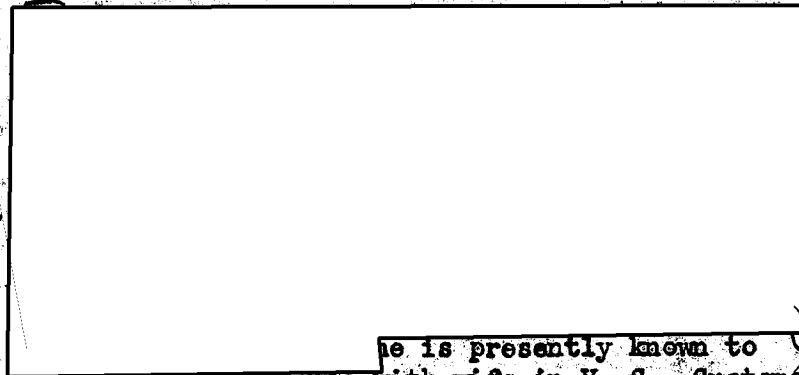
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TITLE <b>OTTO EDUARD GERARDUS MAJELLA HUISWOOD, was: Otto Ernest Huiswood, Otto Huiswoud, Otto Huiswood, Otto Housewoud, Otto Huiswode, Charles Woodson, Woodsen, Billings</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - R IMMIGRATION MATTERS (REFER 5 IS)</b>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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He is presently known to  
be in correspondence with wife in U. S. Customs  
Stops removed, Stop Notice against his reentry  
into U. S. being maintained through INS Phila.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau Files 100-558001 and 64-30457

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED]

New York, 2-1-45.

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DETAILS:

At New York, New York  
Through Confidential Informant T1

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(S) This information has been corroborated in part by Confidential Informant T3, who advised that on March 21, 1945 "H" (in all probability HERMINIA HUISWOOD) directed a letter to O. E. HUISWOOD, Keizerstraat, 17 Boven, Paramaribo, Surinam (where subject is reported by T1 to be residing with his [redacted] in which letter the writer sends the following rather cryptographic message:

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"It happened that I had a lot of getting about so I was thoroughly exhausted by nightfall. However, though really beat I took time to visit Uncle, have a chat with [redacted] and see [redacted] who promises faithfully that he'd drop you a line today the 21st since you complained of being abandoned.

[redacted] asked after you and said he had you in mind constantly. I told him you complained of being abandoned and he said all the things I suggested were O.K. but if unrealizable immediately would at some time prove that you had friends who have not forgotten you but wish you well and will do all to make you comfortable when possible. So please be patient. Our Turkish friend [redacted] sends regards too.

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"Please let me know when you receive [redacted] not, I want to see if he kept his promise, promptly. The big thing now is preparing for the San Francisco meeting in April. Does your radio still function? What about the various people I've met? Regards to the family and give Easter greetings. Affect."

Inasmuch as it appears there is little probability of the subject's effecting an early entry into the United States, and Stop Notice having been retained with the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service at Philadelphia, the Stops previously placed with the United States Bureau of Customs, Washington, D. C., have been removed, and instant case closed until such time as future developments render active investigation in this matter desirable.

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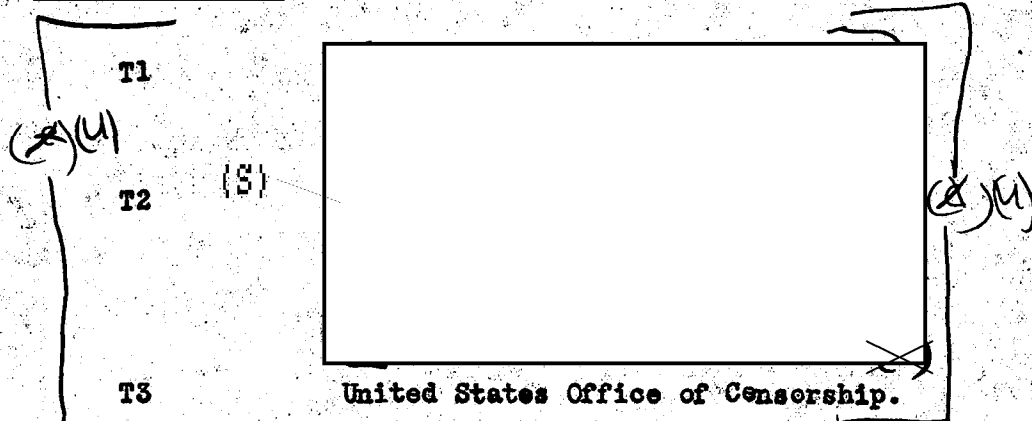
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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants referred to in this report of Special Agent [redacted] New York, 8-22-45, are identified as follows:-

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Temporary confidential informant symbols are being assigned to the above sources of information in order to more fully protect their identity.

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A copy of this report is being designated for the information of the San Francisco Field Division inasmuch as the subject as an alleged NKVD Agent is of interest in the investigation entitled COMINTERN APPARATUS; INTERNAL SECURITY - R, of which San Francisco is the Office of Origin

A copy of this report is also being designated for the information of the Philadelphia Field Division inasmuch as a Stop Notice is being maintained with the headquarters of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in that city.

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SAC, New York

August 18, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

OTTO HULSWOOD, was  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

There are attached for your information photostatic copies of a  
censorship intercept relative to subject.

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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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FROM: Postmarked Suriname Signed Ess (?)		TO: MRS. E. X. HUISWOOD 408 West 128 St. Apt. 20 New York City - 27 U.S.A.	
LIST: None		LIST: GJ 4601 - see note 67440	
Date of communication July 22, 1945	Date of postmark July 23, 1945	Kind of mail	Mail No.
Language English	Previously censored by Suriname A.	Station distribution D.A. F.E.I.	Register No. None
Previous relevant records NY 398119 R NY 399134 R NY 398799 R NY 398666 R	For interoffice use To be photographed Photo No. No	August 1, 1945 To whom photograph is to be sent	DISPOSAL OF ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION H R R. C RS Sent with comment to—
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<p>DR use only</p> <p>SI 7337</p> <p>1-400P</p> <p>1-32</p> <p>(2)</p>	<p><b>COMMENT</b></p> <p>INDIVIDUAL IN SURINAME WRITES TO WOMAN, PROBABLY HIS WIFE, IN NEW YORK, MAKING OBSCURE COMMENTS ON PERSONS, REFERRING TO THEM MOSTLY BY INITIALS.</p> <p>Using the salutation "Dear Toots", writer acknowledges receipt of addressee's "long awaited" letter and uses one page of a two page letter, telling of his chicken raising experiences, of which he says, "As it is I'm using it as a hobby or escape if you like, not wishing to throw any more money away." Writer then says:</p> <p>"Some time ago I had read that ranch friends had some sharp things to say about [redacted] I didn't know it was so far reaching. I must say that some times his pronouncements and ideas were indigestible to me and I often asked myself whether? I shall await the papers for more details."</p> <p>Writer goes on to say that he recognizes his "old friend [redacted] but did not know "he had turned his collar backwards". Writer continues:</p> <p>"Someshow I had to laugh that the Lying Hearted had got stranded. It's just like us. We don't change. When are we going to grow up?"</p> <p>He requests addressee to express his appreciation to [redacted] and friends for their "fine gesture", adding that he recollects helping push [redacted] Tin Lizzie towards Unity.</p> <p>Writer then states,</p> <p>"The total from [redacted] is 180, is that correct? You should get them to understand that they should not wait so long. The last time I heard from [redacted] was at the beginning of April.</p> <p>"I tried several avenues so as not to be entirely dependent on this, but so far I've not had much luck."</p> <p>Writer closes saying that all are awaiting the results of the Big Three Conference.</p> <p>EXAMINER'S NOTE: [redacted]</p>	
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OTTO EDUARD STEPHANUS MAJELLA HUISWOOD, was.,  
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Otto Huiswoud, Otto Huiswood,  
Otto Huiswoud, Otto Huiswood  
Charles Woodson, Otto Holmes  
Otto Ellison, [redacted] Billings and [redacted] Woodson  
HERMINA ALICIA HUISWOOD, nee [redacted], was.,  
Herman Huiswood, [redacted] Huiswood,  
Marie Huiswood and [redacted] Huiswood  
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Reference is made to New York letter of July 9, 1947 captioned "Communist Party, USA - Brief, Internal Security C", which letter reports the results of an interview with a [redacted] which interview was conducted for the purpose of obtaining from him information regarding individuals who might furnish information relating to the early history of the Communist Party. Among the persons suggested by [redacted] was Otto Huiswood and there is enclosed herewith for the New York and Philadelphia Offices a blind memorandum incorporating available information in Bureau files on Otto Huiswood, was.

Except for the information furnished by [redacted] there is no other information in Bureau files that might indicate that Huiswood has severed his Communist connections and it is noted that at least three different sources expressed the opinion that Huiswood was a Soviet Agent.

It is also noted from censorship intercepts that the subject and his wife apparently know of the creation of a Communist International Bureau of coordinating center in Paris prior to the time the Duclos criticism was released in the spring of 1945.

It also appears that his wife is probably still active in Communist matters in New York City. She was last known to reside at Apartment 20, 408 West 128th Street, New York City. Huiswood's last known address in 1945 was Paramaribo, Surinam, Dutch Guiana.

In view of the foregoing information, it is suggested that this case be reopened for the purpose of verifying the address of Mrs. Huiswood and determining the extent of her Communist activities. If deemed feasible, it is also suggested that a 60-day mail cover be placed on Mrs. Huiswood for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not Otto Huiswood has remained outside of this country or whether he has in fact returned to the United States.

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Memo to SAC, New York

Despite the stop placed two years ago with the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Philadelphia Office is requested to recontact that agency to determine whether their records reflect that Otto Huisweed has reentered the United States under his true name or any of his known aliases.

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cc: Philadelphia (Enc.) *Ry*

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July 22, 1947

Re: OTTO EDUARD GERARDUS MAJELLA HUISWOOD, was.,  
Otto Ernest Huiswood, Otto Huiswoud,  
Otto Huiswood, Otto Huiswoud,  
Otto Huiswoud, Otto Huiswood,  
Otto Huiswoud, Otto Huiswood,  
Charles Woodson, Otto Huiswood,  
Otto Wilson, J. Billings and Woodson.

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According to the records of Immigration and Naturalization Service, Otto Huiswood is a negro who was born on October 28, 1893 in Paramaribo, Province of Surinam, Dutch Guiana. He first entered the United States according to these records at the port of New York on March 1, 1923. His Alien Registration number is 4892607. 64-30457-1X1 (Main File)

Despite the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service reflecting that the subject first entered this country on March 1, 1923, it appears that he must have entered prior to that time illegally or under an assumed name for on October 18, 1921 Confidential Informant [ ] reported that Otto Huiswood, of the African Blood Brotherhood, had on that date attended a meeting of the Workers League in New York City. 61-173-2

Informant [ ] reported that Huiswood, whose Party name was Billings, had attended a Communist meeting in New York City June 7 and 8, 1922 and that at the time he was working as the manager of the Toiler Bookstore. 61-167-797

From November 7 to December 3, 1922 he served as a delegate to the Fourth Congress of the Communist International in Moscow under the alias of J. Billings. 100-3-74-199, p 50; 62-23170-141, p.154; 412, 413 and 495. 61-16-412; 71-4937-23. (S)(U)

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During the year 1924, Huiswood was reported to be active in the Workers Party in the Chicago area, but in July of that year he allegedly was transferred from Chicago back to New York City. 61-3963-71; 61-3963-17,17,27,33, 46, 49 and 50.

In 1925 an unnamed source stated that Huiswood was one of the organizers of the American Negro Labor Congress. In October 1925, Huiswood was elected a member of the General Executive Board of the National Negro Labor Congress. 61-167-2451, p48; 62-23170-147, p 47 and 523. 61-5941-3 p 10.

In 1928 Otto Huiswood was listed as a member of the National Advisory Committee of the Workers School. 100-155439-61 p 71.

In 1928 he served as a delegate to the Sixth Congress of the Communist International held in Moscow and according to the International Press Correspondence issue of September 14, 1928, he was elected an alternate of the Executive Committee of the Communist International. 62-23170-147, p 411, 143, 245; 61-7582 Volume 11, p 7146.

According to an unnamed informant, Huiswood attended meetings of the Political Committee of the Central Executive Committee of the Communist Party during November and December 1928 and according to Informant [redacted] he was elected a member of the Central Executive Committee of the Communist Party at the Sixth Convention held March 10, 1929. 100-3-25-424; 61-167-2587.

He was also a member of the National Committee of the International Labor Defense at this time. 61-7347-271 p 8.

From 1929 to about 1938 Huiswood spent considerable time out of the United States. It is known that he sailed from New York on March 9, 1929 and reentered on June 14, 1929 under reentry permit #457641. He again left New York on July 20, 1929, returning September 16, 1929 under reentry permit #514626. The first trip was said to be to Holland and Germany and the second trip was said to be to the West Indies. On February 19, 1930 He again left New York to go to Jamaica and Dutch Guiana on business, returning June 17, 1930 under reentry permit #565123, according to the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. It is noted that at the time he made the foregoing trips he stated he was in the employ of W. A. Domingo. According to Bureau files Domingo is a Jamaican negro who was very active in Communist front organizations from 1919 to 1941, at which time he returned to Jamaica. Domingo had allegedly received training in Moscow in 1931. 64-30457-1x1; 65-35099-23

The Attorney General for the Netherlands West Indies advised that Huiswood was expelled from Jamaica in 1931 and shortly thereafter he was expelled from the Port of Spain because he was considered as being a dangerous Communist. 64-30457-9

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William Odell Nowell advised that he saw Huiswood at the Lenin School in Moscow in 1931 or 1932 and that shortly thereafter he again saw him in Berlin, Germany. Huiswood while in Moscow was allegedly working for the Negro Bureau of the Red International of Labor Unions. Dies Committee Report, Volume 11, p 7030. 100-351123-1, p 28; 64-30457-1.

[REDACTED] 64-30457-1  
In 1934, according to [REDACTED] Huiswood was in charge of the International African Bureau in Berlin. [REDACTED] also stated that he had seen Huiswood in Moscow in 1931 or 1932 and that he believed him to be an International courier for the OGPU. He also stated that Huiswood had been in communication with [REDACTED] and a reported Communist. 64-30457-1X; 100-203581-3735X

Maurice Malkin, a former Communist Party member has also advised that Huiswood was traveling for the OGPU. 61-7559-614, p 42.

An unnamed informant of the Work Projects Administration also advised that Huiswood, with aliases Holswood, Billings and Wilson was an OGPU Agent. 100-41954-5

The "Negro Worker" issues of March 1936 and March 1937, published in Paris, France reflect that its editor and chief was Charles Woodson and that it was the official organ of the International Trade Union Committee of the negro workers. 61-7559-1224-19384.

According to the "Daily Worker" of April 1, 1939, Charles Woodson "recently returned from eight years study of the colonial question in various centers in Europe". The article further stated that he was to be an instructor at the Harlem Peoples' School, which was an affiliate of the Workers School. 61-756B-71X2

According to an unnamed informant of G-2, Huiswood on May 31, 1940 attended a secret session of the Eleventh National Convention of the Communist Party of the United States. This source also advised that on July 17 and 18, 1940 Huiswood attended a Communist Conference in New York City on Latin American affairs. 61-7559-8714; 61-1058-17

In July 1940, Charles R. Woodson, a colored Communist, was reported by postal authorities as being employed at that time by the New York and Washington Railroad Post Office. Except for the similarity in name, no other facts were furnished to indicate this employee was identical with the subject. 101-4772

(S) According to the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Huiswood left the United States on January 15, 1941. [REDACTED]

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His last known residence was Keizerstratt, 17, Paramaribo, Surinam, Dutch Guiana.

According to information furnished by the Office of Censorship, a letter dated March 23, 1945, signed "Otto", postmarked at Surinam, was addressed to Mrs. H. Huiswoud, 408 West 128th Street, Apartment 21, New York City. The following paragraph quoted from that letter would tend to indicate that prior to the time that the Duclos criticism of Earl Browder was made, Huiswoud and his wife were aware that a new Communist Committee or directing organization of some importance had been established in Paris, France:

"The new outfit in Paris which has just been established and which you mention will certainly be second to none in importance. I think that that place will once again become the center of many things important in human affairs." 64-30457-8

The Office of Censorship subsequently advised that a letter dated July 22, 1945 postmarked at Surinam and signed [REDACTED] (?) was addressed to Mrs. H. Huiswoud, 408 West 128th Street, Apartment 20, New York City. The following paragraph quoted from that letter is of interest as it appears to refer to the Duclos criticism:

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"Some time ago I had read that French friends had some sharp things to say about [REDACTED] I didn't know it was so far reaching. I must say that sometimes his pronouncements and ideas were indigestible to me and I often ask myself whether? I shall await the papers for more details." 64-30457-11

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(S) [REDACTED] 64-30457-6

Huiswoud is described as follows:

Born	October 28, 1893 in Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana
Race	Negro
Height	5' 6"
Weight	155 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Marital Status	Married Hermina Alicia Dumont, September 30, 1926 in New York City.

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Huiswood's wife, whom he married in New York on September 30, 1926, as previously mentioned, was born in British Guiana on October 8, 1905, and she entered this country on November 5, 1919. She is described as follows:

Race	White (?) She is often referred to as a negro Communist.
Height	5' 1"
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark.

She was naturalized in the Bronx County Supreme Court February 17, 1928, receiving Certificate Number 2,703,941. Informant [ ] advised that Mrs. Huiswood has made various trips to Russia, Haiti and South America in behalf of Communism and that on one occasion he saw her in the Lenin School in Moscow. He also stated that she frequented the State and National Headquarters of the Communist Party from 1936 to 1942 and that in 1940 and 1941 she served as the Executive Secretary of a Communist Party unit located at the corner of 125th Street and 8th Avenue, New York City. She is believed to reside at Apartment 20, 408 West 128th Street, New York. 64-30457-2 p3; 100-296500-74 - 28.

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Informant [ ] reported that Mrs. Huiswood was a well-known negro Communist, allegedly active in International Communist matters and that she was a member of the staff of the George Washington Carver School about 1941. 100-344951-1

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According to the "Daily Worker" of May 5, 1945, which contained a group picture of the Staff of the George Washington Carver School, "Hermie" Dument was an Administrative Assistant at this school. It was later reported that in October, 1945 she was serving as the Public Relations Secretary of that school. 100-293468-10; 100-296500-172

By letter of July 9, 1947 captioned "Communist Party, USA - Brief, Internal Security C", the New York Office reported an interview of [ ] which was conducted for the purpose of obtaining from him information regarding individuals who might furnish information relating to the early history of the Communist Party. Among the individuals suggested by [ ] according to this letter, was Otto Huiswood, whom he described as "A negro who recently broke with the Communist Party." There is no corroborating information in Bureau files that would indicate that Huiswood has severed his relations with the Communist Party.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: August 13, 1947

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA

SUBJECT: OTTO EDWARD GERARDUS MAJELLA HUISWOOD, WAS.;  
HERMINA ALICIA HUISWOOD, WAS.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Rebulet to New York, dated July 22, 1947.

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[Redacted] Central Office, Immigration & Naturalization Service, Philadelphia, caused the indices of that office to be searched under the name OTTO EDWARD GERARDUS MAJELLA HUISWOOD, and all his known aliases, in an attempt to determine if he has re-entered the United States.

The results of this search were negative.

Consolidated File #4892607, which pertains to HUISWOOD, was reviewed and no further information appears therein, other than that set out in a letter to the Director, from this office, with a copy for New York, dated September 29, 1944.

It was determined that the lookout notice placed with the Immigration Service on February 15, 1945, is still in effect.

This case is RUC.

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cc New York

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

SEPTEMBER 9, 1947

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*to* Transmit the following message to:

SAC  
NEW YORK

OTTO EDUARD GERARDUS MAJELLA HUISWOOD, WAS, ET AL, IS-R. REBOULET JULY  
TWENTY-TWO, FORTY-SEVEN. SUTEL.

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Per *RW*

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OTTO EDWARD GERMARUS MAJELLA EUSTOOD, was.;  
HERMINA ALICIA EUSTOOD, nee DUMONT, was.;  
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Reurtel September 10, 1947.

Please be advised that an inquiry has been requested regarding the  
identity of "Dr. Celestino Hernandez, Candelera #5, St. Clara, Cuba".

For your information, a review of the Bureau's files discloses the  
following which may be of interest to you.

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Information is also contained in the Bureau files that one Celestino  
Hernandez Robau was reported among a group of active Communist leaders and  
propagandists who were residents or were operating in the Province of Santa Clara,  
Cuba. Celestino Hernandez Robau was listed as the Communist candidate for the  
Congreso Provincial in the July, 1940 elections. (100-1206-A-9)

Similar information was received that Celestino Hernandez Robau, Las  
Villas, Cuba was a Communist Party candidate in July, 1940 in Cuba. (64-1204-D-17)  
(64-1204-D-6)

Information was received that on April 11, 1945, one Celestino  
Hernandez was scheduled to arrive at Miami, Florida via Pan American Airways  
from San Juan, Puerto Rico. (100-161920)

[redacted] stated that among the principal representatives at-  
tending the convention of the provisional formation of the Mexican Communist  
Party in September, 1919 was [redacted] representing  
the syndicate "El Carro" of Ensenanzas. [redacted]

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For the information and possible assistance of the Los Angeles Office,  
which office is presently conducting an inquiry to identify [redacted]

with whom Hermina Eustood at-

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developed at the time of his entry into the United States from China on October 23, 1946, that he had a [redacted] residing at [redacted]

[redacted] In the course of this investigation it was also noted that in 1945 [redacted] then in the United States, communicated with [redacted] at [redacted] It will be recalled that [redacted] was the subject of considerable investigative activity by this Bureau until his departure from the United States for China in July, 1947. An investigation of [redacted] was predicated on information concerning his Communist affiliations in China. [redacted]

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[redacted] are subjects of a separate Security Matter - C investigation in the Los Angeles Office. The latest available address for [redacted] is [redacted] It therefore would appear that [redacted] may be the [redacted] Specific attention is called to this matter because of the pro-Russian background and Russian residence of [redacted] and her [redacted]

Further reference is made to the Bureau's letter to the New York Office dated July 22, 1947. In the memorandum which accompanied this letter considerable information was set forth concerning the long time Communist affiliation of Otto Huiswood and the international character of this association. Particular reference is directed to the fact that Huiswood apparently knew of the creation of a Communist International Bureau or coordinating center in Paris prior to the time the Ducloux criticism was released in the Spring of 1945.

For these reasons the Bureau feels that this investigation should continue. All efforts should be made to develop any information which might indicate that Hermine Huiswood may be acting in the international Communist movement as a mail drop or courier. It is suggested that the mail cover on Hermine Huiswood be continued and that efforts be expended to develop a confidential source who will have access to the personal effects of the Huiswoods. In conducting this investigation the New York Office should consider the feasibility of a spot check surveillance of Hermine Huiswood, particularly immediately after receipt of letters by her from outside the United States.

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OTTO EDUARD GERARDUS MAJELLA HUISWOOD, WAS, ET AL, ISR. REBULET

JULY TWENTY TWO LAST AND RUTEL SEPT. NINE LAST. HERMINA ALICIA

HUISWOOD PRESENTLY RESIDING APARTMENT TWENTY, FOUR HUNDRED EIGHT

WEST ONE TWENTYEIGHTH STREET, NYC, UNDER NAME H. DUMONT. RESULT OF

MAIL COVER REFLECTED CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO HERMIE DUMONT FROM

JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE, FIVE SEVENTYFIVE AVENUE OF THE

AMERICAS, NYC., DR. CELESTINA HERNANDEZ, CANDALARA NUMBER FIVE,

ST. CLARA, CUBA., AND CAMPA NAVARETTA, MIAMI, FLA. A LETTER WAS

RETURNED TO DUMONT WHICH SHE HAD SENT TO [REDACTED]

CORRESPONDENCE TO DATE TO INDICATE WHEREABOUTS OF OTTO HUISWOOD.

NY FILES FAIL TO INDICATE THAT HUISWOOD HAS SEVERED HIS RELATIONS WITH

CP. LAST INFO ON SUBJECT WAS LETTER MADE AVAILABLE BY [REDACTED]

WHICH WAS DATED APRIL NINE, FORTYSEVEN, ADDRESSED TO COMRADE

[REDACTED] FROM ISRAEL AMTER, WHEREIN AMTER STATED HE HAD MET HUISWOOD

IN HAVANA. AMTER RELATED THAT HUISWOOD AND HIS WIFE DESIRED TO

RETURN TO THE NETHERLANDS. MRS. HUISWOOD WAS UNDERSTOOD BY AMTER

TO BE VERY ACTIVE IN THE CP. ABOVE INFO WAS FURNISHED THE BUREAU

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BY COVER LETTER JUNE TWO, FORTYSEVEN. BUREAU REQUESTED TO CHECK  
ITS SOURCES TO IDENTIFY DR. CELESTINA HERNANDEZ AND DETERMINE  
WHETHER THIS INDIVIDUAL HAS ANY CONNECTION WITH THE CP OR THE SOVIET  
GOVERNMENT. (S)(A)(U) THE MIAMI AND LOS ANGELES OFFICES ARE BEING REQUESTED  
TO ASCERTAIN THE IDENTITIES OF THE CORRESPONDENTS OF DUMONT IN THEIR  
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Date: September 23, 1947

To: Legal Attache  
Havana, Cuba

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From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: OTTO EDWARD GERARDUS MAJELLA HUISWOOD, with aliases,  
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Otto Huiswood, Otto Huiswood, Otto Huiswood,  
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Otto Huiswood, Otto Huiswood, Otto Huiswood,  
Otto Huiswood, Otto Huiswood, Otto Huiswood,  
HERMINA ALICIA HUISWOOD, nee HUISWOOD, with aliases,  
Hermine Huiswood, Mary Huiswood, Marie Huiswood and  
Hugonia Huiswood;  
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The Bureau is presently conducting an investigation of Otto Huiswood and his wife, Hermine Huiswood, and in this connection it will be noted that there is some indication that Hermine Huiswood may be acting as a mail drop in international Communist matters.

For your information, the following data concerning the background of Otto Huiswood is available in the Bureau's files:

He was born October 25, 1893 in Paramaribo, Province of Surinam, Dutch Guiana. He first entered the United States allegedly on March 1, 1943. However, there is some information that his entry here was prior to that time and it is noted that on October 18, 1934, it was reported that Otto Huiswood of the African Blood Brotherhood had attended a meeting of the Workers League in New York City. It was further disclosed that Huiswood, whose Party name was Billings, attended a Communist meeting in New York City on June 7 and 8, 1934. It will be noted that he served as a delegate to the Fourth Congress of the Communist International in Moscow under the alias of J. Billings from November 7 to December 2, 1934. In 1935 information was received that Otto Huiswood was the National Organizer of the African Blood Brotherhood and a member of the Workers Party. In 1935 an unnamed source stated that Huiswood was one of the organizers of the American Negro Labor Congress. In 1935 he was listed as a member of the National Advisory Committee of the Workers League and during that same year served as a delegate to the Fifth Congress of the Communist International held in Moscow and was elected an alternate of the Executive Committee of the

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Communist International. He was elected a member of the Central Executive Committee of the Communist Party at its Sixth Convention held March 10, 1929. From 1929 to 1930 Huiswood spent considerable time out of the United States. He was expelled from Jamaica by the Attorney General of the Netherlands West Indies in 1931 and shortly thereafter was expelled from the Port of Spain because he was considered a dangerous Communist. In 1931 or 1932, William O'Neil-Nowell advised that he saw Huiswood at the Lenin School in Moscow and shortly thereafter saw him in Berlin, Germany. Huiswood, while in Moscow, was allegedly working for the Negro Bureau of the Red International of Labor Unions. In 1934 it was reported that Huiswood was in charge of the International African Bureau in Berlin. Huiswood allegedly left the United States on January 15, 1941. Subsequently, the authorities in Dutch Guiana advised that he had been interned by them on January 31, 1941 and was released on September 25, 1942. His last known residence is Keizerstratt 17, Paramaribo, Surinam, Dutch Guiana.

The New York Office has advised that a letter made available by Confidential Informant [redacted] dated April 9, 1947, addressed to Comrade [redacted] from Israel Anter, mentions that Anter met Huiswood in Havana, Cuba. (S)(u)

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You are requested to check through your available sources or through CIG and determine if Huiswood is or was recently in Havana, and if possible ascertain the nature of his activity there. (S)(u)

Further, it will be noted that a mail cover on the residence of Marina Huiswood, 408 West 126th Street, New York City, disclosed that she was in receipt of a letter from a Dr. Celestina Hernandez, Candelaria #5, St. Clara, Cuba. You are requested, through available sources or CIG, if possible to determine the identity of Dr. Celestina Hernandez and also to determine whether this person has any connection with the Communist Party or the Soviet Government. For your possible assistance in this regard, the Bureau files disclose the following:

In the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 13, 1946 at Havana, Cuba, captioned "Partido Socialista Popular" (Popular Socialist Party); Security Matter - C, it was stated that the Communists were instrumental in calling a National Congress of Negro Societies in 1944. This was known as the "Congreso Nacional de Sociedades Negras". At this congress the National Executive Committee of the Negro Societies was chosen and among the members was a Dr. Celestina Hernandez. The source of this information was Confidential Informant [redacted] (S)(u)

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In a letter made available by the Department of State directed to the Honorable George S. Messersmith, American Ambassador at Havana, Cuba, on November 1, 1940 by Herman C. Vegenitz, American Vice Consul, Cienfuegos, Cuba, he furnished a list of active Communist leaders and

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propagandists who are residents of, or operating in, the Province of St. Clara. Under the heading "Communist Candidates for Consejeros Provinciales in July, 1940 Elections" was listed the name of Celestino Hernandez Robau. Information also furnished by the Department of State consisting of a list of names sent out by George P. Shaw, American Consul, Mexico, D. F. on March 26, 1941, included the name of Celestino Hernandez Robau, Las Villas, Cuba, Communist Party Candidate, July, 1940 in Cuba.

On April 11, 1945 one Celestino Hernandez was scheduled to arrive in Miami, Florida via Pan American Airways from San Juan, Puerto Rico.

According to [redacted] among the principal representatives attending the convention of the Provisional Formation of the Mexican Communist Party in September, 1919, was [redacted] representing the syndicate "El Carro" of Zacatecas.

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OTTO EDUARD GERARDUS MAJELLA HUISWOOD, WAS, ET AL, IS R. REMYTEL  
SEPT. TEN LAST. AIRMAIL LET ADDRESSED TO MISS HERMIE DUMONT, FOUR  
HUNDRED EIGHT WEST ONE TWO EIGHT ST., NYC. REFLECTED SENDER HUISWOOD,  
KEIZER STRATT SEVENTEEN, PARAMARIBO, SURINAM. THIS LETTER WAS POST-  
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RE: OTTO EDUARD GERARDUS MAJELLA HUISWOOD,  
with aliases;  
HERMINA ALICIA HUISWOOD, Nee DUMONT,  
with aliases  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

HERMINA ALICIA

Dear Sir:

Rebulet dates September 23, 1947, and New York letter to Miami dated September 10, 1947, in which Los Angeles was requested to identify [redacted]

Investigation reflected that there is no such address as [redacted] but a neighborhood investigation in the vicinity of [redacted] reflected that according to [redacted] house boy was employed by a [redacted] at [redacted]

[redacted] was interviewed and furnished the following information concerning [redacted] who had been employed in their house as a part time servant from February, 1947, until July of this year. [redacted] was associated with a student organization at the University of California, at Los Angeles, which school [redacted] attended. This group, according to some of the literature which [redacted] brought home, was deemed by [redacted] as being very "pinkish and left wing."

[redacted] had had political discussions with [redacted] from the very day he entered the house, and everything that he said along political lines was definitely left wing. After several months of [redacted] political discussions, [redacted] attempted to pin him down as to whether or not he was a member of the Communist Party. He said that he was not a member of the Party but stated "I think Communism is the thing for Russia and China but not this country."

[redacted] knew from comments that [redacted] had made that he had an [redacted] residing in Hollywood, California. [redacted] name was [redacted] and was a dancer. Her husband was a writer by the name of [redacted] mentioned other relatives to [redacted] usually after receiving mail from abroad. Among these was an uncle in London and his father in Shanghai. There was other foreign mail but [redacted] always commented that it was from relatives and did not identify them further. He talked at some length about his



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Inasmuch as no further investigation remains to be conducted by the Los Angeles Office, this matter is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Hood*  
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From: J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: OTTO EDUARD GERARDUS MAJELLA HUISWOOD, with aliases,  
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Otto Houswoud, Otto Huiswede, Otto Huiswood,  
Otto Huiswoud, Otto Houswoud, Charles Woodson,  
Otto Holmes, Otto Wilson, J. Billings and Woodson

Recent information was received from a confidential source that Otto Huiswood was en route from Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana to Amsterdam, Holland.

The following background data regarding Huiswood is being set forth for your information:

He was born October 26, 1893 in Paramaribo, Province of Surinam, Dutch Guiana. Allegedly Huiswood first entered the United States on March 1, 1923, however, there is some information that his entry was prior to that time. On October 18, 1921, Otto Huiswood, of the African Blood Brotherhood, reportedly attended a meeting of the Workers League in New York City. It was further reported that Huiswood, whose party name was Billings, attended a Communist meeting in New York City on June 7 and 8, 1922. Huiswood served as a delegate to the Fourth Congress of the Communist International in Moscow, using the name of J. Billings in 1922. Information was received that in 1923 Otto Huiswood was the National Organizer of the African Blood Brotherhood and was a member of the Workers Party. Reportedly in 1925 he was one of the organizers of the American Negro Labor Congress. In 1928 Huiswood was listed as a member of the National Advisory Committee of the Workers School and during the same year served as a delegate to the Sixth Congress of the Communist International held in Moscow. At this Congress, he was elected an alternate on the Executive Committee of the Communist International. From 1929 to 1938 he spent considerable time out of the United States.

In 1931 he was expelled from Jamaica by the Attorney General of the Government of Jamaica. Shortly thereafter was expelled from the Port of Spain because he was considered a dangerous Communist. Some time in 1931 or

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1932 Huiswood was in Moscow at the Lenin School and while in the U.S.S.R. was allegedly working for the Negro Bureau of the Red International of Labor Unions. In 1934 it was reported that Huiswood was in charge of the International African Bureau in Berlin. He left the United States on January 15, 1941. [Subsequently it was ascertained that he was interned at Dutch Guiana on January 31, 1941 and was released from internment on September 25, 1942. Since that time information was received that he resided at Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana.] *His address at this time was P.O. Box 477.* 12 p 3 PR 6, 8

Huiswood is married to Hermina Alicia Huiswood, nee Dumont. They were married in New York City, September 30, 1926. She presently resides at 408 West 128th Street, Apartment 20, New York City, and it has been established that she is in regular correspondence with her husband. A confidential source has advised that Mrs. Huiswood is a well known Negro Communist, allegedly active in International Communist matters. She is the subject of an investigation presently being conducted by this Bureau.

During the investigation of Mrs. Huiswood through censorship intercepts, language was noted which tended to indicate that Otto Huiswood and his wife were aware of the creation of a Communist International Bureau or coordinating center in Paris, France, and that they were aware of the existence of such a group prior to the time that the Duclos criticism of the policies of Karl Browder was released.

In view of the active investigation being conducted concerning Hermina Huiswood, this Bureau would appreciate receiving any information coming to your attention regarding the Communist and Soviet activities of Otto Huiswood while he is in Holland. (S)

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LETTER ADDRESSED TO MISS H. DUMONT, FOUR NAUGHT EIGHT W. ONE

TWO EIGHT ST., NYC FROM O. HUISWOOD, CARE OF S. S. COTTICA,

POSTMARKED, PORT AU SPAIN, TRINIDAD, BWI. SS COTTICA SAILED FROM

PARAMARIBO, DUTCH GUIANA, OCT. EIGHTEEN LAST, ENROUTE AMSTERDAM,

HOLLAND, WHERE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE OCT. THIRTY. [SUGGEST BUREAU CONTACT

ITS SOURCES IN HOLLAND TO CHECK HUISWOODS ACTIVITIES THERE.]

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DATE: December 2, 1947

TO: Director  
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2430 R Street, Northwest  
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FROM: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

SUBJECT: OTTO EDUARD GERARDUS MAJELLA HUISWOOD, was.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Reference is made to my letter dated November 24, 1947, in the above captioned matter, wherein I advised that information had been received by this Bureau that Otto Huiswood was enroute from Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana, to Amsterdam, Holland.

It has now been determined that Hermina Huiswood, wife of the subject, received a letter from him reflecting the return address of Grevelingen Straat 141, Amsterdam, Holland.

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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subjects: OTTO EDWARD GERARDUS MAJELLA HUISWOOD, was,  
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In connection with the pending investigation of Hermine  
Alicia Huiswood, it has recently been determined that she has  
received correspondence from [redacted]  
and from one [redacted]

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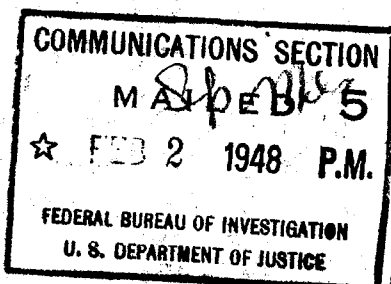
In regard to this matter, you will no doubt recall the  
information concerning the above-captioned subjects which was  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 10, 1948

FROM : SAC, New York

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ON 04-04-2008

SUBJECT: OTTO EDUARD GERARDUS MAJELLA HUISWOOD, was;  
HERMINA ALICIA HUISWOOD, nee Dumont, was;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
Bu file 64-30457.

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Re report of SA [ ] dated 1/10/48, at New York, wherein it is noted that the following individuals corresponded with the subject DUMONT:

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The Bureau is requested to check its sources to identify [ ] and [ ] and to determine whether these individuals have any connection with the Communist Party or the Soviet Government.

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ReBulet 9/23/47, wherein it was suggested that efforts be expended to develop a confidential source who will have access to the personal effects of the subjects.

In the report of SA [ ] dated 1/10/48, at New York, it is noted that [ ] at 408 West 128 Street, the residence of DUMONT, was interviewed under pretext at which time he advised that DUMONT has a five room apartment at that address and rents out three rooms to three colored men. [ ] was unable to furnish the name, background, occupation or movements of any of these men.

It is to be noted that 408 West 128 Street is in the heart of the Harlem District in New York City, which is the exclusive residence of negroes only, consequently it is not deemed advisable to enter the premises of the subject.

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Date: February 6, 1948

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To: The Legal Attache  
American Embassy  
Havana, Cuba

From: The Director, FBI

Subject: OTTO EDWARD GERARDUS MAJELLA HUISWOOD, was  
HERMINE ALICIA HUISWOOD, nee DUMONT, was  
INTERNAL SECURITY (R)

Reference is made to the Bureau's letter of September 23, 1947, captioned as above. Therein it was requested that you check your available sources or through the CIA attempt to determine if Otto Huiswood was in Habana and the nature of his activities there. It was also requested that you endeavor to determine the identity of one Dr. Celestina Hernandez who was a correspondent of Hermine Huiswood. (S)

To date no information has been received from you concerning these inquiries. It is requested that you make every effort to ascertain the information requested and advise the Bureau immediately. (S)

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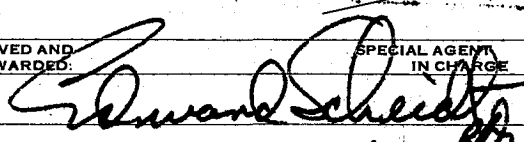
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TITLE <b>OTTO EDUARD GERARDUS MAJELLA HUISWOOD, was. Otto Ernest Huiswood, Otto Ernest Huiswood, Otto Huiswould, Otto Huiswood, Otto Housewould, Otto Huiswode, Otto Huiswood, Otto Huiswould, Otto Huisewood, Charles Woodson, Otto Holmes, Otto Wilson, Woodsen, J. Billings;</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - R</b>	
<p><b>HERMINA ALICIA HUISWOOD, nee Dumont, was. Hermina Alicia Huiswoud, Hermie Huiswood, Ermy Huiswood, Maria Huiswood, Eugenia Huiswood, H. Dumont</b></p>				
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Subject OTTO HUISWOOD, presently in Amsterdam, Holland. His wife resides at 408 W. 128 St., N.Y.C. under name of H. DUMONT. Confidential Informant could furnish no information regarding Communist Party activities of DUMONT. I&amp;NS records reflect HERMINA A. DUMONT arrived at New York 11/5/19 from British Guiana, and naturalized 2/17/28 in Bronx County, New York Supreme Court under name of HERMINA ALICIA HUISWOOD. Results of mail cover set forth.</p>				
<p><b>NO STATISTICS</b></p> <p><b>FEB 24 9 41 AM '48</b></p>				
<p><b>ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.</b></p> <p><b>Classified by 8/10/84</b> <b>Declassify on: OADR</b></p> <p><b>-P-</b></p>				
<p><b>REFERENCE:</b></p> <p>Bureau file 64-30457. Bureau letters, 7/22/47, and 9/23/47. Los Angeles letter to Bureau, 10/29/47. New York teletype to Bureau, 11/25/47.</p> <p><b>CLASSIFIED BY 60274H/SP/CE/PC</b> <b>DECLASSIFY ON: 25X 46</b></p> <p><b>APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF DATE 2/18/83 bml</b></p>				
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**DETAILS:**

This case was reopened pursuant to Bureau letter of July 22, 1947, wherein it was noted that as a result of an interview with [redacted] which interview was conducted for the purpose of obtaining from him information regarding individuals who might furnish information as to the early history of the Communist Party, the name of OTTO HULSWOOD was suggested by [redacted]

The New York files failed to indicate that HUISWOOD has severed his relations with the Communist Party. The last information on the subject was a letter made available by Confidential Informant [ ] dated April 9, 1947, which was addressed to COMRADE [ ] from ISRAEL AMTER, wherein AMTER said he had met HUISWOOD in Havana. AMTER related that HUISWOOD and his wife desired to return to the Netherlands. MRS. HUISWOOD was understood by AMTER to be very active in the Communist Party. (C)(U)

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Investigation at 408 West 128 Street, New York City, reflected that MRS. HUISWOOD is presently residing at that address in apartment 20-B under the name of H. DUMONT, which is her maiden name. Accordingly, a mail cover was placed against her name.

On September 6, 1947, an air mail letter was received by DUMONT which had been postmarked Paramaribo, September 2, 1947, reflecting the sender as HUISWOUD, Keizer Straat 17, Para Surinan. Letters reflecting the above address were also received by DUMONT on September 17, October 10, and October 21, 1947.

On October 23, 1947, a letter was received by DUMONT with the return address O. HUISWOOD, care of SS Cottica, postmarked Port au Spain, Trinidad, BWI. Inspector [redacted] Ships Movements Division of the U. S. Customs, New York City, advised that the SS Cottica sailed from Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana, on October 18, 1947, enroute to Amsterdam, Holland, where it was expected to arrive October 30, 1947. On November 20, 1947, a letter was received by DUMONT from HUISWOOD reflecting his return address as Grevelingen Straat 141, Amsterdam, Holland.

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The mail cover also reflected that DUMONT received correspondence from the following:

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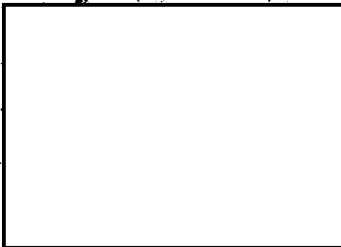
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575 Avenue of Americas  
New York City

~~X~~ INTER AMERICANO CLUB CUBANO  
914 Prospect Avenue  
Bronx 59, New York

~~X~~ ROOM 416  
1560 Amsterdam Avenue  
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(The New York City Telephone directory lists one   
 at that address)



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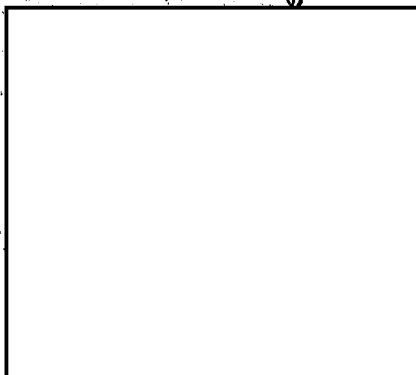
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~~MODELING AGENCY~~  
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New York City

~~INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER~~  
80 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

~~AMERICAN RUSSIAN FRATERNAL SOCIETY~~  
~~of the INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER, INC.~~  
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(No name of sender, [redacted])



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(It is to be noted that background information pertaining to [redacted]  
[redacted] was furnished by the Los Angeles office by letter dated October  
29, 1947, a copy of which was furnished the San Francisco office.)



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~~DR. CELESTINA HERNANDEZ~~  
Candelbara #5  
St. Clara, Cuba

*file off copy*  
*cc to [redacted] (u)*  
(The Bureau was requested to check the above name, by teletype dated  
September 10, 1947.)

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~~X~~ CAMPA NAVARETTA  
Miami, Florida

(By letter dated October 10, 1947, the Miami office advised that a check of all logical sources of information have failed to reveal the whereabouts of Campa Navaretta. It was also unknown to Communist informants of the Miami office.)

~~X~~ Confidential Informant [ ] advised SA [ ] that he had no information regarding the activities of DUMONT within the Communist Party. The last known activity of DUMONT was as an instructor in the GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL in New York City, which has since closed.

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Confidential Informant [ ] furnished the following description of HERMINA DUMONT:

Age: about 40 or 42  
Height: 5'6"  
Weight: 14-145  
Complexion: Light skinned - face pimpled, chronic.  
Hair: Black and kinky  
Build: Medium  
Peculiarities: Always looking down

The following investigation was conducted by Special Employees [ ] and [ ]

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[ ] the Records Unit, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City, made available his records which reflected that HERMINA A. DUMONT arrived in New York City on November 5, 1919, aboard the SS KORONA, which had sailed from Demerara, British Guiana, on October 22, 1919. The manifest described her as age 14 years; 5'; complexion brown; hair dark brown; eyes dark; race African; born Demerara, British Guiana. Her last residence was noted as Demerara, Georgetown, British Guiana. She was destined to ETHEL TUCKER (aunt), 330 East 149 Street, New York City. She stated that she was arriving for a 6 month period and was scheduled to return, and did not intend to become a citizen.

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However, on July 13, 1927, a Petition for Naturalization under number 66774 was made by HERMINA ALICIA HUISWOUD, formerly known as HERMINA ALICIA DUMONT. Her residence was noted as 450 Mott Avenue, Bronx, New York, and her occupation as housewife. On this Petition she stated she was born October 8, 1905, in New Amsterdam, British Guiana. This file also reflected that MRS. HUISWOUD had sailed from Georgetown, British Guiana, on October 23, 1919, on the SS KORONA and arrived in New York on November 5, 1919, with her mother MRS. ALICE DUMONT, and MISS HILDA OUDKERK. The date of Declaration of Intention (first papers) was June 2, 1924, at New York.

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MRS. HUISWOUD stated in this petition that her husband was OTTO EDWARD HUISWOUD, who was born October 28, 1893, at Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana, and whom she married September 30, 1926. They have no children. She had resided continuously in the United States since November 5, 1919, and at the time of this petition, MRS. HUISWOUD stated that her husband was not naturalized.

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Certificate of Naturalization #2703971 was issued on February 17, 1928, in the Supreme Court Bronx County, New York, to HERMINA ALICIA HUISWOUD.

The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service reflect that ALICE J. DUMONT arrived on the SS KORONA on November 5, 1919, having sailed from Demerara, British Guiana, on October 22, 1919. The manifest described her as follows: Age, 50; height, 5'3"; complexion, dark brown; hair, dark brown; eyes, black; occupation, clerk; born, Demerara, British Guiana. She was destined to ETHEL TUCKER (sister), 330 East 129 Street, New York City.

The Petition for Naturalization reflected that ALICE JANET DUMONT (housewife) resided at 354 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York City. She was born in Georgetown, British Guiana, September 11, 1869, and was of the negro race. MRS. DUMONT declared her intention to become a citizen (#57167) on June 2, 1937, in the Supreme Court of Queens County, New York, at Jamaica, New York. She stated that she was a widow, her husband's name having been HERMANN DUMONT, whom she married August 2, 1898, at British Guiana. HERMANN DUMONT was born in 1866 in British Guiana, and died 1908 in Guatemala, British Honduras, and had never been in the United States. One child, MRS. HERMINA A. HUISWOUD, resided with her. Her last foreign address was noted as Georgetown, British Guiana, and reflected that she lawfully entered the United States for permanent residence at New York City, on November 5, 1919, on the SS KORONA.

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[redacted] The Petition for Naturalization #343996, was filed January 11, 1940, at the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, and MRS. DUMONT was admitted to citizenship on May 10, 1940, at the same court.

The records further reflected that HILDA M. OUDKERK arrived in New York on SS KORONA on November 5, 1919, from Demerara, British Guiana, from whence it had sailed October 22, 1919. She was described as age, 21; height, 5'3", race, African, nationality, British-Demerara; born, Demerara, Georgetown; complexion, colored; hair, black; eyes, black; marital status, single. The manifest reflected that MISS OUDKERK's mother, MRS. EDITH A. OUDKERK, resided at 71 Adelaide Street, Georgetown, British, Guiana, and she was destined to her father at 252 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York.

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The records reflected the Declaration of Intention #102420, filed December 4, 1925, in the U. S. District Court of the Eastern District of New York, Brooklyn, New York, for HILDA MILLICENT SPENCER, housewife, 15 St. Marks Place, Brooklyn, New York. This Declaration stated she entered the United States at New York City under the name HILDA M. OUDKERK on November 5, 1919, on the SS KORONA. She was described as having been born at Georgetown, British Guiana, August 8, 1898; married to WILLIAM SPENCER on October 16, 1925, at Bronx, New York; and there were no children. Her last foreign residence was noted as Georgetown, British Guiana. She stated that her husband was born in Georgetown, British Guiana, March 15, 1900, and had entered the United States at New York City on May 22, 1923.

The witnesses to the above Petition were CLAUDE M. MCKENZIE, Clerk, 49 East 99 Street, New York City, and CHARLES GREIG, Clerk, 422 Willis Avenue, New York City. The Petition for Naturalization, #173787, was filed November 7, 1932, at U. S. District Court, Eastern District of New York, Brooklyn, New York. There was no notice of any Certificate of Naturalization having been issued for HILDA MILLICENT SPENCER.

[redacted] 408 West 128 Street, New York City, (residence of subject DUMONT), was interviewed under pretext by SA [redacted] and the writer, at which time [redacted] advised that DUMONT lived in Apartment 20-B at that address. [redacted] stated she has a five room apartment, three rooms of which she rents out to three colored men. He did not know them or their names. He also could furnish no information as to their background, occupations or movements. [redacted] stated that he knew very little about DUMONT and did not know her means of support, nor her place of

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employment. However, he stated he would discreetly endeavor to obtain that information. He stated that DUMONT is presently chairman of the TENANTS LEAGUE at her residence. [redacted] advised that [redacted] of the apartment was [redacted] who resides at [redacted] and whose business address is [redacted]

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NEWARK

At Morristown, New Jersey:

Will furnish background information and present activities of EVIE KATZENSTEIN, 185 Speedwell Avenue, who corresponded with DUMONT; and will note any connection she may have with the Communist Party or with the Soviet Government.

SAN FRANCISCO

At [REDACTED]

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Will furnish information regarding present activities of [REDACTED] who corresponded with subject DUMONT; and will note any connection he may have with the Communist Party or the Soviet Government.

NEW YORK

At New York City:

Will obtain background information regarding the following who corresponded with subject DUMONT; and will note any connection they may have with the Communist Party or the Soviet Government:

(?)  
JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE  
575 Avenue of Americas  
New York City

INTER AMERICANO CLUB CUBANO  
914 Prospect Avenue  
Bronx 59, New York

ROOM 416  
1560 Amsterdam Avenue  
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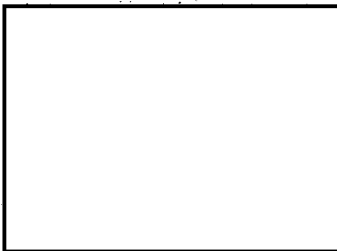
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At New York City:



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Will recontact [redacted] 408 West  
128 Street, for any further information he may have regarding subject DUMONT  
and her three roomers.

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SAC, New York

March 16, 1948

Director, FBI

OTTO EDUARD GERARDUS MAJELIA HUISWOOD, was  
HERMINA ALICIA HUISWOOD, nee DUMONT, was  
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ReNYlet September 23, 1947, in which I advised that an inquiry had been requested regarding the identity of Dr. Celestino Hernandez Robau, Cardalera No. 3 Habana, Cuba, who was identified as a correspondent of Hermina Huiswood.

There is enclosed with this letter a copy of a letter received from Mr. W. C. Spears, the Bureau's liaison agent at Habana, Cuba, in which is reported the results of the inquiries concerning the activities of Huiswood in Cuba and the identity of Celestino Hernandez Robau. (C)

It will be noted that the Bureau was furnished with the fingerprints of Otto Huiswood obtained from the Cuban National Identification Division. The Bureau was also furnished with the fingerprint card of [redacted]

[redacted] The Identification Division has been requested to search these fingerprint cards and you will be advised if any pertinent information is developed by this search. (C)

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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<b>TITLE</b> <b>OTTO EDUARD GERARDUS MAJELLA HUISWOOD, was, ET AL.</b>			<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b> <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - R</b>

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

~~ERICH KATZENSTEIN~~, Morristown, N.J., who corresponded with subject ~~DUMONT~~, believed to be identical with one, ~~ERICH KATZENSTEIN~~. ~~KATZENSTEIN~~ born 3/11/05 at Cologne, Germany and immigrated to U. S. on 1/3/40. No record of naturalization. Wife, ~~LOUISE KATZENSTEIN~~, came to U. S. at same time and naturalized at Morristown, N.J. 3/6/46. Investigation discloses that ~~ERICH KATZENSTEIN~~ has reputation of being friendly with negro element and reported to have left his wife for a period of approximately one year, during which time he resided with a negro woman in NYC. Reported to be interested in the advancement of the colored race and has reportedly made talks before various meetings in Harlem. Sources of information available to Newark Office fail to reflect any Communist activity but one informant believes ~~KATZENSTEIN~~ is associated with Communist element in New York City.

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Bureau File No. **64-30457**.

Report of SA   dated 1/10/48 at New York, New York.

**REFERENCE:**

**ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED**

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**DATE 3/14/93 BY SP-1000/13**

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<b>APPROVED AND FORWARDED:</b> <i>S.K. McKe...</i> <b>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</b>	<b>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</b>	
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DETAILS:

A check of the City Directory for Morristown, New Jersey, reflected that one, ERICH KATZENSTEIN and his wife, LOUISE KATZENSTEIN, reside at the Lincolnian Apartments, Apartment 309, 185 Speedwell Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey. The directory failed to show any individual named "EVIE" KATZENSTEIN residing at the above address. In view of the information appearing later in this report, it is believed that EVIE KATZENSTEIN, referred to in referenced report, is identical with ERICH KATZENSTEIN, who is listed as being employed as a clerk in the Food Fair Market, Morristown, New Jersey. His wife, LOUISE KATZENSTEIN, is employed as a corset fitter by the Greenberger Department Stores in Morristown, New Jersey.

Captain [ ] of the Morristown, New Jersey Police Department advised that the KATZENSTEINS were German-Jewish refugees who came to this country shortly prior to the start of the war. No information has ever come to his attention concerning any Communist tendencies on the part of either of these individuals, and he stated he knew very little about any of their activities. Captain [ ] however, suggested that Officer [ ] of the Morristown Police Department, who resides at the above apartment house might be able to furnish information concerning them.

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Officer [ ] advised that ERICH KATZENSTEIN is a rather queer individual, and while little is known by him of his activities, KATZENSTEIN is regarded as a rather mysterious individual. [ ] advised that KATZENSTEIN and his wife, LOUISE, have had marital difficulties in the past and he recalls on one occasion KATZENSTEIN reportedly left his wife for about a year at which time he was reported to have been living with a colored woman in New York City. [ ] could furnish no further information of value.

Confidential Informants T-1 and T-2 advised that LOUISE KATZENSTEIN and her husband, ERICH, have resided in Morristown for approximately seven years. They arrived in the United States shortly before the war, being among a group of German-Jewish refugees who came over from England. LOUISE KATZENSTEIN has been employed at the Greenberger Department Store in Morristown, New Jersey for approximately seven years. She has never exhibited any tendencies which would indicate that she was in sympathy with the Communist Party and is regarded as a good worker and of good character. ERICH KATZENSTEIN, however, has the reputation of being a "negro lover." In this connection, Confidential Informant T-1 stated that KATZENSTEIN left his wife for a period of about a year, approximately a year ago, during which time he was reported to have been living with the colored woman in New York City. KATZENSTEIN has associated with very few individuals in Morristown, and most of his associates appear to be in New York. In this connection, KATZENSTEIN makes frequent trips to New York and is reported to be interested in the advancement of the colored race.

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Informant T-1 stated that several years ago an article appearing in a New York newspaper listed KATZENSTEIN as one of the speakers at a large meeting in Harlem which was held in connection with negro activities there, purportedly designed to assist in the advancement of the colored race. The informant could not recall the name of the newspaper or the date of the article. He further advised that he has heard that KATZENSTEIN has Communistic tendencies, but he could not furnish any definite information as to the source of this information. The informant stated that KATZENSTEIN and his wife had considerable marital difficulties over his association with the negro element. KATZENSTEIN is regarded by the informants as a rather queer individual who does not appear to follow the normal pattern of social activity in the community. He has no known associates in Morristown, New Jersey, and as stated above, appears to associate with individuals in New York City, the majority of whom are colored. The identity of these associates, however, was not known to the informants.

[redacted] Morris County Court House, Morristown, New Jersey, advised that LOUISE KATZENSTEIN was naturalized at Morristown on March 6, 1946, being issued Certificate No. 6474511. Her petition reflected that she was born January 2, 1902 at Berlin, Germany, and her husband, ERICH, was born March 11, 1905 at Cologne, Germany. They were married January 18, 1934 at Cologne, Germany, and immigrated to the United States from Liverpool, England on January 3, 1940, arriving at New York City on the "SS Georgic."

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The only record pertaining to ERICH and LOUISE KATZENSTEIN, which was found in the files of the Newark Division, was a record of an Enemy Alien registration. A check of various sources of information available to the Newark Division failed to reflect that either of these individuals is engaged in any known Communist activity in the State of New Jersey.

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LEADSTHE NEW YORK DIVISIONAT NEW YORK CITY

Will examine the Morgues at the leading newspaper offices, and endeavor to identify the article wherein ERICH KATZENSTEIN is listed as a speaker at a negro rally in Harlem several years ago.

Will through confidential sources attempt to ascertain if the subject, EUMONT, is the individual with whom KATZENSTEIN reportedly lived in New York for approximately a year.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

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[REDACTED] who has requested that his name be kept confidential.

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T-2 --

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who has requested that his name be kept confidential.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DATE: March 18, 1948

FROM : Mr. J. P. Coyne

SUBJECT: OTTO EDUARD GERARDUS MAJEELLA HUISWOOD, was  
HERMINA ALICIA HUISWOOD, nee DUMONT, was  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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You will recall that the activities of the above subject are presently being investigated in view of the possibility that Hermina Huiswood may be acting as a mail drop in international Communist matters.

By letter dated February 17, 1948, Mr. W. C. Spears, the Bureau's liaison agent at Havana, Cuba, [redacted]

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached fingerprints be forwarded to the Identification Division for appropriate search and that these fingerprints be maintained by the Identification Division.

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FILE NO **100-24955**

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TITLE <b>OTTO EDUARD GERARDUS MAJELLA HUISWOOD, was. HERMINA ALICIA HUISWOOD, nee DUMONT, was.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY-R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

entered U. S. 1/14/46 at New York from London, England under British passport and accorded student status. Denied admission at University of California, Berkeley, Calif., and present whereabouts unknown. Oakland, Calif. office of I & NS endeavoring to locate  to verify student status and ascertain final intention. Additional background information obtained. No credit or criminal record, nor evidence of connection with CP or Soviet Government in this area.

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BY *ack ins*

REFERENCE: Bureau File **64-30457**  
Report SA  New York, 1/10/48.

DETAILS: **AT BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA**

The last reported residence of  is a large rooming house in the immediate vicinity of the University of California.  United States Post Office, advised that  moved from this address without leaving a forwarding address.  advised the mail carrier that he believed  had returned to the Orient.

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AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Neither [ ] nor [ ] are known to informants of this office who are cognizant of the activities of the Communist Party and the Soviet Government in this area.

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May 17, 1948

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Director, FBI

OTTO EDUARD GERARDUS MAJELLA HUISWOOD, was. et al  
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Reference is made to my letter dated March 18, 1948, with which you were furnished the results of the inquiry made at Havana, Cuba, concerning the identity of Dr. Celestino Hernandez Robau. (C)(u)

This will advise you that further inquiry made by W. C. Spears, the Bureau's liaison agent in Cuba, to determine the Communist activities of Dr. Celestino Hernandez Robau, has resulted negatively. No further investigation is contemplated in Cuba in this matter at this time. (C)(u)

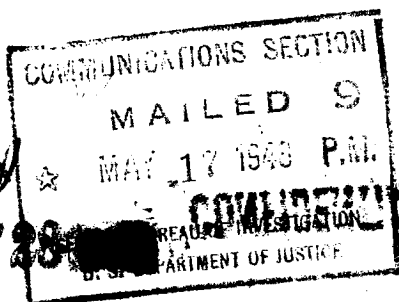
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Director, FBI

Re: OTTO EDUARD GERARDUS MAJELLA HUISWOOD,  
was; HERMINA ALICIA HUISWOOD, was.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Dear Sir:

Reference is Havana letter 2-17-48.

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Examination of the Communist daily newspaper of  
Havana, "HOY" from date of reference letter to the present  
time has not revealed any information concerning HERNANDEZ.

No further investigation is contemplated at this  
time. (S)(X)(U)

Yours very truly,

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OTTO EDUARD GERARDUS MAJELIA HUISWOOD,  
with aliases, et al;  
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Reurlet dated January 10, 1948, in which you requested the

Bureau to identify one [redacted] who is a correspondent  
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March 31, 1949

Director, FBI

HERMINA ALICIA HUISWOOD, nee Dumont, was  
 RE: ~~SECURITY MATTER~~  
 INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Dear Sir:

It is recommended that a Security Index card be prepared  
 relative to the individual named below:

Name: HERMINA ALICIA HUISWOOD, nee DUMONT  
 Aliases: HERMINA ALICIA HUISWOOD, HERMIE HUISWOOD, ERMIE HUISWOOD,  
 MARIA HUISWOOD, EUGENIA HUISWOOD, H. DUMONT

Residence Address: 408 West 128th Street  
 New York City  
 Apartment 20-B

Business Address: Unemployed (usually stenographer at odd jobs)

\_\_\_\_\_ Native Born      \_\_\_\_\_ Alien      XXX Naturalized  
XXX Communist      \_\_\_\_\_ German      \_\_\_\_\_ Miscellaneous  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Fascist (Italian)      \_\_\_\_\_ Japanese      \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth October 8, 1905  
 Place of Birth New Amsterdam, British Guiana  
 Entered U. S. November 5, 1919 at New York City  
 Naturalized (date) February 17, 1928  
 Naturalized (place and Court) Bronx County, New York, Supreme Court

Very truly yours,

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## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

OTTO HUISWOOD still residing Amsterdam, Holland. Subject DUMONT, his wife, residing 408 West 128th Street, NYC, and unemployed at present. Takes in roomers. Information re her correspondents set out. CI's could furnish no information concerning CP activities of DUMONT. National lookout notice on OTTO HUISWOOD still in effect.

## REFERENCE:

Bureau file 64-30457.  
Report of SA

New York, 1/10/48.

## DETAILS:

### At New York City

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On March 9, 1948, a mail cover was placed against the name of Mrs. HERMINA ALICIA HUISWOOD, with aliases, of 408 West 128th Street, New York City, Apartment 20-B. On March 15, 1948, an air mail letter was received by DUMONT, which had been postmarked at Amsterdam 2, which reflected that the sender was HUISWOOD, Grevelingen Straat 14-1. On March 22, 1948, another air mail letter was received by DUMONT, postmarked Amsterdam, reflecting the sender as HUISWOOD, Grevelingen Straat 14-1, Amsterdam-2. On April 5, 1948, Mrs. O. HUISWOOD received an air mail letter, postmarked at Amsterdam, Holland, reflecting the sender as

A previous correspondent of DUMONT was one Dr. CELESTINO HERNANDEZ, Candelbara 5, St. Clara, Cuba. Confidential Informant T-2, who is acquainted with reliable sources of information in Cuba, furnished the following information, obtained from Confidential Informant T-2, relative to the above correspondents:

CELESTINO HERNANDEZ ROBAY, son of CELESTINO HERNANDEZ, (S)(u)

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[of Santo Domingo, and LEONCIA ROBAU BECQUER, of Cifuentes, mestize, was born May 11, 1903, according to Section 92 and 93 of Volume 4, Inscription No. 61 of the Civil Register of Encrucijada, Sagua la Grande. (S)(X)(C)(U)

CELESTINO HERNANDEZ ROBAU graduated as a Doctor of Medicine from the University of Havana on September 24, 1937. (S)(X)(C)(U)

CELESTINO HERNANDEZ ROBAU was postulated candidate for representative for the PSP in the province of Las Villas, obtaining 258 votes. (1942) (S)(X)(C)(U)

He has developed great activities in the province of Las Villas in the political field as well as the social, especially in everything relative to the abolition of racial discrimination in Cuba. In April 1946 the Directors of the Federation of Tobacco Workers of Las Villas, composed of Negro elements (Negroes and Mulattoes), held a meeting in this province at which Dr. CELESTINO HERNANDEZ ROBAU was President: [redacted]

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They held a lengthy meeting and decided to develop in the province of Las Villas more intense activities for the benefit of the Negroes. Likewise, they decided to prepare a great provincial plenary, and for this purpose they agreed to address circulars to all societies of the province of Las Villas that were composed of Negroes for the purpose of sending commissions to parade in front of the National Capitol and to demand that Congress pass a law against racial discrimination as an amendment to the Constitution and to be presented to the Senate by the Communist Senator SALVADOR GARCIA ALBUERO. (S)(X)(C)(U)

Dr. C. HERNANDEZ ROBAU mentioned that he is receiving a great quantity of suggestions and proposals to be studied by the Executive Board and to be presented to the plenary of the Provincial Federation. Finally, he said that he was confident that all of these societies would answer in order to make the Federation stronger. (S)(X)(C)(U)

Dr./C. HERNANDEZ ROBAU, as leader of Las Villas, together with [redacted]

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[redacted] the deceased ANTONIN DICKINSON of Matanzas; [redacted]

[redacted] and others, organized the so-called (S)(X)(C)(U)

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great fraternal banquet of the National Federation of Cuban Societies to which they invited the President of the Republic, R. GRAU SAN MARTIN, in order to ask his cooperation in ending racial discrimination in Cuba. (S)(u)

In the salons of the Society "La Bella Union", of the city of Santa Clara, in July 1946, the plenary assembly of the Federation of Societies of Las Villas took place; large delegations attending from the societies of that province. At the speakers' table appeared: Dr. C. HERNANDEZ ROBAU. [redacted] (S)(u)

Dr. C. HERNANDEZ ROBAU, as President of the Federation, made the principal address in which he emphasized the necessity of completing the activities that would make possible the strengthening of the Federation for the purpose of fulfilling its purpose as leader of the social movement of the province of Las Villas. (S)(u)

Dr. C. HERNANDEZ, assisted by [redacted] and [redacted] operated in the Centro Benefico Juridico of Santa Clara, on [redacted] of the Provincial Assembly of the PSP in Las Villas in October 1946. (S)(u)

In the city of Remedios, in April 1947, another plenary reunion of the Provincial Federations of Societies of Las Villas took place; the purpose of this meeting was to coordinate an ample plan of activities in favor of the law of education and sanctions against racial discrimination, still pending approval in the Senate of the Republic. In the above-mentioned plenary session, the following leaders were invited as guests of honor: [redacted] (S)(u)

[redacted] and [redacted] respectively of the National Federation of Cuban Societies, as well as others of the Federations of Matanzas and Camaguey. (S)(u)

At the above-mentioned plenary session, as well as those that took place in other communities in the Republic, the Provincial Federation, as well as the societies belonging to these Federations, censured in the rudest form the government and people of North America for the behavior of the Ku-Klux-Klan, the racial discrimination in the Southern States, etc. (S)(u)

Confidential Informant T-2 [also furnished information relative to subject OTTO HUISWOOD. This information reflected that on] (S)(u)

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[ July 19, 1942, [ ] requested the Immigration Department in Cuba for authorization for OTTO HUISWOOD, a native of Dutch Guiana and a Dutch subject married to an American, to transit Cuba. Permission was granted August 14, 1942, by the immigration authorities, providing HUISWOOD had a proper visa from Cuba and had paid transportation to and out of Cuba. On August 28, 1942, [ ] again asked for a transit visa for HUISWOOD from the tourist officers of Cuba and offered to make any guarantees required. The new application was acted upon favorably on September 1, 1942. On February 8, 1946, [ ] again asked for a new authorization for HUISWOOD to transit Cuba inasmuch as the previously-granted authorizations were not used because of transportation difficulties at the time. The immigration authorities granted the new authorization on March 8, 1946. On June 18, 1946, Sr. OTTO EDUARDO HUISWOOD arrived via Pan American Airways plane NC-19910 at Camaguey, Cuba, having traveled from Barranquilla, Colombia. At the time, he gave immigration information to the effect that he was 52 years of age, married, a businessman by occupation, and traveling on Dutch Passport No. 32501, visaed for Cuba and the USA, and that his Havana residence would be the Hotel Manhattan. On July 11, 1947, HUISWOOD departed from Havana by airplane of the Cia Benezolano de Aviacion, with the destination of Miami, Florida. ] (XU)

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Confidential Informant T-2 [ ] stated that [ ] referred to above, is one of the leading members of the Communist Party of Cuba. Confidential Informant T-2 also stated that no indication exists that HUISWOOD had stopped at the Hotel Manhattan in Havana, the address he had given to immigration authorities. ] (XU)

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A previous mail cover reflected that DOMONT had received correspondence from one [ ] Confidential Informant T-3. ]

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Confidential Informant T-3

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Confidential Informant T-4,

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By letter dated June 20, 1948, the Newark Office furnished additional information relative to ERICH KATZENSTEIN, 185 Speedwell Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey, a correspondent of DUMONT. This letter advised that the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Newark was conducting an investigation on KATZENSTEIN prior to considering his Petition for Naturalization. During a hearing by this service on April 15, 1946, he was questioned about his association with Negroes in New York and about the allegation that he had been living with a Negro woman [redacted] and he was also asked if he were a Communist. KATZENSTEIN said that he was not a Communist nor was [redacted]. He reported that he was interested in the Negro minority problem and had attended the George Washington Carver School during 1945, 1946, and 1947. He became acquainted with [redacted] who was [redacted] of the school. He knew many of the teachers and had served as a volunteer in the capacity of library assistant at the school. He believed

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that some of the staff members were possibly Communists but did not believe the school was interested in teaching a special political concept or that the Communist Party was interested in the school.

[redacted]  
While in New York, KATZENSTEIN lived in a room at 625 West 142nd Street (Harlem), and [redacted]

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[redacted] lived at [redacted]  
[redacted] with a friend, [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] left the United States sometime in April 1948 for Paris, France, where they are students, in psychology, according to the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Concerning the correspondents of DUMONT as listed in the referenced report, the following information is set out:

The Jefferson School of Social Science, 575 Avenue of the Americas, New York City, has been cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a Communist front.

Room 416 of 1560 Amsterdam Avenue, New York City, is a room at the College of the City of New York.

[redacted] is believed to be identical with [redacted]. The New York Office files reflect that he is a Communist Party member, according to Confidential Informant [redacted]

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[redacted] is identical with the person who has attended meetings of the Harlem Section of the Communist Party, according to the New York Office files.

The American Russian Fraternal Society, according to the New York Office files, is a part of the IWO for young Americans of Russian descent.

The files of the New York Office are negative on the following correspondents, or the correspondents cannot be connected with information therein because of incomplete name and identifying data:

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914 Prospect Avenue  
Bronx 59, New York

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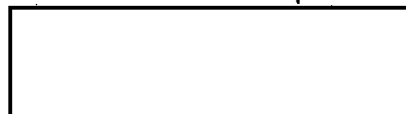
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[redacted] at 408 West 128th Street, New York City, was interviewed under pretext by Special Agent [redacted] and the writer. DUMONT, he stated, was still a resident in Apartment 20-B. He referred to her as still active as head of the so-called Tenants' League in the building, and it was his impression that she was a lawyer but did not know where her office or place of employment might be. She did not appear to have any regular hours. She frequently had dinner parties in her apartment, but [redacted] did not know the identity of any of the visitors. DUMONT does not have a lease for the apartment and pays the monthly rent of \$63.00 in cash. Approximately one year ago, [redacted] stated, DUMONT'S mother, who had been living with her, died. At the present time, [redacted] stated, she had either one or two roomers living with her, but [redacted]

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could furnish no information relative to their identity or activities.

Subject DUMONT was interviewed under suitable pretext in her apartment by Special Agent [ ] and the writer. She advised that she was unmarried and presently had residing in her apartment with her a [ ] an ex-GI whom she said was employed in a radio parts factory in Brooklyn as a packer. She stated she did not know the name of this particular plant. Two weeks prior to the interview, February 1, 1949, one of her roomers, [ ] whom she described as a personal friend, had moved to take up permanent residence in California. Several months prior to the interview, DUMONT stated, another roomer, [ ] a dentist who had taken post-graduate courses at Columbia University, had left the United States to engage in the practice of dentistry in Aruba, West Indies. At the time of the interview DUMONT told the Agents that she was under a doctor's care, recuperating from an attack of pleurisy, and was, as of that time, unemployed. She stated that her usual occupation was that of a secretary doing odd jobs, and that her last employment was with the Camp Sherwood summer resort hotel located in the vicinity of Monticello, New York, where she had worked until approximately October of 1948. DUMONT stated that she does not have a telephone.

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It was noted during the interview of DUMONT that she was evasive to questions and was reluctant to supply answers regarding her employment.

The files of the New York Office reflect that [ ] who is a roomer in DUMONT'S apartment, was born in [ ] In 1928 he was taken to Russia by his mother and received twelve years' education in that country. From May 1945 to January of 1947 he served in the United States Army. He has been engaged on occasions as a speaker by the NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP in New York City, and also at the George Washington Carver School in New York City. The New York Office files do not reflect any current Communist Party activity on the part of [ ]

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The files of the New York Office do not contain any information concerning [ ] or [ ] the other roomers who have lived in DUMONT'S apartment.

It is noted that there is a Hotel Sherwood in Hurleyville, New York, a community which is situated near Monticello, New York. The indices

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of the New York Office do not contain any reference to the Hotel Sherwood.

The following confidential informants were contacted relative to subject DUMONT and were unable to furnish any information concerning her: [redacted] and [redacted]

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Subject OTTO HUISWOOD has not returned, at this writing, to the United States. A national stop notice is still being retained with the Immigration and Naturalization Service. It is not felt that the activities of subject DUMONT, wife of HUISWOOD, warrant active investigation at this time, and consequently instant case is being closed until such time as any future developments would make reopening of this case desirable.

The Washington Field has been requested to place a stop with the State Department in the event the subject should request a visa for re-entry into the United States.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The confidential informants mentioned in the report of  
SA [redacted] New York, March 31, 1949, are as follows:

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T-1 -- Mr. W. C. SPEARS, the Bureau's liaison agent  
in Habana, Cuba.

T-2 -- [redacted] a source contacted and  
quoted by W. C. SPEARS.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: OTTO EDUARD GERARDUS MAJELLA HUISWOOD, was., et al  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: May 2, 1949

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The investigation captioned as above is presently in a closed  
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May 10, 1949

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Special Agent in Charge

New York

RE: SECURITY MATTER

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AND FIELD OFFICES  
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DATE 3/18/83 bmj

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that a security index card has been prepared at the Bureau, captioned as follows:

HUISWOOD, HERMINA ALICIA      NATURALIZED      COMMUNIST  
ALIASES: nee Dumont, Hermina Alicia Huiswood,  
Hermie Huiswood, Erny Huiswood, Maria  
Huiswood, Eugenia Huiswood, H. Dumont

408 West 128th Street  
New York City, New York  
Apartment 20-B (res.)

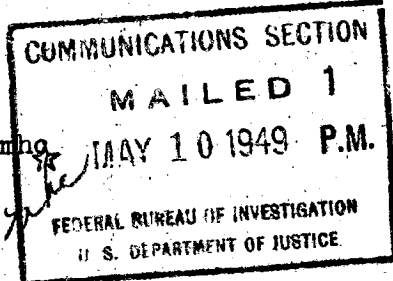
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ON 3/14/83

The above caption should be checked immediately for accuracy against the information contained in your files, and the Bureau should be informed of any discrepancies. You will prepare without delay a 5" x 8" white card captioned as above and reflecting your investigative case file number for filing in your Confidential Security Index Card File. In the event the above caption is not correct, the card you prepare should be correctly captioned, and the Bureau should be informed of the correct caption.

The caption of the card prepared and filed in your Office must be kept current at all times and the Bureau immediately advised of any changes made therein in that connection.

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Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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June 16, 1949

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RE: OTTO EDUARD GERARDUS MAJELIA

~~HUISWOOD, WAS~~  
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(S) [redacted] (S)

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Reference is made in the captioned matter to your  
letter dated May 23, 1949, which requested information concerning  
Otto Huiswood. Attached for your assistance is a summary of the  
information which appears in our files concerning this individual.

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In view of the investigation which was conducted  
concerning the entitled individual and his wife, Hermine Alicia  
Huiswood, we would appreciate receiving any information which  
comes to your attention regarding either Communist Party or  
Soviet activities on the part of Huiswood. (65-30457-33, pgs. 1 and 5)

ORIGINAL [redacted]

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Attachment

cc - Foreign Service Desk  
cc - Mr. D. M. Ladd  
cc - [redacted]

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
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RE: OTTO EDUARD GERARDUS MAJELIA HUISWOOD, with Aliases,  
Otto Ernest Huiswood, Otto Huiswoud, Otto Huisewood,  
Otto Housewoud, Otto Huiswode, Otto Hoiswood,  
Otto Houiswoud, Otto Houise Wood, Charles Woodson,  
Otto Holmes, Otto Wilson, J. Billings and Woodson

The entitled individual was born on October 28, 1893, in Paramaribo, Province of Surinam, Dutch Guiana. Allegedly Huiswood first entered the United States on March 1, 1923, however, there is some information that his entry was prior to that time. On October 18, 1921, Otto Huiswood of the African Blood Brotherhood reportedly attended a meeting of the Workers League in New York City. It was also reported that Huiswood, whose Party name was Billings, attended a Communist meeting in New York City on January 7 and 8, 1922. (S)

From November 7 until December 3, 1922, Huiswood served as a delegate to the Fourth Congress of the Communist International in Moscow using the name of J. Billings. (S)

Information was received that in 1923 Otto Huiswood was the National Organizer of the African Blood Brotherhood and was a member of Section 4 of the Workers Party in Harlem, New York City.

During the year 1924 Huiswood was reported to be active in the Workers Party in the Chicago area and in July of that year he allegedly was transferred from Chicago back to New York City.

In 1925 information was received that Huiswood was one of the organizers of the American Negro Labor Congress. In October of 1925, Huiswood was elected a member of the General Executive Board of the National Negro Labor Congress.

In 1928 Huiswood was listed as a member of the National Advisory Committee of the Workers School and during the same year he served as a delegate to the Sixth Congress of the Communist International held in Moscow and on September 14, 1928, he was reported to have been elected an alternate on the Executive Committee of the Communist International. During November and December, 1928, Huiswood was reported to have attended meetings of the Political Committee of the Central Executive Committee of the Communist Party and on March 10, 1929, at the Sixth Congress of the Communist International, Huiswood was elected a member of the Central Executive Committee of the Communist Party.

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From 1929 to 1938 he spent considerable time outside of the United States and in 1929 and 1930 he is reported to have sailed to Holland, Germany, Jamaica and Dutch Guiana on business. At the time he made the foregoing trips Huiswood stated that he was in the employ of W. A. Domingo. It is to be noted that Domingo, a Jamaican negro, has been reported as having been very active in Communist front organizations from 1919 to 1941, at which time he returned to Jamaica. Information has also been received that Domingo is alleged to have received training in Moscow during 1931.

Huiswood in 1931 was expelled from Jamaica by the Attorney General of the Netherlands West Indies and shortly thereafter he was expelled from the Port of Spain because he was considered a dangerous Communist. (C)

According to the police at Trinidad, Huiswood was also known by the alias of Charles Woodson. (S)(U)

Sometime in 1931 or 1932 Huiswood is reported to have been in Moscow where he attended the Lenin School and while here he was alleged to be working for the Negro Bureau of the Red International of Labor Unions.

Information has been received that in 1933 he was sent from Moscow to Paris for the purpose of managing the publication, "Negro Worker". In 1934 Huiswood was reported to have been in charge of the International African Bureau in Berlin, Germany.

The "Negro Worker" issues of March, 1936, and March, 1937, published in Paris, France, disclose that its editor and chief was Charles Woodson and that it was the official organ of the International Trade Union Committee of the Negro Workers. According to the April 1, 1939, issue of the "Daily Worker", the official organ of the Communist Party, Charles Woodson "recently returned from eight years of study of the colonial question in various centers in Europe." According to this article, he was to be an instructor at the Harlem Peoples' School which was an affiliate of the Workers School.

Huiswood on May 31, 1940, is reported to have attended a secret session of the Eleventh National Convention of the Communist Party of the United States. Information has been received that Huiswood on July 17 and 18, 1940, attended a Communist conference at New York City on Latin American affairs.

He left the United States on January 15, 1941, and it was subsequently ascertained that he was interned at Dutch Guiana on January 31, 1941, and he was released from interment on September 25, 1942. His address at this time was Keizerstratt, 17, Paramaribo, Surinam, Dutch Guiana. (S)(U)

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Huiswood was married to Herminia Alicia Huiswood, nee Dumont, in New York City on September 30, 1926. At the present time she resides at 408 West 128th Street, Apartment 21, New York City, and it has been established that she maintains a regular correspondence with her husband. A confidential source has advised that Mrs. Huiswood is a well known Negro Communist who is allegedly active in international Communist matters. During the investigations of these individuals information was obtained which tended to indicate that Huiswood and his wife were aware of the creation of a Communist International Bureau or Coordinating Center in Paris, France, and that they were aware of the existence of such a group prior to the time that the Duclos criticism of the policies of Earl Browder was released. (64-30457-12 &19)

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: April 26, 1950

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ 67438

SUBJECT: OTTO EDUARD HUISWOUD, was.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

On April 20, 1950 [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that she had learned from another person that the above-captioned subject was recently seen on the streets in Los Angeles. (S)(u)

[redacted] and has known that he has been engaged in top organizational work for the Communist Party for this time. She stated he spent many years in Russia and attended the Lenin School in Moscow and the Rand School in New York City, [redacted] (S)(u)

According to informant, HUISWOUD at one time was in charge of the Negro section of the industrial section of the Party. She states that he had a wife ANNA LEVE, in Moscow in 1933, who has since died, and that he is now believed married to another woman who is an active member of the Communist Party in New York City. Informant described subject as 5'5" to 5'6" in height, 145 pounds, light-skinned Negro, about fifty years of age, and a pleasant looking person. (S)(u)

It is the informant's belief that the subject is probably living in New York City. She has no idea as to the purpose of his being in Los Angeles. (S)(u)

The indices of this office reflect information concerning HUISWOUD as reflected in a Comrap report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 19, 1945 at New York City, which indicates that HUISWOUD was placed in charge of the International African Bureau of the Communist Party in 1934 in Berlin, and was an international courier for the OGPU or NKVD. The information submitted in the New York report reflects that HUISWOUD's wife is HERMINA "Ermy" HUISWOUD, who resides in New York City and is active in Communist Party affairs there.

Informant was re-contacted on the matter for additional information concerning HUISWOUD's present activities, but could offer nothing additional. She did state that the person who furnished her the information is, in her opinion, completely reliable, yet she states that this person told her that he met and talked with HUISWOUD.

New York is requested to furnish a photograph of HUISWOUD, if available for presentation, to established confidential informants of this Office and to advise this office of any recent information concerning HUISWOUD which would tend to bear out the fact of the subject's presence in the United States.

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CLASSIFICATION PER OGA LETTER  
DATED 04-14-2008

DATE: May 29, 1950

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: OTTO EDUARD HUISWOUD, Was  
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Re Los Angeles letter 4/26/50 advising [ ] reported an individual believed to be identical with the subject was recently seen on Los Angeles streets. (S)(u)

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Immigration & Naturalization Service records reflect HUISWOUD last departed the United States from New York City 1/15/41.

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(S) [ ]  
A national look-out notice with INS on subject has been in effect since 2/15/45 and a look-out notice was placed with the Visa Division of the State Department on 4/19/49. These stops have not indicated any return of subject to the U.S.

There are enclosed herewith for the Los Angeles Office two copies of a photograph of subject taken from the "Daily Worker" of 10/29/28 which may be exhibited to [ ] This is the only photograph of HUISWOUD in the New York file. (S)(u)

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Please advise New York of results of reinterview of informant. (S)(u)

cc - Los Angeles  
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July 14, 1950.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
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Director, FBI.

RE: OTTO EDUARD GERARDUS MAJELIA  
HUISWOOD with aliases;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R.  
(Bufile 64-30457)

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Dear Sir:

On June 1, 1950, Confidential Informant [ ] who is believed to be highly reliable, advised that HUISWOOD, a West Indian Negro, was for many years in Comintern work in connection with Negro activities. The informant stated that HUISWOOD has been used by the Comintern on colonial matters in Africa, Liberia, etc. (X)(u)

The informant stated that in 1940, HUISWOOD was in New York but was never associated with any "open" position with the Communist Party and the informant believes that he is probably engaged in some secret type work for either the Communist Party or the Cominform. The informant had no additional information concerning HUISWOOD or his present whereabouts. (X)(u)

Very truly yours,

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EDWARD SCHEIDT,  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: July 13, 1950

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FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: OTTO EDUARD HUISWOUD, was.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
Bureau File 65-30457

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Re New York letter to Los Angeles captioned as above, New York File 100-66924.

[redacted] upon recontact advised that the original information concerning HUISWOUD's appearance in Los Angeles [redacted]

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Informant advised that [redacted]

[redacted] believed that he had seen HUISWOUD on the street in Los Angeles. However, informant pointed out that it is not believed that [redacted] has ever seen HUISWOUD and stated that he was unable to describe him with any degree of certainty. (S)(u)

It is the informant's belief, [redacted] that he is in error in his identification of HUISWOUD. (S)(u)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE: January 31, 1951

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: OTTO EDUARD HUISWOUD, was  
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On 1/4/51 [redacted] furnished information that the above subject was formerly a member of the Negro commission of the National Committee of the CP and that as of December, 1950 HUISWOUD was in Amsterdam, Holland where he is active for Communists operating outside the USA.

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[redacted] stated that a person who may have been connected with the subject is one [redacted]

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Another person [redacted] believed to be connected with HUISWOUD is [redacted]

NYO indices are negative on [redacted]

(S) The Bureau [redacted] (S)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : *JMC* SAC, New York

SUBJECT: HERMINA ALICIA HUISWOOD, was.  
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DATE: August 3 1951

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It is requested that a nation-wide stop be placed with the United States Customs and a nation-wide lookout notice be placed with the Central Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service on this subject for an indefinite period.

This subject has a history of Communist Party activity and foreign travel. She has lived and worked in Russia and is married to OTTO HUISWOOD, an international Communist, now living in Amsterdam, Holland. The subject left the United States on October 13, 1949 and her passport was revoked by the State Department at Amsterdam, Holland on September 29, 1950, at which time the subject stated she intended to remain abroad indefinitely.

A baggage search is requested and, if at all possible, is to be conducted in the presence of a Bureau agent.

This subject should not be detained, but her destination should be learned. The Bureau's interest should not be disclosed.

Any office receiving information concerning the subject's arrival should immediately notify the Bureau and the office of origin, which is New York.

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A description of the subject is as follows:

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Name	HERMINA ALICIA HUISWOOD, was.: <u>Hermina Alicia Huiswoud,</u> <u>Herminia Huiswoud, Ermy</u> <u>Huiswoud, Mrs. H. Huiswoud,</u> <u>Hermie Huiswoud, Hermi Dumont,</u> <u>Hermie Dumont, Hermina</u> <u>Alicia Dumont</u>
Race	Negro
Age	45
Born	October 8, 1905 in New Amsterdam, British Guiana
Citizenship	US citizen, naturalized 2/17/29 in Bronx County Supreme Court, NY, certificate # 2703971
Height	5' 2"
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Occupation	Secretary
Married	to OTTO EDUARD GERARDUS <u>MAJELLA HUISWOOD, was.</u> (Amsterdam, Holland)
Last known US address	408 West 128th St., apartment 20
Present location	Amsterdam, Holland
Passport	US passport # 137005 revoked 9/29/50 and now in the files of State Department

MRS. OTTO EDUARD GERARDUS MAJELLA HUISWOOD

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>AUG 2 1951</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/9, 9/21-10/26; 11/30/50; 7/25, 26/51</b>	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
TITLE <b>HERMINA ALICIA HUISWOOD, was.: Hermina Alicia Huiswood, Hermina Huiswood, Mrs. H Huiswood, Hermie Huiswood, Hermie Dumont, Hermie Dumont, Hermina Alicia Dumont</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b> <b>CLASSIFIED BY 6027 NLS/BCE/DG</b> <b>DECLASSIFY ON: 25X</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Subject born 10/8/05 in British Guiana. Entered the US at NYC 11/5/19. Naturalized NYC 2/17/28. Has belonged to Communist fronts. Informant states saw her at Lenin School in Moscow and that she frequented NYS and National CP headquarters. State Dept. files contain records of past visits to foreign countries. Last departed US 10/13/49 from NYC. Her passport revoked by State Dept. 9/29/50 at Amsterdam, Holland because subject violated restrictions of travel. Husband has background of international Communist activity and presently resides Amsterdam, Holland. Subject believed with him. Stops placed.</p>			
<div style="float: left; width: 30%;"> <p>cc: to R.A.B. State [CIA] 9/14/51 [SIC] 9/14/51</p> <p>See - info</p> <p>Ministry of State 3-12-53 2-26-53 2-26-53</p> </div> <div style="float: right; width: 65%;"> <p>APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY SLIP(S) DATE <b>3/18/83</b></p> <p>Classified by <b>2.1 CXL/K</b> Declassify on: <b>OADR 3/14/83</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P* -</p> </div>			
DETAILS <p>Investigation in this case was predicated upon the receipt of information from Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability that the subject frequented the New York State and National Headquarters of the Communist Party during the period 1936 to 1942 and that she is married to OTTO EDUARD GERARDUS MAJELLA HUISWOOD, whom the informant stated has a background of international Communist activity.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">[Signature]</div>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">[Signature]</div>	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">64-130757-44 SE 10</div> <div style="text-align: center;">AUG 6 1951</div>	
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Birth and Naturalization Data

[redacted] the Records Unit, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City, made available his records which reflected that HERMINA A. DUMONT arrived in New York City on November 5, 1919, aboard the SS KORONA, which had sailed from Demerara, British Guiana, on October 22, 1919. The manifest described her as age 14 years; 5 feet; complexion brown; hair dark brown; eyes dark; race African; born Demerara, British Guiana. Her last residence was noted as Demerara, Georgetown, British Guiana. She was destined to ETHEL TUCKER (aunt), 330 East 149th Street, New York City. She stated that she was arriving for a six-month period and was scheduled to return and did not intend to become a citizen.

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However, on July 13, 1927 a Petition for Naturalization under number 66774 was made by HERMINA ALICIA HUISWOUD, formerly known as HERMINA ALICIA DUMONT. Her residence was noted as 450 Mott Avenue, Bronx, New York, and her occupation as housewife. On this Petition she stated she was born October 8, 1905 in New Amsterdam, British Guiana. This file also reflected that Mrs. HUISWOUD had sailed from Georgetown, British Guiana, on October 23, 1919, on the SS KORONA and arrived in New York on November 5, 1919 with her mother, Mrs. ALICE DUMONT, and Miss HILDA OUDKERK. The date of Declaration of Intention (first papers) was June 2, 1924 at New York.

Mrs. HUISWOUD stated in this petition that her husband was OTTO EDWARD HUISWOUD, who was born October 28, 1893 at Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana and whom she married September 30, 1926. They have no children. She had resided continuously in the United States since November 5, 1919 and at the time of this petition, Mrs. HUISWOUD stated that her husband was not naturalized.

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[redacted] Certificate of Naturalization #2703971 was issued on February 17, 1928 in the Supreme Court Bronx County, New York, to HERMINA ALICIA HUISWOUD.

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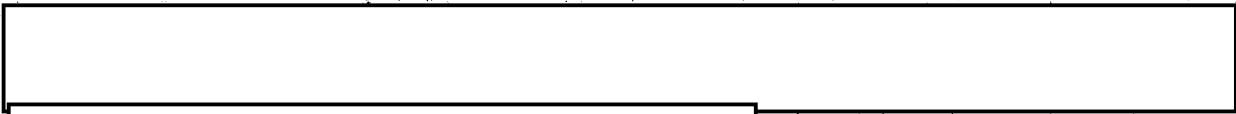
The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service reflect that ALICE J. DUMONT arrived on the SS KORONA on November 5, 1919, having sailed from Demerara, British Guiana, on October 22, 1919. The manifest described her as

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follows: Age, 50; height, 5 feet 3 inches; complexion, dark brown; hair, dark brown; eyes, black; occupation, clerk; born Demerara, British Guiana. She was destined to ~~ETHEL TUCKER~~ (sister), 330 East 129th Street, New York City.

The Petition for Naturalization reflected that ALICE JANET ~~DUMONT~~ (housewife) resided at 354 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York City. She was born in Georgetown, British Guiana, September 11, 1869, and was of the negro race. Mrs. DUMONT declared her intention to become a citizen (#57167) on June 2, 1937 in the Supreme Court of Queens County, New York at Jamaica, New York. She stated that she was a widow, her husband's name having been HERMANN DUMONT, whom she married August 2, 1898 at British Guiana. HERMANN DUMONT was born in 1866 in British Guiana and died 1908 in Guatemala, British Honduras and had never been in the United States. One child, Mrs. HERMINA A. ~~HUISWOUD~~, resided with her. Her last foreign address was noted as Georgetown, British Guiana and reflected that she lawfully entered the United States for permanent residence at New York City on November 5, 1919 on the SS KORONA.



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The Petition for Naturalization # 343996 was filed January 11, 1940 at the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York and Mrs. DUMONT was admitted to citizenship on May 10, 1940 at the same court.

The records further reflected that HILDA M. ~~LOUDKERK~~ arrived in New York on the SS KORONA on November 5, 1919 from Demerara, British Guiana from whence it had sailed October 22, 1919. She was described as age, 21; height, 5 feet 3 inches; race, African; nationality, British-Demerara; born, Demerara, Georgetown; complexion, dark; hair, black; eyes, black; marital status, single. The manifest reflected that Miss OUDKERK's mother, Mrs. EDITH A. ~~LOUDKERK~~, resided at 71 Adelaide Street, Georgetown, British Guiana and she was destined to her father at 252 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York.

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The records reflected the Declaration of Intention #102420, filed December 4, 1925 in the United States District Court of the Eastern District of New York, Brooklyn, New York, for HILDA MILLICENT ~~SPENCER~~, housewife, 15 St. Marks Place, Brooklyn, New York. This Declaration stated she entered the United States at New York City under the name HILDA M. OUDKERK on November 5, 1919 on the SS KORONA. She was described as having been born at Georgetown, British Guiana, August 8, 1898; married to WILLIAM ~~SPENCER~~ on October 16, 1925 at Bronx, New York; and there were no children. Her last foreign residence was noted as Georgetown, British Guiana. She stated that her husband was born in Georgetown, British Guiana, March 15, 1900 and had entered the United States at New York City on May 22, 1923.

The witnesses to the above Petition were CLAUDE M. MC KENZIE, Clerk, 49 East 99th Street, New York City and CHARLES ~~GREIG~~, Clerk, 422 Willis Avenue, New York City. The Petition for Naturalization, # 173787, was filed November 7, 1932 at United States District Court, Eastern District of New York, Brooklyn, New York. There was no notice of any Certificate of Naturalization having been issued for HILDA MILLICENT SPENCER.

Communist Activity and Contacts

On May 31, 1945 Confidential Informant T-1 advised that HERMIE DUMONT, also known as HERMIE ~~HUISWOOD~~, had been a Communist Party member since 1926 and had toured the world as an international Communist courier with her husband, OTTO HUISWOOD. According to the informant, the subject and her husband have worked in Hamburg, Germany; Haiti; England; France and Moscow, Russia. The informant advised that the subject was used by the Communists in Moscow to spy on other negro Communists of whom they were not certain as to Party activities and sympathies.

This informant also furnished information on July 18, 1944 that on one occasion he saw the subject in the Lenin School in Moscow. He has also reported that she frequented the New York State and National Headquarters of the Communist Party from 1936 to 1942 and that in 1940 and 1941 she served as the

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Executive Secretary of a Communist Party unit located at the corner of 125th Street and 8th Avenue, New York City.

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The International Workers Order (IWO)

(S) Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised that H. DUMONT of 354 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York City, was a member of the IWO in 1941.

(S) On February 4, 1944 Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, furnished a list of prize-winning recruiters of IWO members in a recruiting drive which ended on May 31, 1943. H. DUMONT of Lodge #691 appeared on this list.

(S) On April 17, 1950 T-3 furnished a list of members of IWO Lodge #691, located in Harlem, New York City, which contained the name of HERMIE HULSWOOD, born in 1905. On January 30, 1951 this informant furnished another list of the members of IWO Lodge #691 which also contained the name of HERMIE HULSWOOD.

The International Workers Order has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

George Washington Carver School

(S) On May 22, 1945 Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, supplied a list of officers of the George Washington Carver School in Harlem, New York City, for the spring term of May and June, 1945. HERMIE DUMONT appeared on this list as an Administrative Assistant and was also cited as an instructor in the course entitled, "Colonial Peoples".

A December 29, 1945 edition of the "People's Voice" contained a group picture of some of the faculty members of

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the Carver School; included in the photograph was HERMI DUMONT.

On November 4, 1947 Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, furnished a list of members of the Board of Directors of the George Washington Carver School for 1947. HERMIE DUMONT was listed as an Assistant Director under the heading Administrative Directors. (S)(u)

(S)(u) Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, has advised that up until December, 1947 the "People's Voice" was regarded as a Communist dominated publication. However, with the expulsion of [redacted] former National Committeeman of the Communist Party, and the dismissal of other Communist Party members of the newspaper by MAX YERGAN, the "People's Voice" endeavored to be non-partisan and non-political in character. With the issue of April 24, 1948 the "People's Voice" ceased publication and according to Confidential Informant T-6 it is now bankrupt. b6 b7C

The George Washington Carver School has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Negro Labor Victory Committee (S)(u)

Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability, advised that HERMINA DUMONT of 67 West 125th Street, New York City, was a member of the Negro Labor Victory Committee in 1944. (S)(u)

The Negro Labor Victory Committee has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835. (S)(u)

Jefferson School of Social Science

(S)(u) Confidential Informant T-8, of known reliability, advised that in the latter part of 1947 the subject was in contact with the Jefferson School of Social Science at 575 Avenue of the Americas, New York City.

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The Jefferson School of Social Science has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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Confidential Informant T-8 stated that the subject was contacted by [redacted] in the latter part of 1947. Confidential Informant T-9, of known reliability, on July 19, 1946 stated that [redacted] was a member of the Chelsea Club of the Communist Party. On May 27, 1949 this same informant advised that [redacted] was known to be a member of the Communist Party.

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Confidential Informant T-8 has reported that in the latter part of 1947 the subject was in contact with [redacted] Solidarity Lodge #691, IWO, 124 West 124th Street, New York City.

On September 20, 1946 Confidential Informant T-10, of known reliability, furnished a list of names of persons who attended a meeting held at the "Freedom Road Club" of the Communist Party on July 26, 1946. The Club was located at 702 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York City. The list indicated the Club to which each person belonged. [redacted] was listed as belonging to the Fraternal Club. This same informant reported that [redacted] attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of Harlem Communist Party Clubs on June 10, 1946 at 2315 7th Avenue, New York City. (S)(U)

[redacted] (S)(U)  
Confidential Informant T-12, of known reliability, advised that the subject was in contact with [redacted] during December of 1944. Confidential Informant T-10 advised that on February 25, 1946 a meeting was held at the Lincoln-Douglas Club of the Communist Party, 432 Lenox Avenue, New York City, by the Provisional Committee of the Harlem Section of the Communist Party. Among the Communist Party members that were present was [redacted] of the National Negro Congress. [redacted] has a history of affiliation with Communist Party fronts and Communist Party activities. (S)(U)

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It is noted that the National Negro Congress has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Employment

[redacted] Lincoln Warehouse Company, 49 Walker Street, New York City, stated that his records reflected that HERMIE DUMONT was employed by his company as a stenographer and clerk from February 10, 1947 to April 11, 1947. Her address was 408 West 128th Street, New York City, apartment 20 and her Social Security Number was 070-12-8844.

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[redacted] payroll section, Sydenham Hospital, Manhattan Avenue, New York, stated that the hospital records showed that the subject began employment under the name of HERMIE DUMONT as a clerk on October 20, 1947, but that no termination date was on file. [redacted] expressed the opinion, based upon the sketchy record, that the subject was undoubtedly a temporary employee who had worked for a period of from one to two months. DUMONT listed her residence as 408 West 128th Street, New York City.

(S) In March, 1949 the subject advised Confidential Informant T-11, of known reliability, that her usual occupation was that of a secretary doing odd jobs and that her last employment was with Camp Sherwood, former resort hotel located in the vicinity of Monticello, New York, where she had worked until approximately October of 1948.

History of Travel Abroad

The records of the Passport Division, Department of State, reflect that HERMINIA HUISWOUD was issued passport number 164091 on February 14, 1930 for her intended stay of one year in the British West Indies and Dutch Guiana. Her permanent residence at this time was 2800 Bronx Park East, New York, New York. This passport was renewed February 10, 1932 for two years by the American Consulate, Berlin, Germany.

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Her application for renewal disclosed she was residing in Moscow, USSR and that she had resided in Moscow from December 15, 1930 to February 9, 1932 and in Berlin from February 9, 1932 to the date of the renewal, February 10, 1932.

On April 27, 1934 HERMINIA HUISWOUD was issued passport number 93029 for a proposed one-year stay in the British West Indies for the purpose of "health". Her residence at this time was indicated to be 48-59 37th Street, Long Island, New York. Her application for this passport reflected that she had resided in Germany, France, Switzerland and USSR from December 30, 1933 to February 16, 1934.

On the basis of information concerning the activities of the subject and her husband as furnished by the Division of European Affairs, on January 31, 1935 a refusal notice was placed in Mrs. HUISWOUD's passport record on February 4, 1935 for the reason, "Husband is active Communist".

On April 24, 1936 her passport was renewed by the American Consulate in Paris for two years to expire April 27, 1938. On April 29, 1938 she was issued passport number 811E205873 by the American Consulate in Paris for travel in all countries except Spain. Her legal residence in the United States was indicated to be 271 Clifton Place, Brooklyn, New York.

On September 1, 1949 passport number 137005 was issued in the United States to HERMINA ALICIA HUISWOUD. This passport was limited valid for one year and restricted for travel in the Netherlands only. In her application for this passport Mrs. HUISWOUD stated that she was born October 8, 1905 in New Amsterdam, British Guiana. She immigrated to the United States on November 11, 1919 and resided continuously in the United States from 1919 to 1930 and from 1938 to 1939 in New York, New York. She was naturalized before the Supreme Court of New York at Bronx, New York on January 17, 1928 under Certificate of Naturalization number 2703971.

HERMINA HUISWOUD indicated that her permanent residence was 408 West 128th Street, apartment 20, New York

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City and that she intended to depart from New York City on October 13, 1949 aboard the SS VEENDAM for a proposed one-year stay in the Netherlands to join her husband and visit relatives.

The subject pointed out that she was married September 30, 1926 to OTTO HUISWOUD, who was born in 1896 at Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana, and who was residing in Amsterdam, Holland. Mrs. HUISWOUD further informed that her parents, HERMAN and ALICE DUMONT, were both born in British Guiana and were deceased. She reported that she had resided in France from November, 1936 to October, 1938; in the Netherlands from June, 1934 to July, 1936 and in France from 1932 to February, 1934.

In a dispatch dated September 7, 1950 the American Consulate in Amsterdam advised the Passport Division that Mrs. HUISWOUD appeared at that Consulate on September 7, 1950 and requested a renewal of her passport number 137005 which was issued valid only for travel in the Netherlands and the necessary countries en route.

The Consulate reported that Mrs. HUISWOUD's passport number 137005 bore evidence that she had traveled in France, Italy and Switzerland, in addition to the Netherlands and that she alleged she was wholly unaware of the limitations of her passport's validity and the reasons therefore. Mrs. HUISWOUD also informed the Consulate that she was married to a Netherlands subject and did not plan to return to the United States in the near future.

On September 29, 1950 the Passport Division of the State Department advised the American Consulate, Amsterdam, that in view of the violation of restrictions contained in Mrs. HUISWOUD's passport, it could not be amended or extended and instructed the Consulate to send her passport to the Department of State in Washington, D. C. The Consulate was further instructed that in the event HERMINA HUISWOUD applied for further passport facilities that her application was to be referred to the Department of State. It was requested that full information concerning her activities since she went abroad and her contemplated travel plans be referred to the Department of State.

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HERMINA HUISWOUD's passport number 137005 was forwarded and is being retained in the files of the Passport Division, Department of State, Washington, D. C.

The records of Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York City, reflect that HERMINA HUISWOUD, age 44, departed from New York City for Rotterdam, Holland aboard the SS VEENDAM of the Holland American Line on October 13, 1949. She traveled on United States passport number 137005. It is noted that she intended to remain abroad indefinitely. The subject listed her United States address as 408 West 128th Street, New York City.

OTTO EDUARD GERARDUS MAJELLA HUISWOOD, was., husband of subject

The records of the State Department contained a dispatch received from the American Embassy at London, England on June 28, 1938 stating that, "OTTO EDWARD HUISWOUD, alias CHARLES WOODSON is a negro native of Dutch Guiana, born in Surinam, October 28, 1893; he travels on a Dutch passport and his wife, HERMINA A. HUISWOUD (nee DUMONT), travels on an American passport. In 1923, HUISWOUD was National Organizer of the African Blood Brotherhood with headquarters in New York. In 1928 he was elected alternate member of the Executive Committee of the Communist International and in 1929 as charter member of the Communist Party, Boston delegation. He signed an appeal sent by the National Convention of the Communist Party of the USA to Moscow. In 1931 HUISWOUD was working in the Negro Bureau of the Red International of Labor Unions, Moscow, and in 1933 he was sent from Moscow to Paris to take over the production of the 'Negro Worker'. HUISWOUD is known to have definite connections with Jamaica. In 1929 he attended the Universal Negro Improvement Association Conference there as delegate from the USA and later started a Jamaican Trades or Labor Union, which subsequently died through lack of support. HUISWOUD has also visited Barbados and other West Indian Islands".

On July 11, 1951 Confidential Informant T-13, of known reliability, advised that OTTO HUISWOUD was living at Sloestraat 3, Amsterdam, Holland. (SCL)

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Miscellaneous

~~(S)~~ Confidential Informant T-14, of known reliability, advised that during 1948 the subject had received treatment at the Bronx Hospital, New York City, [REDACTED]  
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The records of the Board of Election, Manhattan, New York, failed to reflect that the subject voted as HERMIE DUMONT from 408 West 128th Street, New York City, for the years 1941 through 1950.

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~~(S)~~ In March, 1949 the subject advised Confidential Informant T-11 that [REDACTED] was residing with her at 408 West 128th Street.  
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[REDACTED] In 1928 he was taken to Russia by his mother and received 12 years education in that country. From May, 1945 to January of 1947 he served in the United States Army. He has been engaged on occasions as a speaker by the National Council of American Soviet Friendship in New York City and also at the George Washington Carver School, New York City.

The National Council of American Soviet Friendship has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The following Confidential Informants, of known reliability, have an acquaintance with Communist Party activities in the greater New York City area, but were unable to furnish any specific information concerning this subject: Confidential Informants T-15, T-16, T-17, T-18, T-19, T-20, T-21, T-22 and T-23. (S)

A national stop notice has been placed with the United States Customs and a national lookout notice with Immigration and Naturalization Service against the subject's return to the United States.

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Description

The following is a description of the subject:

Name	HERMINA ALICIA HUISWOOD, was.: Hermina Alicia Huiswoud, Herminia Huiswoud, Ermy Huiswoud, Mrs. H. Huiswoud, Hermie Hulswoud, Hermi Dumont, Hermie Dumont, Hermina Alicia Dumont
Race	Negro
Age	45
Born	October 8, 1905 in New Amsterdam, British Guiana
Citizenship	United States citizen, naturalized February 17, 1928 in Bronx County Supreme Court, New York, certificate no. 2703971
Height	5' 2"
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Occupation	Secretary
Married	to OTTO EDUARD GERARDUS MAJELLA HUISWOOD, was. (Amsterdam, Holland)
Last known US address	408 West 128th Street, apartment 20
Present location	Amsterdam, Holland
Passport	United States passport # 137005 revoked 9/29/50 and now in the files of State Department.

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INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA [redacted] dated AUG 2 1951 at New York are as follows:

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(204) A list of IWO employees obtained from Information Service Division of Placement and Unemployment Insurance, New York State Department of Labor, contained in Albany letter to New York dated October 18, 1941.

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Mail covers on the subject at 408 West 128th Street during 1947.

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Pretext interview of the subject in March, 1949 by SAS [redacted] and [redacted]

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Confidential source abroad per Bureau letter dated July 17, 1951 entitled "OTTO EDUARD GERARDUS MAJELLA HUISWOOD, was., etc.; IS-R", New York file 100-66924.

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CONFIDENTIAL  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Date: September 17, 1951

To:

Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

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(S) Attention: [redacted]

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Subject: OTTO EDUARD GERARDUS MAJELLA HUISWOOD, was.;  
HERMINA ALICIA HUISWOOD, nee DUMONT, was.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

(S) [redacted] Reference is made to previous correspondence, your

In our letter dated November 24, 1947, captioned "Otto Eduard Gerardus Majella Huiswood, was.," this Bureau furnished available background information concerning Huiswood and his wife, Hermina.

(Serial 19)

In 1947 it was reported that Huiswood and his wife were desirous of returning to the Netherlands. Investigation has revealed that Huiswood has been living in the Netherlands for the past several years. Further investigation revealed Hermina Huiswood left the United States for the Netherlands during October, 1949, to join her husband. In September, 1950, the United States Consulate in Amsterdam took up her passport when it was learned that she had violated the restrictions of travel under which it was issued. At the time she surrendered her passport she indicated to the Consulate that she was married to a Netherlands' subject and did not plan to return to the United States in the near future.

(Serial 14 and 44)

Since it appears that Otto and Hermina Huiswood have taken up permanent residence in the Netherlands, the following

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reports concerning them are furnished for your information and assistance:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 10, 1948, at New York, N.Y.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated March 31, 1949, at New York, N.Y.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated August 2, 1951, at New York, N.Y.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, New York  
SUBJECT: HERMINA ALICIA HUISWOOD, was.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: AUG 2 1951 *eh 3-1*

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AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S)  
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Reference is made to the report of SA [redacted] dated AUG 2 1951 at New York, captioned as above.

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This subject was previously carried as a subject in the case entitled, "OTTO EDUARD GERARDUS MAJELLA HUISWOOD, was. etc.; IS-R", Bufile 64-30457, New York file 100-66924, which case is in a closed status at New York.

A separate case file was opened on the captioned subject at New York (NY file 100-105338) for the purpose of locating her.

Information was subsequently received from the Washington Field Office to the effect that the subject was issued a United States passport #137005 on September 1, 1949 which was revoked September 29, 1950 at Amsterdam, Holland for the reason of violation of travel restrictions. At this time HERMINA HUISWOOD stated she intended to remain abroad indefinitely.

Rebulet July 17, 1951 entitled, "OTTO EDUARD GERARDUS MAJELLA HUISWOOD, was.; HERMINA ALICIA HUISWOOD, nee DUMONT, was., IS-R" (NY file 100-66924), which states that OTTO HUISWOOD (subject's husband) is now living at Sloestraat 3, Amsterdam, Holland.

HERMINA HUISWOOD was in Amsterdam when her passport was revoked and it is believed that she is undoubtedly with her husband.

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National stop notices have been placed against the subject.

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This case will be continued in a pending inactive status pending results of the inquiry requested of the Bureau.

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Subj: Friswood, Hermine

Address: Alicia

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ SUPV: \_\_\_\_\_

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Subj: Hawwood Hermie

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Otto Huiswoud

I learned several weeks ago of the death of Otto Huiswoud, a Negro charter member of the CPUSA, in The Netherlands, but delayed informing you, until I could get information of the time and cause of his passing. However, an airmail letter to his widow, Mrs. Hermie Huiswoud, Leimunderstraat 19-11, Amsterdam, W. Holland, has brought no results to date, and I have decided not to delay the matter any further.

Here are a few brief biographical notes.

Otto Huiswoud, a charter member of the CPUSA, originally from Dutch Guiana, of Negro-Dutch ancestry, took over the chairmanship of the international Trade Union Committee after James W. Ford, about 1932.

Huiswoud was a printer by trade. He came to N.Y. during the First World War. Towards the end of that war, he became active in the Harlem branch of the old Socialist party, and was one of a group of young Negroes, including Richard S. Moore and Lovette Forte Whiteman, who later left that party to join the CP. He was an associate of Cyril Briggs in the African Blood Brotherhood, contributing to its organ, "The Crusader," and also to "The Messenger."

He was a delegate from the CPUSA to the 4th Congress of the Communist International along with the Negro poet, Claude McKay, who was a fraternal delegate. He later became the first Negro member of the Central Committee of the CPUSA and an alternate member of the ECCI.

Returning to the U.S., he played a leading role in Negro and participated in the organization of the American Negro Congress in 1925.

He returned to Moscow in 1929 or 1930 to international work in the CI as its representative to the South African Congress, where he re-

mained for about six months. He then became chairman of the Hamburg Committee about 1932, and continued as chairman of this body until its dissolution at the beginning of World War II. He then returned to the U.S. for a brief period, then went back to Dutch Guiana where, as a result of his anti-imperialist activities, he was thrown into a concentration camp by the Dutch colonialists, where he was incarcerated for about two years.

After his release at the end of the war, Huiswoud was refused re-entry into the U.S. He then went to Holland, where he had relatives and was later joined by his wife, Hermie Huiswoud, who for several years worked under Cyril Briggs as a member of the staff of the Crusader News Agency.

While in Moscow in 1922, both Huiswoud and McKay visited Lenin, who was then suffering from his last illness at his summer home outside Moscow. Lenin is said to have expressed keen interest in the Negro Question in the U.S. and to have referred

his visitors to his work, "The Development of Capitalism in American Agriculture," where he dealt with the South and the Negro Question, and to have expressed the intention of further exploring the question.

It is my impression that Otto was one of the first two Negroes to join the CPUSA.

—C.B.

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CLASSIFICATION PER OGA LETTER  
DATED 04-14-2008

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 21, 1951

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: HERMINA ALICIA HUISWOOD, was.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

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

RESIDENCE ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ Amsterdam, Holland

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Photographs of *Hermine A. Huiswood*  
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*Mrs. Otto Huiswood.*

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Hermina A. Huiswood  
nee Dumont

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

G.I.R.

To:

Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

(S) Attention:

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From:

John Edgar Hoover - Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject:

OTTO EDUARD GERARDUS MAJELLA ~~W~~SWOOD, was.;  
HERMINA ALICIA ~~W~~SWOOD, nee Dunant, was.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

(S) your [redacted] Reference is made to previous correspondence,  
1951, [redacted] and our request of September 17,

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It would be appreciated if you would advise  
us to the status of this request.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (64-30457)  
FROM : SAC, New York (100-105338)  
SUBJECT: HERMINA ALICIA HUISWOOD, was.  
SM-C

DATE: 1/16/52

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The case is being carried in a pending inactive status awaiting the results of the check requested in mylet. An early reply would be appreciated.

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 DIRECTOR, FBI (64-30457)

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 HERMINA ALICIA HUISWOOD, nee Demont, was.  
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 Alicia Huiswood, was, Security Matter - C."

By letter dated September 17, 1951, the Bureau



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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (64-30457)

DATE: March 11, 1952

FROM : SAC, New York (100-66924)

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RESIDENCE ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ Sloestraat 3 II

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

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A. E. Leonard

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report.  
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Instructions via  
0-1 to New York  
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DATED 04-14-2008

DATE: May 16, 1952

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TO : Director, FBI - 64-30457  
FROM : SAC, New York - 100-105338

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SUBJECT: HERMINA ALICIA HUISWOOD, was. Security Index Card Canceled  
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Re Bureau 0-1 form, 5/5/52, bearing the character  
IS - R, requesting advice as to when a report may be expected  
and also requesting the recommendation of this office regarding  
disposition of a Security Index Card.

A review of the NY file in this matter reflects  
that lookout notices have been placed with the Bureau of  
Customs and also with INS in order that notification may be  
received upon the return to this country of the subject.  
It also appears that she last departed from the US on 10/13/49,  
that her US passport has been revoked by the State Department,  
and that while she has not been politically active in the  
Netherlands where she is now residing, her husband has a back-  
ground of international Communist activities and is residing  
in Holland with her.

Passport  
has been  
revoked.

The NY file failed to reflect any information  
suitable for inclusion in an investigative report and, accordingly,  
it is not contemplated that an investigative report will be  
written in view of the negative nature of the inquiries concerning  
the subject's activities abroad.

Concerning the Security Index Card, however, it is  
felt that maintenance of it serves no useful purpose, although  
the subject cannot be said to have departed the US permanently;  
therefore, it is recommended that the Security Index Card be  
cancelled and that the case remain in a closed status. it having  
been closed.

The 0-1 form referred to above is being returned to  
the Bureau herewith.

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP  
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Has taken  
up what appears  
to be permanent  
residence in Holland

Remove from  
Security Index

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**CANCELLED**

September 10, 1953

HERMINA ALICE HUISWOOD  
Born October 8, 1905  
New Amsterdam, British Guiana

A review of the records of this Bureau has disclosed that the Central Office of INS in Washington, D. C. has been furnished with five reports in the case variously entitled "Otto Eduard Gerardus Majella Huiswood and Hermina Alicia Huiswood nee Dumont; Security Matter-C." Your attention is directed to those reports inasmuch as they relate to the individual inquired about and her spouse. It is presumed they are available to you. (64-30457)

The above information is furnished for your confidential use only and is not to be distributed outside of your agency. This is the result of an FBI file check only and is not to be considered as a clearance or nonclearance of the individual involved.

Orig. to INS Local Office, Wash., DC  
Request received 8/21/53

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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

SAC, New York (100-105630)

July 10, 1953

PERSONAL ATTENTION

*get* Director, FBI (100-202838)

LENIN SCHOOL, aka  
Lenin Institute  
International Lenin Institute  
International Leninist Institute  
International Lenin School  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

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Reference is made to SAC letter, Number 60, dated June 16, 1951, transmitting to each Office a summary dated April 24, 1951, concerning the Lenin School. Also transmitted to each Office as an enclosure to the SAC letter was an alphabetical list of those individuals who have been reported to have attended the Lenin School.

As a supplement to the above, there is attached, for each Office receiving copies of this letter, an enclosure containing a summary of the information available concerning the courses of instruction given at the Lenin School, the confidential informants and sources available, and a list of those individuals who have reportedly attended the Lenin School. For your assistance in referring to this material, the enclosure has been broken down into three sections as follows:

*[1 ENC.]*  
Section 1 (Pages 1 through 14):

This Section contains a summary of the additional data available in Bureau files concerning the courses of instruction given at the Lenin School and the revolutionary nature of the subjects that were taught in the School.

Section 2 (Pages 15 through 21):

This Section contains background data concerning the available confidential informants, confidential sources, and identity of other witnesses, all of whom have attended the Lenin School and are in a position to furnish information concerning it. It is believed that the identifying data set forth will assist each Office in determining the extent of an informant's knowledge concerning the Lenin School, as well as his

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knowledge of over-all Communist activities. It will be noted that the period of each informant's attendance at the Lenin School is set forth in order to assist each Office in setting forth leads for interview purposes.

Section 3 (Pages 22 through 101):

This Section contains the supplemental alphabetical summary of those persons who have reportedly attended the Lenin School. It contains the name, aliases, Bureau file number, Office of Origin file number, and identifying data concerning each individual. The identifying data set forth herein should not be considered as a complete summary of the person's Communist Party activity. The identifying data is set forth herein to assist each Office in identifying those who attended the Lenin School, when conducting interviews with graduates of this School. Where mention is made in this Section that a photograph is available, this refers to the fact that a photograph is available in the files of the Office of Origin and the individual case file at the Bureau.

The Bureau desires that additional witnesses be developed to show that those who attended the Lenin School were taught courses or received assignments in espionage, counterespionage, or sabotage tactics in an effort to bring the Lenin School within the purview of Section 20 (a) of the Internal Security Act of 1950. Each Field Office should conduct all investigations with this thought in mind. For your information, the Bureau has furnished a copy of the summary memorandum of April 24, 1951, to the Criminal Division, and a copy of Section 1, pages 1 through 14, of this attachment has been made available to the Criminal Division.

All Offices receiving copies of this letter are instructed as follows:

(1) The alphabetical list dated April 24, 1951, previously furnished each Office, together with Section 3 attached hereto, should be carefully reviewed. This review should be conducted in an effort to identify those whose first, last or Communist Party name only is known, as well as to identify those on whom no paragraph of background data has been reported herein. Section 3 sets forth background data on those who are subjects of main case files in the Bureau and where background information was readily available in the Bureau's files.



(2) Each Office should make certain when an individual is identified as having received training at the Lenin School that a separate case file is opened and a thorough investigation conducted in accordance with Section 87C4, page 23B, of the Manual of Instructions.

(3) Each Office should analyze the individual case file on each subject who has attended the Lenin School for the purpose of seeing that data concerning his or her attendance has been fully developed. During the course of these individual file reviews you should give consideration to interviewing every student who attended the Lenin School where it is possible to do so under existing regulations relating to interviews with security subjects. In these instances where an interview is being recommended a letter should be directed to the Bureau captioned under the name of the individual subject.

(4) Each Office should make certain that data concerning the courses taught and revolutionary nature of the Lenin School presently appearing in your files, as well as the material developed in future interviews of subjects in individual cases, is reported in the Lenin School file. Each Office should make available to the Bureau and the New York Office any data appearing in your files concerning the Lenin School where same has not been previously reported. It is the responsibility of each Office to see that data concerning the Lenin School obtained in the future is made available to the Bureau and the New York Office. This includes designating copies of reports to the New York Office, for the Lenin School file, which contain the results of interviews with individual subjects who have attended the Lenin School.

In view of the fact that the majority of the American students who attended the Lenin School now reside in the New York area, the New York Office is being designated as the Office of Origin. It will be the responsibility of the New York Office to make certain that over-all data concerning activity at the Lenin School, the courses taught, and the revolutionary nature of such instruction as developed in the interviews are properly summarized and reported in the Lenin School file in report form suitable for dissemination.

The Bureau has noted from interviews with former students, particularly Confidential Informants, that due to the lapse of time since they have attended the Lenin School they have been unable, in most instances, to recall more than a very few names. It is believed that by carefully reviewing the material attached hereto and familiarizing yourself with it that additional data may be obtained concerning the instructions given, and the identity of other students may be obtained, particularly those whose first, last or Communist Party name is known. It is possible that the whereabouts of some of the former students heretofore unknown may be revealed.

Each Office should promptly advise the Bureau by letter captioned in the Lenin School file when the above instructions have been complied with. This letter should set forth the name and Bureau file number of those subjects recommended for interview.

22, 1953

A. H. Belmont

W. A. Branigan

PAUL CROUCH - INFORMANT  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
SECURITY MATTER - C

By memorandum to the Director dated December 9, 1952, captioned "World Tourist," [redacted]

[redacted] Investigations Division, Immigration and Naturalization Service, furnished information to the effect that Paul Crouch, a consultant for the Immigration and Naturalization Service at Washington, D. C., had submitted a memorandum dated October 8, 1952, to

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[redacted] Immigration and Naturalization Service, Washington, D. C., advising that from an examination of passport photographs at the Central Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Crouch had been able to identify 105 Communist Party members or former Communist Party members known to him personally. Crouch specified that some were out of the Communist Party or that the present attitude of others was in doubt and they may be working with agencies of the Soviet government.

Blank memoranda have been prepared concerning each person identified, and two copies of each of these memoranda are attached.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the copies of the memoranda be routed to the Supervisor handling the respective case files for necessary action. It is suggested that one copy of each memorandum be furnished the office of origin in each case. In some cases, it may be desirable to interview Crouch for additional information concerning the extent of his association with the individual mentioned.

Attachment

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cc: Bufile re Hermina Huiswood (Attachment).

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Washington 25, D. C.

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FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

January 14, 1953

RE: PAUL CROUCH - INFORMANT  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
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Paul Crouch, employed as a consultant for the Immigration and Naturalization Service at Washington, D. C., and a former Communist Party member, advised the Immigration and Naturalization Service by memorandum dated October 8, 1952, that from an examination of passport photographs at the Immigration and Naturalization Service Central Office, he was able to identify the following person as a Communist Party member or former member known to him personally:

Hermina Huiswood, photograph #3200.

Crouch advised that this person was from British Guiana and probably was the Comintern representative in the West Indies. Crouch stated he would submit a special memorandum concerning this person to the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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Date: December 1, 1953

To: Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

BY COURIER SERVICE

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Subject: OTTO EDWARD GERARDUS  
MAJELLA HUISWOOD, with aliases;  
HERMINA ALICIA HUISWOOD,  
nee DUMONT, with aliases;  
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born 1-28-93 Dutch Guiana; first entered U.S. 3-1-23. Huiswood and wife have long record of Communist and revolutionary activities while residents of U.S. and abroad. In early 1930's he attended Lenin School, Moscow. He married Hermina Huiswood, New York City, 9-20-36. In 1947 it was reported Huiswood and wife desirous of living in Netherlands and established residence in the Netherlands where they have lived the past three years.

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To:

Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E Street, Northwest  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

From:

John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: O.E.G.M. HUISWOOD  
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Bureau files concerning these individuals. (S)

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

(S) Informant advised subject in contact with someone at the address, 4803 Illinois Avenue, NYC, and FNU [redacted]. No Illinois Avenue in any of the five boroughs, NYC. No [redacted] listed in directory, [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] currently resides [redacted] [redacted] member American Youth for Democracy in 1943. Informant advised [redacted] of MAX GRANICH. Informant advised [redacted] of MAX, as of 3/1/54, resided at [redacted] (S)(u)

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES

AND FIELD OFFICES

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DETAILS:

SIGNATURE [redacted] DATE 3/1/54

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The current street directories for the City of New York, and [redacted] Inspectors Office, Main Post Office, 33rd Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City, both indicated that there is no Illinois Avenue in any of the five boroughs of the City of New York. (S)(X)(U)

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Investigation at [redacted] reflected no [redacted] at this address. The building directory, however, reflected one [redacted] Current telephone directory for the City of New York, reflected that telephone number FI 8-3098 was listed to [redacted] (S)(X)(U)(A)

[T-2, of known reliability, advised] that (S)(U) FI 8-3098 is listed to [redacted] and was connected January 3, 1952. Informant stated [redacted] indicated to him that she was self-employed and was going to start a nursery school for children. T-2 also related that [redacted] maintains an account at the Saugerties National Bank and Trust Company, Saugerties, New York.

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[T-3, of known reliability, advised in (S)(U)] November 1944, that one [redacted] was a member of the American Youth for Democracy, 1943 to 1944.

The American Youth for Democracy has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[T-4, another government agency which maintains personnel records, advised on April 25, 1942, that MAX GRANICH, 396 Second Avenue, New York City, related to informant that his [redacted] would always know his whereabouts. (S)(U)]

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[T-5, of known reliability, advised on April 1, 1953, that he recalled MAX GRANICH as a member of the CP, but could furnish no evidence concerning his membership. Informant related that MAX GRANICH assumed more importance in the CP after 1930.]

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The files of the passport Division, Department of State, contained a passport application for [redacted] dated April 26, 1935, on which she indicated she was [redacted]

T-6, of known reliability, advised on July 24, 1953, that [redacted] to EARL BROWDER, former National Chairman of the CP, USA. (S)(u)

T-7, another government agency which conducts security and intelligence type investigations, made available the following information which was taken from the files of the Shanghai Municipal Police, who conducted an investigation of MAX [redacted] GRANICH during the time they resided in Shanghai from January 1936 to December 1937. A report in the files of the Shanghai Municipal Police, dated in 1936, states that [redacted] was one of the ablest writers in the American CP and a frequent contributor to the "United Front," described as an official organ of the CP. (S)(u)

It should be noted that MAX [redacted] GRANICH have operated a small progressive camp for children called the Higley Hill Camp at Wilmington, Vermont.

T-8, of known reliability, advised on July 22, 1951, that one of the projects for the children attending the summer camp of the GRANICHs, is the writing and publishing of a junior "Daily Worker" for children. T-8 advised on July 15, 1951, that the GRANICHs are now showing "educational" movies periodically at the camp to the children who are registered there. Most of these "educational" movies show the joys of living in Russia, according to the informant. (S)(u)

T-8 also advised on March 19, 1954, that [redacted] indicated to informant that as of March 1, 1954, she would be residing at [redacted] (S)(u)

The files of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York and the New York City Police Department, reflect no information identifiable with [redacted] (S)(u)

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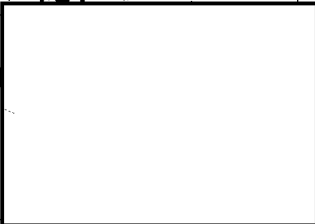
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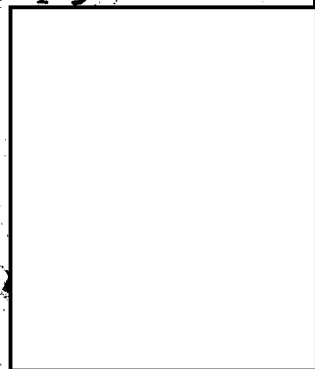
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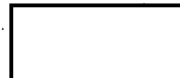
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