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DR. WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES
Buded 9/25/52

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In the August 15, 1952, issue of "Counterattack" appeared an item indicating captioned individual, a poet, novelist and physician, who has been a fellow of Library of Congress for the past three years, assumed on September 17, 1952, the position of consultant on poetry in English at the Library of Congress.

(Let from New York, 8-25-52, entited "American Business Consultants, Inc., Counter-Attack, Info Concerning

You are requested to ascertain whether Williams is presently employed with the U. S. Government within the purview of Executive Order 9835. If he is so employed, the Bureau should be furnished with the following information:

1. Complete name
2. Complete background information
3. Complete title of the position and name of the government agency
4. Summary of all available disloyal information

No further action should be taken in the absence of a specific request.

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No loyalty form in Bureau
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BELMONT

RE:

William Carlos Williams
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Letter from New York dated 8-25-52, entitled "American Business Consultants, Inc., Counterattack, Information Concerning."

Based on information contained in _____, a (X) preliminary inquiry ( ) full field loyalty investigation is being opened on the captioned individual. Open main 121 file and file this memorandum as serial 1.

C. H. Stanley
Loyalty Section

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Date: October 9, 1952

To: Mr. James E. Hatcher
Chief, Investigations Division
U. S. Civil Service Commission
Washington, D. C.

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

Subject: WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS
Consultant in Poetry in English
Library of Congress
Washington, D. C.
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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According to available information the above-named individual was born on September 17, 1883, at Rutherford, New Jersey, and resides at 9 Ridge Road, Rutherford, New Jersey.

The following is contained in the August 15, 1952 issue of the publication, "Counterattack":

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Dr. Williams is a prominent American Poet and is listed in "Who's Who" for 1952-53.

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Mr. John L. C. Andreassen, Director for Administration, Library of Congress, advised that Dr. William Carlos Williams has been a Fellow in American Letters of the Library of Congress for over three years and was nominated for the post of Consultant in Poetry in English at the Library of Congress by an Advisory Board consisting of other Fellows in American Letters. He stated that on the basis of this nomination, the position was offered to Dr. Williams by the Library of Congress. He advised that a letter was received from the wife of Dr. Williams stating he was seriously ill and would not be able to accept the appointment for some time. Mr. Andreassen informed that the designation of Dr. Williams as Consultant in Poetry in English with the Library of Congress has not been rescinded.

Mr. Andreassen related that the salary for the holder of the position of Consultant in Poetry in English is paid out of the income of a gift fund donated by Archer M. Huntington. He advised that in the past few years this salary, amounting to about $5,000, has been supplemented by appropriated funds to the extent of approximately $2,500.

The foregoing, which is not the result of a full field loyalty investigation, is furnished for your information and consideration. It should not be disseminated to unauthorized individuals or agencies. You are advised that no further action concerning Williams is contemplated by this Bureau under the Loyalty Program in the absence of advice from you to the effect that he is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 9835, and in the absence of a request for an investigation. No recommendation for clearance or disapproval is made by this Bureau.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: September 30, 1952

FROM : SAC, WFO (121-26141)

SUBJECT: Doctor WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS
Consultant in Poetry in English -
Applicant,
Library of Congress
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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Rebulet September 11, 1952.

Mr. LEON SEIDNER, Personnel Operations Officer, Library of Congress, advised there was no personnel file relating to the above captioned individual in his office.

Mr. JOHN L. C. ANDREASSEN, Director for Administration, Library of Congress, advised Doctor WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS had been a Fellow of the Library of Congress in American Letters for over three years. Mr. ANDREASSEN informed applicant had been nominated for the post of Consultant in Poetry in English at the Library by an Advisory Board consisting of other Fellows in American Letters there. Thereafter, on the basis of such nomination, the position had been offered applicant by the Library of Congress, The term is usually for one year. Mr. ANDREASSEN stated that in view of the above no formal application had been made by Doctor WILLIAMS.

According to Mr. ANDREASSEN, as is usual in this type of appointment, necessary papers are completed by an appointee when he actually assumes the office. In the case of Doctor WILLIAMS, Mr. ANDREASSEN stated, a letter was received from his wife stating he was seriously ill and would not be able to accept the appointment for some time.

The designation of Doctor WILLIAMS as Consultant has not been rescinded.

Mr. ANDREASSEN stated the salary for the holder of the position of Consultant in Poetry in English is paid out of the income of a gift fund, "Chair of English Poetry", money for which was donated by ARCHER M. HUNTINGTON. Mr. ANDREASSEN advised that in the past few years this salary, amounting to approximately $5,000, has been supplemented by appropriated funds to the extent of approximately $2,500.

Mr. ANDREASSEN said that shortly after a press release was issued August 8, 1952, announcing the appointment of Doctor WILLIAMS, a criticism appeared in the publication, "Counterattack."

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A short time later a letter was received from a mid-western Congressman, probably Congressman GEORGE F. DONDERO of Michigan, noting the criticism toward WILLIAMS in "Counterattack." This was replied to by the Librarian of Congress, according to Mr. ANDREASSEN, with a statement that it was the intent of the Library of Congress that the names of all persons holding positions there be submitted for clearance under the loyalty program.

Mr. ANDREASSEN informed that a check was made and it was discovered that through inadvertence, the name of the nominee for the position of Consultant in Poetry in English had not been submitted for clearance for the past three years. Mr. ANDREASSEN advised that inasmuch as it is the intention of the Library of Congress that all employees be checked for loyalty, specific instructions have been issued to the Employee Relations Office and the Personnel Officers to that effect.

Although Doctor WILLIAMS has not entered on duty as Consultant because of illness the nomination and office of appointment still stands, and therefore, background information concerning him from "Who's Who", 1952-1953 edition, is being set out.

"WILLIAMS, WILLIAM CARLOS, Author, Physician, born Rutherford, N. J. September 17, 1883. (Parents) WILLIAM GEORGE and RAQUEL HELENE (HABEB) WILLIAMS, preparatory education, Horace Mann High School, NYC. Student, Chateau de Lancey, Geneva, Switzerland; M.D., University of Pennsylvania, 1906; Post graduate work in Pediatrics, University of Leipzig, one year. Honorary LL.D., University of Buffalo August, 1946. Married FLORENCE HERMAN, December 12, 1912. Children, WILLIAM ERIC, PAUL HERMAN. Practiced at Rutherford since 1910. Member Bergen County, New Jersey Medical Association, National Institute of Arts and Letters. Club, University of Pennsylvania (NYC). Author and translator of numerous books since 1913. Latest publication 'Paterson III', 1949; 'Selected Poems', 1949; Autobiography of 'WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS', 1951. Was awarded the Dial prize of $2,000 for services to American literature, 1926. Guarantors prize (poetry) $100, 1931. Loines award, 1948. National Book Award for Poetry, 1949. Home, 9 Ridge Road, Rutherford, New Jersey."

Copies of the August 8, 1952, release referred to above are also enclosed, inasmuch as additional background information is contained therein concerning Doctor WILLIAMS.

The files of the Washington Field Office reflect the name "WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS - Author" not otherwise identified, appeared on the membership list of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action (WFO 100-283-1C-445).

The Dies Committee reports (appendix 5 page 1681) contain a reproduction of pages 24, 25, and 28, of the September, 1939 issue of "Soviet Russia Today." This consisted of an "open letter" "to all active supporters of Democracy and Peace" described as "the text of an open letter calling for greater unity of the Anti-Fascist forces and strengthening of the front against aggression through close cooperation with the Soviet Union, released on August 14, by 400 leading Americans."

The name "Doctor WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS, Writer", was among the "400 signers." RUC

THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Press Release
For IMMEDIATE Publication

No. 912
August 8, 1952

WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS NAMED CONSULTANT IN POETRY IN ENGLISH AT THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

William Carlos Williams, Rutherford, N. J., poet-physician, has been named Consultant in Poetry in English at the Library of Congress, effective September 17. He will succeed Conrad Potter Aiken, who will complete his second 1-year term as the Library's Poetry Consultant in September.

Dr. Williams' medical career, first as a general practitioner and later as a child specialist, has been reflected in both his poetry and his prose. His writing relates to the local scene and is marked by the employment of American speech and cadence rather than English or European forms and traditions. In his modern, four-part epic, Paterson, for which he received the National Book Award for Poetry in 1950, Dr. Williams embodied his statement of twentieth-century American consciousness.

He began writing poetry in 1906, and his first poems were privately printed in 1909. Among his volumes of poems are The Tempers, Al Que Quiere, Kora in Hell, Sour Grapes, Spring for All, Collected Poems (1921-31), and Complete Collected Poems (1938). The Great American Novel, published in 1923, was his first prose work. His autobiography was published in 1951, and a new novel, The Build-Up, his first in more than 10 years, is scheduled for publication in the fall.

Dr. Williams received his doctor of medicine degree at the University of Pennsylvania and studied pediatrics at the University of Leipzig. He was awarded honorary doctor of letters degrees by the University of Buffalo in 1946 and by the University of Pennsylvania last June. He has been one of the Library of Congress Fellows in American Letters for the past 3 years.

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To the Editor:

For further details, call the Information Office, The Library of Congress, STerling 0400, ext. 605.

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STANDARD FORM 85
Promulgated August 4, 1947, by Civil Service Commission (Chapter 1, 2, F. P. M.)

REQUEST FOR REPORT OF LOYALTY DATA ON APPLICANTS AND APPOINTEES

THIS FORM TO BE USED ONLY FOR APPLICANTS AND APPOINTEES WHERE RECORD CHECKS AND INQUIRIES ARE CONDUCTED BY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
(PART 1—EXECUTIVE ORDER 9835)

CASE SERIAL NO. (CSC use only)
4-53 30873

TO: The Federal Bureau of Investigation, through the U. S. Civil Service Commission
The following information is furnished for identification purposes on the person named below. Kindly furnish a report on any loyalty information contained in your files. (The fingerprints of this person are attached.)

1. FULL NAME (initials and abridgments of full name are not acceptable).	(Surname)	(Given name)	(Middle or other names)
	Williams	William	Carlos

2. ALIASES AND NICKNAMES: none

3. DATE OF THIS REQUEST: 10/30/52

4. SPECIAL NUMBERS KNOWN TO REQUESTING AGENCY (FBI number or FBI file number, passport number, Army or Navy serial number, seaman's certificate of identification, alien registration number, Social Security number, etc. Specify which): none

5. PLACE OF BIRTH	6. DATE OF BIRTH	7. TITLE OF POSITION
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8. SEX: [X] MALE [ ] FEMALE

9. MARITAL STATUS: [ ] SINGLE [X] MARRIED

10. IF MARRIED, GIVE SPOUSE'S FULL NAME, AND DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: Florence H. Williams, 4/18/90, New York, N.Y.

11. DATE OF APPOINTMENT: APPL.

12. TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: [X] EXCEPTED [ ] TEMPORARY [ ] COMPETITIVE (Cite Civil Service or other legal authority)

13. ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHICH AFFILIATED OTHER THAN RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS OR THOSE WHICH SHOW RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS: none

14. DATES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS

From	To	Street	City	State
Birth	1952	9 Ridge Road	Rutherford, New Jersey	

15. DATES, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF EMPLOYERS FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS

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7/6/47	7/18/47	University of Utah	Salt Lake City, Utah
7/19/48	7/24/48	University of Washington	Seattle
10/23/50	10/30/50	University of Washington	Seattle
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16. THIS AGENCY HAS LOYALTY INFORMATION REPORT(S) FURNISHED BY THE AGENCIES INDICATED BELOW:

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18. NAME AND ADDRESS OF REQUESTING AGENCY
Library of Congress
Washington 25, D. C.

SEE REVERSE FOR REPORT ON CASES WHERE DEROGATORY INFORMATION WAS DEVELOPED

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19. REPO[illegible] DEVELOPE[illegible] Date: December 1, 1952

Files of this Bureau reveal unverified information concerning this employee bringing the employee within the purview of Executive Order No. 9835. Investigation being conducted. If this employee is assigned to a sensitive position a resume of present information in the files of the FBI will be furnished on request.

FBI, Washington, D. C.
(Name of Reporting Agency)

INSTRUCTIONS ON PREPARATION OF STANDARD FORM 85

1. This form (Standard Form 85) is promulgated by the United States Civil Service Commission at the request of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of carrying out the responsibilities with respect to applicants for Federal employment and persons appointed to Federal positions after September 30, 1947, as provided in Part 1 of Executive Order 9835.
2. All items must be filled in. If the answer is "No" or "None", so state.
3. The Fingerprint Chart (Standard Form 87) of the applicant or appointee must be submitted with the original and two copies of this form. The third carbon copy of the form should be retained by the agency.
4. If additional space is needed in filling in Items 14 and 15, use a separate sheet of paper, number the item to correspond with the item number of this form, and attach.
5. If the requesting agency has previously received loyalty information from any Government agency (including the Federal Bureau of Investigation) concerning the employee named in this form, the name of the agency which furnished the information and the date of the report should be shown in Item 16.
6. Item 17 is reserved for use in reporting on this request when no derogatory information is developed.
7. Whenever information is developed the report will be covered in Item 19 above.
8. For further details regarding the use of this form see the Federal Personnel Manual, Chapter I 2.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (121-40475) DATE: 11/4/52

FROM : SAC, WFO (121-26141)

SUBJECT: Doctor WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS
Consultant in Poetry in English -
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Library of Congress
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

ReWFOlet September 30, 1952.

Reference is made to the Weekly Domestic Intelligence Summary, dated October 22, 1952, and submitted by the Headquarters, Military District of Washington, Office, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Intelligence.

In referenced Intelligence Summary, it is stated as follows:

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"The recent appointment of DR. WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS as Consultant in English Poetry at the Library of Congress has been attacked by the 'Lyric Foundation' which publishes 'Lyric,' magazine of traditional poetry. In an open letter to the magazine's contributors and subscribers, Mrs. Virginia Kent Cummins, Editor and Founder, denounced the appointment of DR. WILLIAMS as 'an insult to American poetry and American citizenship' and cited some of DR. WILLIAMS' verse as 'the very voice of Communism'. Mrs. Cummins pointed to the following stanza written by DR. WILLIAMS as poor Americanism:

'O Russia, Russians! come with me into
My dream and let us be lovers...
These I dedicate to you.....
I hold back nothing,
I lay my spirit at your feet...
Among many others, undistinguished,
Of no moment -- I am the background
Upon which you will build your empire.'

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"G-2 COMMENT: Following is a synopsis of DR. WILLIAMS' pro-Communist affiliations as previously reported in WDIS, MDW, for week ending 24 August 1952:

"DR. WILLIAMS signed a statement in 1938 calling for greater cooperation with Russia on the part of the democracies. This statement was sponsored by the AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND DEMOCRACY (cited as Communist by Attorney General) and published in "NEW MASSES" (Communist magazine). In 1940, WILLIAMS signed a statement demanding an end to the House Committee on Un-American Activities, said statement being sponsored by the AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR DEMOCRACY AND INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM (pro-Communist). In 1942, he urged clemency for EARL BROWDER, former head of the COMMUNIST PARTY (USA), who was then in the Atlanta prison for perjury. In April, 1951, the NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE ARTS, SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS (Communist front) billed DR. WILLIAMS as a speaker at a rally to honor JOHN HOWARD LAWSON, DALTON TRUMBO and ALBERT MALTZ, three of the 'Hollywood Ten' unfriendly witnesses who were then just out of prison. Other speakers billed for this rally were: PAUL ROBESON (Communist); SAM WANAMAKER (pro-Communist actor-director); and CEDRIC BELFRAGE, editor of the pro-Communist NATIONAL GUARDIAN weekly newspaper."

The foregoing is furnished for the information of the Bureau and for consideration in any possible LGE investigation which may be conducted re the applicant.

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Subj: Williams, William Carlos

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WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS
Consultant in Poetry in English - Applicant
Library of Congress
Washington, D. C.
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES
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Rebulet September 11, 1952, to WFO and WFO letters submitting the results of a PI concerning the applicant. Copies of the applicant's loyalty form are attached for your assistance. A copy of WFO letter dated September 30, 1952, is attached for the assistance of each office except WFO.

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"Can't Library of Congress find a distinguished poet with a pro-freedom record to fill the post? As long as U. S. Gov't is subsidizing people, why doesn't it subsidize anti-totalitarians?"

It is noted that the applicant is the subject of the report of Special Agent John V. Gordon dated February 5, 1943, at Newark captioned "Dr. William Carlos Williams; Internal Security - C, Custodial Detention," Newark file 100-2575. (100-124710)

The following references in Bufiles appear to pertain to the applicant:

Bufiles contain a copy of a publication entitled "Writers Take Sides. Letters About the War in Spain from 418 American Authors," published by the League of American Writers, 381 - 4th Avenue, New York City in 1938. Under the heading "William Carlos Williams" appears the following:

"If Italian history could look down on Mussolini today it would vomit: Think of the century-long struggles for freedom waged by Florence, by Milan, by Venice against what odds and with what world-shaking effect and then think of the decay of

"freedom rotting its way into Spain today and you have a picture not equaled save in some lepers' colony on some outlawed island in the Pacific. Without Mussolini there could not be Franco, it is the same rot eating in. I am for the legal government and the people of Republican Spain. They are the threatened inheritors of all that Italy has lost." (61-7561-2-87)

An article in the "Daily Worker" for April 25, 1939, reflects that thirty-eight prominent writers including William Carlos Williams signed a letter to all senators and members of the House of Representatives urging support of the Federal Arts Project. (61-7551-183X10)

The September 1939 issue of "Soviet Russia Today" reflects that four hundred persons including Dr. William Carlos Williams, writer, signed an open letter calling for closer cooperation with the Soviet Union. (61-7374-103)

An article in the "Daily Worker" for February 6, 1941, reflects that Dr. Wm. Carlos Williams was among sponsors of the American Rescue Ship Mission. (100-7061-A)

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. J. Higgins dated February 24, 1941, at New York entitled "Julio Alvarez Del Vayo, wa.; Information Concerning," New York file 65-6791. The report contains the names of the national sponsors of the American Rescue Ship Mission as they appeared on a letterhead used by that organization on December 31, 1940. Included is the name of Dr. William Carlos Williams. (100-11688-13)

Bufiles reflect that the "Daily Worker" for March 5, 1941, listed individuals who reportedly signed a statement urging the President and Congress to defend the rights of the Communist Party. On the list appears the name of "William Carlos Williams, New Jersey." (61-7559-A)

Reference is made to Newark letter dated November 13, 1941, captioned "Nationalistic Tendency Chart, Russian, Newark Field Division; Internal Security - R," Newark file 100-4749. According to this letter, Dr. William Carlos Williams was a member of the State Committee of the New Jersey Civil Liberties Union, Newark, New Jersey. (66-8720-31-35)

The report of Special Agent L. O. Prior dated December 10, 1941, at New York captioned "League of American Writers; Internal Security - C,"

New York file 100-11720, contains a list of signers of the 1939 Call of the Third Congress of American Writers. Included is the name of William Carlos Williams. (100-7322-23; 61-7554-94)

Bufiles reflect that the name of Dr. William Carlos Williams, Rutherford, New Jersey, is contained on a list of individuals and organizations who signed an open letter to the President of the United States requesting him to rescind the Attorney General's order for the deportation of Harry Bridges. (100-1170-201, 207)

Material made available by Mr. Walter Steele of the National Republic magazine and forwarded to the Bureau by WFO under date of August 27, 1942, contains information dated April 7, 1938, to the effect that one William Carlos Williams was among the signers of a Peace Call to World Democracies. (61-10498-1042)

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. Scott Clark dated April 2, 1943, at Salt Lake City captioned "Dr. Ezra Pound, Treason," Salt Lake City file 61-43. According to this report Miss Kay Boyle, Reno, Nevada, stated that Dr. William Carlos Williams, 9 Ridge Road, Rutherford, New Jersey, was an old friend of Pound, having gone to school with him. She described Williams as absolutely loyal. The report of Special Agent Charles G. Cleveland dated March 17, 1943, at Newark bearing the same caption, Newark file 61-137, contains the results of an interview with Dr. William Carlos Williams, Rutherford, New Jersey. (100-34099-58, 61)

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent George D. Nelson dated January 31, 1944, at Newark captioned "National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Inc.; Internal Security - R," Newark file 100-5336. This report reflects that a program for the tenth anniversary meeting of the League for American-Soviet Friendship held in Newark, New Jersey, on November 23, 1943, listed Dr. William Carlos Williams as a sponsor. (100-146964-151)

New York letter dated June 7, 1945, entitled "West Indian Negro Activities, New York City; Internal Security - C," New York file 100-59518, contains a list of names of friends who gave tribute to Jacques Roumain, deceased Haitian Negro poet and ardent Communist. Included was the name of Dr. William C. Williams. (100-296500-144)

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Albert J. Klein dated November 14, 1950, at New York captioned "Compic; Internal Security-C," New York file 100-50870. Page 37 reflects that according to the "Daily Worker" of May 12, 1950, William Carlos Williams and others petitioned the Supreme Court for a rehearing of the prison sentences imposed on the "Hollywood Ten." (100-138754-681)

An article in the "Daily Worker" on April 12, 1951, reflects that William Carlos Williams was scheduled to speak at an affair for the "Hollywood Ten" at the Hotel Riverside Plaza that evening under the auspices of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions. An article in the "Daily Worker" for April 16, 1951, indicates Williams could not be present at the above-mentioned affairsas he was seriously ill in a hospital. (100-138754-A)

Additional information which appears to pertain to the applicant is contained in the following references:

Report of Special Agent V. Walser Prospero dated May 5, 1941, at Newark captioned "The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born; Internal Security - C," Newark file 100-1452. (100-7046-77)

Report of Special Agent Joseph P. O'Sullivan dated March 4, 1943, at Newark captioned "Abraham Judah Isserman; Internal Security - C," Newark file 100-14762. (100-37423-20)

Report of Special Agent William H. Rockett dated January 20, 1950, at Newark captioned "Communist Party, USA, District No. 14, Newark Office; Internal Security - C," Newark file 100-4284. (100-3-28-1108)

A report of the HCUA, 78th Congress, Second Session, Part IX, concerning Communist front organizations, pages, 331, 354, 392, 620, 622, 650, 771, 1385, 1391. (61-7582-1298)

The Bureau has now been advised by CSC that the Library of Congress Loyalty Board desires a full field investigation concerning

the applicant. Accordingly, you should immediately initiate a full field investigation in this case. WFO will report the basis for the investigation and Newark will set out the applicant's personal history data. This case should be assigned to experienced agent personnel and care should be taken to avoid any embarrassment to the Bureau. In view of the "sensitive" nature of the position involved, the Buded must be met.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

TRANSMITTAL OF REQUEST FOR FBI INVESTIGATION

PERSONAL AND ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

NAME: WILLIAMS, William Carlos

DATE OF BIRTH: September 17, 1883

POSITION, AGENCY, LOCATION: Consultant in Poetry in English
Library of Congress
Washington, D. C.

DATE: November 14, 1952
FILE: I:FTH:mec

Attached for your consideration is a request for investigation or additional information in this case.

REMARKS: Reference is made to your letter to this office dated October 9, 1952, in regard to the above case.

Standard Form 85 bearing Serial No. 4.53.30873 was forwarded to your Bureau on November 5, 1952 for pre-appointment checks requested by the Library of Congress in connection with subjects proposed appointment to the above position.

James E. Hatcher, Chief
Investigations Division

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Enclosures:

[x] Letter from agency dated 10-27-52

[ ] Letter (or CSC Form 257) from CSC regional office dated _____
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October 27, 1952

Dear Mr. Hatcher:

Your memorandum report dated October 16, 1952, transmitting a report concerning WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS from John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, has been received.

In view of the information contained therein the Library of Congress Loyalty Board desires that a full field investigation of this individual be undertaken and the results submitted to us as promptly as possible.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Mason
Director of Personnel
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James E. Hatcher, Chief
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TO: Mr. James E. Hatcher
Chief, Investigations Division
U. S. Civil Service Commission
Washington, D. C.

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

SUBJECT: WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS
Consultant in Poetry in English - Applicant
Library of Congress
Washington, D. C.
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

You were recently advised that the captioned individual was being investigated by this Bureau under the provisions of Executive Order 9835.

In view of the information in your letter dated January 19, 1953, in that the proposed appointment of the captioned individual will not be effected, no further investigation is being conducted by this Bureau.

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Reference is made to our INV 236 dated November 14, 1952, File I:FTH:mec, in the case of William Carlos Williams, born September 17, 1883, who is an applicant for the Sensitive position of Consultant in Poetry in English, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

We are now in receipt of information that the proposed appointment will not be effected.

This information is submitted for appropriate action by your Bureau.

Very truly yours,

James E. Hatcher

James E. Hatcher, Chief
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Basis, applicant identified in publication "Counterattack" 8/15/52 as signer of statements, open letters, etc. for various Communist Front groups; including statements demanding the end of the HCUA; defending the CP; urging clemency for EARL BROWDER. Not personally known to ED NELLER, Assistant to Fulton LEWIS, Jr., who prepared syndicated newspaper column 11/21/52, concerning applicant, using HCUA information and sources. HCUA, CSC, ONI information set out. Applicant contributor to "New Masses". Various publications reflect individual, same name, signer of petitions or letters of number of Communist Fronts. Individual of same name on members list Washington Committee for Democratic Action. No record OSI. Unknown to Washington informants.

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TO THE BUREAU

Eight photostatic copies each of the following

Pages 17 and 18 of 11/23/37 issue of "New Masses"
Pages 23,24 and 25 of 8/16/38 issue of "New Masses"
Pages 18, 19, 20, and 22 of 8/17/43 issue "New Masses"

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WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS
Consultant in Poetry in English -
Applicant
Library of Congress
Washington, D. C.
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Washington, D. C.
January 29, 1953

The basis of this investigation is the following contained in the August 15, 1952 issue of the publication, "Counterattack":

> "What about this appointment to Library of Congress? Last week it was announced that on September 17 Dr. WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS will assume the position of consultant on poetry in English at the Library of Congress. Dr. WILLIAMS, a poet, novelist, and physician, has been a fellow of Library of Congress for the last three years.
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> "Here is his other-than-political record:
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> "He was a signer of Golden Book of American Friendship with the Soviet Union. This was a collection of good wishes sent to the people of Stalin Russia in 1937.... to celebrate 20th Anniversary of Bolshevik Revolution and setting up of the Soviet dictatorship. The book, a major Communist propaganda device of Thirties, was signed by leading Communists and fellow travelers.
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> "He signed another statement in 1938 calling for greater cooperation with Stalin on the part of the democracies. Statement was sponsored by the American League for Peace and Democracy, the top CP front of that period, and was published in the Communist magazine, New Masses.

"Again, in 1939, he signed an open letter calling for closer cooperation with Stalin Russia. Letter was published in Soviet Russia Today, a Communist magazine now called the 'New World Review'. Letter attacked the Committee for Cultural Freedom, an anti-CP group which had stated that all totalitarian regimes.... Fascist and Communist .... were basically alike.

"But the signers of this pro-Moscow propaganda letter dissented. 'Soviet and Fascist policies are diametrically opposed,' they said flatly. But by the time their statement was published in September issue of Soviet Russia Today, Stalin had signed his mutual aggression pact with Hitler.... leaving them out on the propaganda limb.

"But Dr. WILLIAMS' eyes still weren't opened.

"The next year he signed a CP-line statement demanding end of House Committee on Un-American Activities. Statement was sponsored by another front, the American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom.

"He signed statement defending the Communist Party in 1941....and in the same year sponsored national convention of American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, another officially cited front.

"In 1942 he urged clemency for CP leader EARL BROWDER who was then in Atlanta prison for perjury.

"He contributed to Partisan Review when it was CP-controlled. (This magazine is now strongly anti-Communist. But in 1930's it called itself a 'Bi-Monthly of Revolutionary

Literature published by the Jonn Reed Club of New York.' Tne Jonn Reed Clubs were open Communist organizations.)

"And in April, 1951 tne National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions, top CP cultural front, billed him as a speaker at a rally to nonor JOHN HOWARD LAWSON, DALTON TRUMBO and ALBERT MALTZ, three of 'Hollywood Ten' who were just out of prison. Otner speakers billed for meeting were: PAUL ROBESON, actor-director SAM WANAMAKER, CLIFFORD ODETS and CEDRIC BELFRAGE, editor of tne CP-line National Guardian.

"Can't Library of Congress find a distinguished poet with a pro-freedom record to fill tne post? As long as U. S. Gov't is subsidizing people, why doesn't it subsidize anti-totalitarians?"

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

Mr. JOHN L. C. ANDREASSEN, Director for Administration, Library of Congress, advised Dr. WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS nad been a Fellow of tne Library of Congress in American Letters for over tnree years. Mr. ANDREASSEN informed applicant nad been nominated for tne post of Consultant in Poetry in Englisn at the Library by an Advisory Board consisting of other Fellows in American Letters there. Thereafter, on tne basis of such nomination, tne position had been offered applicant by the Library of Congress. The term is usually for one year.

On January 7, 1953 Mr. VERNER W. CLAPP, Chief Assistant Librarian, Library of Congress, advised tne applicant had not, up to tnat date, entered on duty in tne position of Consultant, nor nad ne taken oatn of office. The file relating to tne applicant at tne

Library of Congress contained no additional pertinent information, with respect to loyalty, to that which is set out below.

Mr. ED NELLER, Office of FULTON LEWIS, JR., advised the November 21, 1952 syndicated column of FULTON LEWIS, JR. contained references to the applicant. Mr. NELLER informed he had prepared this column from information available in the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and "Daily Worker" and "New Masses". Mr. NELLER stated the applicant was not personally known to him, nor to the best of his knowledge was the applicant known to Mr. FULTON LEWIS, JR. Mr. NELLER further informed that Mr. LEWIS did not comment on the applicant in any radio broadcast. The syndicated column bearing FULTON LEWIS, JR's name is set out later in this report.

The files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities contain the following with respect to the applicant.

In Appendix IX of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives, 78th Congress, Second Session (1944) appeared the following:

At Page 331:

> "Among the signatories to the petition sponsored by the American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom to discontinue the Dies Committee" appeared the name "WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS, Autnor".

At Page 323

> "The American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom is a Communist Front organization operating among college teacners and professors."

The American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom has also been cited as subversive

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and un-American by a Special Subcommittee of the House Committee on Appropriations, April 21, 1943.

At Page 354:

Appears an exhibit consisting of a program of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, Fifth National Conference, President Hotel, Atlantic City, New Jersey, Saturday, March 21, 1941. Under "sponsors" on this program appears the name "WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS", not otherwise identified.

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born appears on a list of organizations designated by the Attorney General under Executive Order 9835.

At Page 392:

Appeared an exhibit from "New Masses" March 15, 1938, page 19, as follows:
"Readers Forum - Quarantining the Aggressor:

"To the New Masses:

"Enclosed is a copy of statement on international situation which we are making public.

/s/ "American League for Peace and Democracy"

The statement endorsed President ROOSEVELT's Chicago Speech calling for quarantine of Fascist aggressors. The name "WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS" appeared among others as a "signer" of this statement.

The "New Masses" was identified as a Communist periodical by Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE, according to Congressional Record, September 24, 1942.

The Special Committee on Un-American Activities, March 29, 1944, identified the "New Masses" as a nationally circulated weekly journal of the Communist Party.

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The Communist Party, USA, and the American League for Peace and Democracy appeared on a list of organizations designated by the Attorney General as within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

At Page 620:

Appeared an exhibit consisting of a leaflet of the Citizens Committee to Free EARL BROWDER. Set out therein was the following:

"Two million citizens have appealed to President Roosevelt for the release of EARL BROWDER.

* * * * * * *

"Partial listing of outstanding Americans who have appealed to President ROOSEVELT for justice in the BROWDER case"

The name "Dr. WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS, Author, Collected Poems", among others, appeared on this listing.

At Page 622:

Appearing as an exhibit was a letter which appealed to the recipient to write President Roosevelt for executive clemency for EARL BROWDER. This was prepared on the letterhead of the Citizens Committee to Free EARL BROWDER.

Among "Prominent Americans who favor Presidential clemency for the release of EARL BROWDER" set forth in this letter under the caption "Arts and Letters" appeared the name of "WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS" not otherwise identified.

The Citizens Committee to Free EARL BROWDER appears on a list of organizations designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 9835.

At Page 645:

Appeared the following:

"On March 5, 1941 the 'Daily Worker', official newspaper of the Communist Party, featured in a full page spread the names of several hundred persons who defended the Communist Party against alleged persecution. List of signers of statement defending the Communist Party", the name "WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS, New Jersey," among others, appeared thereunder.

The "Daily Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper, as set out above.

The Communist Party appears on a list of organizations designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 9835.

At Page 771:

Appears an exhibit from "Soviet Russia Today", November, 1937, page 79 as follows:

" I hereby inscribe my name in greeting to the people of the Soviet Union on the twentieth anniversary of the establishment of the Soviet Republic."

Among the names appearing there was "WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS", not further identified.

At Page 467:

Appeared the following:

"One of the projects of the American Friends of the Soviet Union was known as the Golden Book of American Friendship with the Soviet Union. This project was featured in 'Soviet Russia Today', November, 1937."

The California Committee on Un-American Activities in its report (1948) stated "The Central Committee of the Communist Party of the United States (then known as the Workers Party) created Friends of Soviet Russia in 1921 in direct response to directives issued by the Communist International *** In 1929 the Friends of Soviet Russia was reorganized and revitalized under the name of Friends of the Soviet Union."

"Friends of the Soviet Union" appears among others on the list of organizations designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 9835.

The Golden Book of American Friendship with the Soviet Union was cited by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives in its report (March 29, 1944) as a Communist enterprise signed by hundreds of well known Communists and fellow travelers.

At Page 1385:

Appeared as an exhibit excerpts from "Soviet Russia Today", September 1939 issue as follows:

"To all active supporters of democracy and peace:

"The text of an open letter calling for greater unity of anti-Fascist forces and strengthening of the front against aggression through closer cooperation with the Soviet Union, released August 14 by 400 leading Americans."

Among the "signers" of the open letter appeared the name "DR. WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS, Writer".

The Special Committee on Un-American Activities in its report (June 25, 1942, page 21) stated that a group of Communist Party stooges issued an open letter bearing the title "Open Letter for Closer Cooperation with Soviet Union".

The California Committee on Un-American Activities in its report (1948) cited the above as a Communist Front.

"Soviet Russia Today" was cited by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities in its report (March 29, 1944) as a Communist Front publication.

At Pages 1390 and 1391:

Appeared the following:

"The Partisan Review" made its first appearance with the issue February-March 1934. It carried on the mastnead the following description:

"A bi-montnly of revolutionary literature published by Jonn Reed Club of New York."

"The Jonn Reed Clubs were out and out Communist Party groups * * *

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"The following wrote for the 'Partisan Review' during the period of its domination by the Communist Party * * * WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS* * *"

This individual was not furtner identified.

The general indices of the House Committee on un-American Activities reflect that WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS, not otherwise identified, was a contributor to "Partisan Review and Anvil", April 1936 issue.

The Special Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives in its report (March 29, 1944) identified the Jonn Reed Clubs of the United States as having been named after the founder of the American Communist Party.

In the "Daily Worker", November 18, 1936, page seven, under the caption "Books of the Day", a review of the new

issue of the "American Caravan , now called The New Caravan", was listed the name of "WILLIAM C. WILLIAMS", among others, as contributing a libretto. The review stated "The New Caravan" contained contributions " by a number of writers familiar to our readers."

In the "New Masses" December 1930, at page twenty-two, under the page heading "Letters from Readers" appeared the following:

"Poor Doc, Nobody Wants His Life or His Verses.

"I like the John Reed number. Here's money, send me more. The only thing is, what the hell? I feel in a false position. How can I be a Communist, being what I am. Poetry is the thing which has the hardest hold on me in my daily experiences. But I cannot, without an impossible wrench of my understanding , turn it into a force directed toward one end, Vote the Communist Ticket, or work for the world revolution. There are too many difficulties, unresolved difficulties in my way. I can however see the monumental blockwit of social injustices surrounding me on every side. But why they arise, God only knows. But in any case they are there and I would give my life freely if I could right them. But who the hell wants my life? Nobody as far as I can see. They don't even want my verse, which is of more importance. I'm for you I'll help as I can. I'd like to see you live, and here's to the light, from wherever it may come. Yours. WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS, Rutherford, N.J."

In the "New Masses" issue of November 23, 1937 at pages seventeen and eighteen under the caption "An American Poet" appeared a review of a series of four books of poetry published by H. H. LEWIS. This review was written by WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS, not otherwise identified. The books of poetry reviewed were "Red Renaissance", "Thinking of Russia", "Salvation" and "The Road to Utterly.

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Photostats of pages seventeen and eighteen of this issue of "New Masses" are enclosed with this report as exhibits. (Exhibit A)

In the "New Masses" issue of August 16, 1938 on pages twenty-three, twenty-four and twenty-five appeared a review of "The Spider and The Clock", a book of poetry by S. FUNAROFF. The name "WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS", not otherwise identified, appears as author of this review. In discussing the book WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS in the review states "We cannot allow ourselves to forget the first principle of the Marxian dialectic: to use poetry, also, to forward the universal purpose."

Photostatic copies of pages twenty-three, twenty-four and twenty-five of this issue of "New Masses" are being made exhibits with this report. (Exhibit B)

In the "New Masses" issue of August 17, 1943 on page twenty-two, "WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS, Poet and Novelist" contributes an approximate half column to "Readers' Forum" in that issue. The writer discusses the question "Can Communists and non-Communists unite?"

This article on page twenty-two and an editorial article by the editors of "New Masses" on the general topic (pages eighteen, nineteen and twenty) are being made exhibits with this report. (Exhibit C)

In the "Daily Worker" issue of February 7, 1938 on pages one and four under the caption "470 Leading American Citizens Sign Protest on Barcelona Bombings - Leaders of Religious, Art, Educational and Film World Send Petition to President over Recent Massacre by Fascists", appeared an " appeal made public by Chairman, American Friends of Spanish Democracy". Among the "signers" of this appeal, reported the "Daily Worker" was the name "WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS", not otherwise identified.

In the "Autobiography of WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS" the applicant stated on page 318:

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"I had been Chairman of the Local Committee for Medical Help to Loyalist Spain."

The Special Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives in its report (March 29, 1944) stated that in 1937-38 the Communist Party threw itself wholeheartedly into the campaign for the support of the Spanish Loyalist cause, recruiting men and organizing multifarious so-called relief organizations *** such as *** American Friends of Spanish Democracy.

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In the publication "Direction", issue of May-June, 1939, which was published as a special issue containing the official program of the American Writers Congress, appeared the following on the first page inside the cover "Call to the Third American Writers Congress of League of American writers to be held at New York City June 2, 3, 4". Among the approximate 75 names appearing on this page was that of "WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS", not otherwise identified.

The League of American Writers appears on the list of organizations designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 9835.

The Special Committee on Un-American Activities in its report (March 29, 1944) identifies the American Writers Congress as being sponsored by the League of American Writers.

The files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities contain a photostatic copy of a 32 page booklet published by the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties and dated July 11, 1942. The title on this cover was "600 prominent Americans ask President to rescind BIDDLE decision--an open letter sponsored by the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties". This urged reconsideration of the order of Attorney General BIDDLE for HARRY BRIDGES's deportation because of his membership in the Communist Party. The letter also stated "It is equally essential that the Attorney General's ill-advised, arbitrary, and unwarranted findings relative to the Communist Party be rescinded". Among the "Signers" of the "open letter" was "WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS", Rutherford, N.J.", not otherwise identified. The National Federation for Constitutional Liberties appears on the list of organizations designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 9835.

The files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities contained the original of a 2 page leaflet issued by Citizens Committee to Free EARL BROWDER. Set out therein was a "partial list of outstanding Americans who have appealed to President Roosevelt for justice in the BROWDER case:" Appearing on this list was the name 'Dr. WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS, Author collected poems"

As previously set out the Citizens Committee to Free EARL BROWDER appears on the list of organizations designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 9835.

The records of the Passport Division, Department of State, reflect applicant and his family were issued Passport #452628 August 23, 1927, for travel to France, Switzerland, and Italy.

Family consisted of wife and sons WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS, born January 7, 1914; and PAUL H. WILLIAMS, born September 13, 1916. There was no derogatory information with respect to loyalty of applicant or his family in these records.

The files of Washington T-1 another Government agency conducting security and intelligence investigations, contain the clipping from the "Daily People's World", issue of May 15, 1950, captioned "Einstein Heads Noted List in Film 10 Plea", date line May 14, at New York. The article reflected that "WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS", not otherwise identified, among others,"have petitioned the Supreme Court for a hearing of prison sentences imposed on JOHN HOWARD LAWSON, DALTON TRUMBO, and 8 others for contempt of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

The files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities contain a photostatic copy of an advertisement in the " Washington Post", Washington, D. C., newspaper, issue of May 24, 1950, headed "The Right to Speak or the Right to Remain Silent". Set out thereunder was the following: "We petition the Supreme Court for a reconsideration of its refusal to hear the appeal of the Hollywood 10 cited for contempt by the House Un-American Committee. We urge the Court to present to the entire country a definitiion of constitutional guarantee". Among the names appearing thereunder was "WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS", not otherwise identified.

The files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities contain an original 1 page reprint captioned " Reprint from St. Louis Post Despatch, June 20, 1951". Appearing therein was the following: "We join BIACK's dissent in DENNIS et al vs U.S. #336", Mr. Justice BIACK dissenting". Five paragraphs were set out therein of the dissent of Supreme Court Justice BLACK in the case involving EUGENE DENNIS and ten other leaders of the Communist Party, USA, who were convicted of violating the Smith Act by conspiring to organize the Communist Party and to teach and advocate the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force and violence. At the bottom of the page appeared the following: "We lend our public support in behalf of a rehearing of the case before the Supreme Court". Among approximately 25 names thereunder was "Dr. WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS", not otherwise identified. It was further set out that "This advertisement printed in the public interest--National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions--49 West 44th Street, N.Y." It is noted that the dissent of Justice BIACK was from the decision of the Supreme Court June 4, 1951, wherein that court affirmed the judgment of conviction of the lower court.

The National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions was cited as Communist Front by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report #1954.

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An undated one page document with the letterhead, "The Lyric Foundation, Inc. and the Lyric (For Traditional Poetry)", captioned "A Call to Action!", contains the following:

"The Librarian of Congress announces that on September 17, Dr. WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS will assume the post of Consultant in English Poetry at the Library of Congress. Such an appointment is an insult both to American poetry and American citizenship. So much of his 'poetry' is obscure or obscene, that Dr. WILLIAMS quotes with amazing frankness the comment of one of his friends: 'Geeze, DOC, I guess it's all right, but what the hell does it mean?' And here is a sample, about which there can be no mistake--the very voice of Communism:

'O Russia, Russians! come with me into
my dream and let us be lovers . . .
These I dedicate to you . . . I hold back nothing,
I lay my spirit at your feet . . .
Among many others, undistinguished,
of no moment--I am the background
upon which you will build your empire.'"

Set out below is the poem by the applicant from his book "Clouds, Aegeltinger, Russia & C" published in 1948 from which the above was excerpted. The text of this poem is set out below inasmuch as rules of the Library of Congress do not permit photostatic reproduction of copyrighted material:

"The Williams Avenue Zionist Church (colored)
a thing to hold in the palm of the hand,
Your big hand---
the dwarf campanile piled up, improvised
of blue cinder blocks, badly aligned
(except for the incentive) unvarnished,
the cross at the top slapped together
(in this lumber shortage) of sticks from
an old barrel top, I think--painted white.

Russia, idiot of the world blind idiot
--do you understand me? This also
I place in your hands . . .

I dream! and my dream is folly. While
armies rush to the encounter
I, alone, dream before the impending

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onslaught. And the power in me,
to be crushed out: this paper, forgotten
--not even known to have ever existed,
proclaims the power of my dream...

Folly! I call upon folly to save us --
and scandal and disapproval, the restless
angels of the mind--

(I omit
the silly word exile. For from what and
to what land shall I be exiled and talk of
the cardinal bird and the starling
as though they were strange)

I am
at home in my dream, Russia; and only there,
before the obliterating blow that shall flatten everything
and its crazy masonry, am I at home.

Inspired by my dream I do not call upon
a party to save me, nor a government
of whatever sort.

Rather I descend into
my dream as into a quiet lake
and there, already there, I find
my kinships. Thence I rise by my own
propulsions into a world beyond the moon.

O Russia, Russia! must we begin to call
you idiot of the world? When
you were a dream the world lived in you.
inviolate--

O Russia! Russians! come with me into
my dream and let us be lovers,
connoisseurs, idlers -- Come with me
in the spirit of Walt Whitman's earliest
poem, let us loaf at our ease--a moment
at the edge of destruction

Look through my eyes a moment. I am
a poet, uninfluential, with no skill
in polemics--my friends tell me I lack

the intellect. Look,
I once met Mayakovsky. Remember
Mayakovsky? I have a little paper-bound
volume of his in my attic, inscribed by him
in his scrawling hand to our mutual
friendship. He put one foot up
on the table that night at 14th St. when
he read to us--and his voice came
like the outpourings of the Odyssey.

Russians
let Mayakovsky be my sponsor--he
and his Willie, the Havana street-cleaner--
Mayakovsky was a good guy and killed
himself, I suppose, not to embarrass you.

And so I go about.

And now I want to call your attention--
that you may know what keen eyes
I have in my dream--
to Leonardo's Last Supper! A small print
I saw today in a poor kitchen.

Russia!
for the first time in my life, I noticed
the famous picture not because
of the subject matter but because
of the severity and simplicity
of the background! Oh there was
the passion of the scene of course,
generally. But particularly,
ignoring the subject, I fell upon
the perpendiculars of the paneled
woodwork standing there, submissive
in exaggerated perspective.

There you have it. It's that background
from which my dreams have sprung. These
I dedicate now to you, now when I am
about to die. I hold back nothing. I lay
my spirit at your feet and say to you:
Here I am, a dreamer. I do not
resist you. Among many others, undistinguished,
of no moment--I am the background
upon which you will build your empire."

The files of Washington T-2, another Government agency conducting personnel and security investigations contain a photostatic copy of a letter dated December 20, 1940, under the letterhead of the American Rescue Ship Mission, 200 5th Avenue, New York City. Listed in the letter under the heading "National Sponsors" appears the name "WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS", not otherwise identified.

The American Rescue Ship Mission appears on the list of organizations designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 9835.

The files of T-2 contain information obtained from the card indices found on the premises of Commonwealth College, Mena, Arkansas, by State of Arkansas officials at the time of its closing by the state. According to T-2, the card indices contained the names and addresses of faculty members, students, maintenance employees, visitors and friends or supporters of the college. The following, according to T-2, appeared in these records with respect to "WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS 9 Ridge Road, Rutherford, New Jersey." "1/15/35 Brown personnel". The significance of the above entry was not known to T-2. T-2's files further reflected that the Commonwealth College was indicted and convicted in Polk County, Circuit Court, Mena, Arkansas, in January, 1941, of teaching anarchy, displaying an unlawful emblem--the Hammer and Sickle--and failing to display the United States Flag.

The Commonwealth College, Mena, Arkansas, appears on the list of organizations designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 9835.

The syndicated column of FULTON LEWIS, JR., captioned "Washington Report", for release November 21, 1952, contained the following relating to applicant: D.C.

"EVANS' (LUTHER H. EVANS, Librarian of Congress) latest acquisition, as Consultant in the Library's Poetry Division, is WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS. WILLIAMS distinguished himself as early as 1937 when he signed the so-called Golden Book of American Friendship with the Soviet Union, according to the November, 1937, issue of Soviet Russia today.

"Having gotten on the 'I love Russia' trolley early, WILLIAMS has stayed aboard for the ride. The House Committee on

Un-American Activities index on WILLIAMS contains 50 cards, listing his association with some of the smelly outfits that have been peddling Moscow propaganda in the U.S. for 25 years.

"For instance, as late as 1951 WILLIAMS was still associated with the left-wing Arts, Sciences and Professions organization. This little bundle of Russian lovers contains the names of more grade A left-wingers than you could list on this newspaper page.

"In March of 1941, according to the Communist Daily Worker, LUTHER EVANS' new poetry specialist now being paid by us taxpayers, signed a statement to President ROOSEVELT defending the Communist Party. In January of 1940, according to a letterhead distributed by the pro-Soviet American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom, WILLIAMS signed a petition urging that the House Committee on Un-American Activities be abolished.

"WILLIAMS also was associated with the American Writers Congress when the Reds were moving in on this front. He signed a call to organize the Congress in May of 1939, the organization's publication of that date reveals.

"In February of 1938, according to the Daily Worker, WILLIAMS signed a letter to President ROOSEVELT distributed by the pro-Communist American Friends of Spanish Democracy. . .

"In an undated leaflet published b y the Citizens Committee to Free EARL BROWDER, then-jailed Communist leader, the name of WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS. is appended. The signers sent the epistle to President ROOSEVELT, and he apparently was impressed. Communist BROWDER was freed.

"WILLIAMS, according to the House Committee on Un-American Activities, wrote frequently for the Communist magazine "New Masses". His signed article, according to this source, appeared in it in 1930, 1937, 1938, and as recently as 1943. New Masses spouts the refined Communist Party propaganda line. Few but party faithful are accorded the privilege of writing therein.

"The National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions sponsored WILLIAMS as a speaker in defense of the famous ten Hollywood Reds who got tossed in jail for sassing a committee of Congress. This was in 1951, according to the Daily Worker files.

"In June of 1951 a St. Louis newspaper carried a story concerning the arrest and trial of Communist Party leaders arrested on charges of advocating the overthrow of the U. S. Government by force and violence. The story was reprinted in leaflet form and it carried the name of WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS in protesting the arrests and calling for repeal of the Smith Communist Control Act.

"In the July 19, 1942, issue of the Communist Daily Worker, Page 4, WILLIAMS is listed as a signer of an open letter in defense of Communist HARRY BRIDGES. The letter was promoted and placed in the Daily Worker by Communist Party members.

"Well, here you have LUTHER EVANS' latest recruit on the Government payroll. Makes nice reading, doesn't it?"

Washington T-3, of known reliability, advised in January, 1941, that the name WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS--author, not otherwise identified, appeared on the membership list of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action. The informant on re-contact could furnish no additional information and declined to give a signed statement.

The Washington Committee for Democratic Action appears on the list of organizations designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 9835.

In the publication "Imagi", Spring 1949 edition, reviewed at the Library of Congress, under the caption "The Fistula of the Law", "The Pisan Cantos by EZRA POUND" was a discussion relating to the book of poetry written by EZRA POUND. The reviewer was WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS, not otherwise identified. This is a discussion of POUND's work and a recommendation that he be awarded the Bollinger Annual Poetry Reward (February, 1949). The writer of the review states that POUNDS's exposition of his fiduciary conceptions in the poem, namely that "money as we use it (usury) is our Hell" might if correctly paid attention to "even save us from Russia". In this connection the writer refers specifically to POUND in his poem speaking "of the total lack of comprehension of the function of money which the Politburo has inherited from its own faulty past".

Continuing the writer states the poem (The Cantos) accidentally thus happens to be true, true to the facts, which being overridden in the past have continued to destroy us through the ages bringing on wars.

The writer states "heeded, POUND's loyalty, humanity, (conspicuously revealed by the devotion he inspires in other men who devote themselves to him) kindness, and good sense would strike like lightning into you.

"So we proceed to legally slaughter him (in the face of the lice and swine we let live) that we may escape the implications of his genius. We might better acquire stronger stomachs against his peccadillos."

There was no derogatory information with respect to applicant's loyalty in the files of Washington T-4, another Government agency conducting personnel and security investigations.

The applicant was unknown to Washington confidential informants familiar with various aspects of Communist Party activity in the District of Columbia.

In the United States Catalogue of Books in Print 1928, under the name WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS, 1883, there appeared the following titles:

Al Que Quiere
Great American Novel
Kora in Hell; Improvisations
Sour Grapes
Spring and All

In the Cumulative Book Index under the name WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS, 1883, appeared the following book titles:

The Cod Head
The Knife of the Times and Other Stories
A Novelette and Other Prose, 1921-1931
A Voyage to Pagany
Adam and Eve and the City (Poems)
Collected Poems (1921-1931)
Early Martyr and Other Poems
White Mule
Broken Span (Poems)
Complete Collected Poems, (1906-1938)
In the American Grain
In the Money: #White Mule Part II
Life Along the Passaic River

Wedge (Poems)
Paterson, Books 1-2-3-4
Spring and All
Dream of Love (a Play)
Clouds, Aegeltinger, Russia, & c (Poems) 1948
Selected Poems
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LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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Report of: Special Agent JOHN J. McARDLE

Date and Place: January 23, 1953
Washington, D. C.

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To: Mr. James E. Hatcher
Chief, Investigations Division
U. S. Civil Service Commission
Washington, D. C.

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

Subject: WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS
Consultant in Poetry in English - Applicant
Library of Congress
Washington, D. C.
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES
Your case serial number 4.53.30873

Reference is made to your letter dated November 14, 1952, concerning the above-named applicant. A loyalty investigation regarding Williams has been initiated and the results will be made available to you upon completion.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (121-40475) DATE: Dec. 16, 1952

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (121-2729)

AIR MAIL

SUBJECT: WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS
Consultant in Poetry in English - Applicant
Library of Congress
Washington, D. C.
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES
Buded: 12/30/52

Rebulet to Washington Field dated 12/1/52 requesting FBI concerning appointee on basis of specific request from the Library of Congress Loyalty Board.

The records of the Department of Academic Personnel, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, reflect the following information which is the basis for leads at the following offices:

PHILADELPHIA DIVISION

References: SCUHLEY BRADLEY, University of Pennsylvania, Department of English;
Dr. EDWARD CARSON, M. D., Philadelphia, Pa.

BUFFALO DIVISION

Reference: CHAS. ABBON, University of Buffalo.

NEW YORK DIVISION

Reference: JAMES T. MURRAY, 505 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

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Consultant on Poetry in English - Applicant
Library of Congress
Washington, D. C.

CHARACTER OF CASE
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Dr. WILLIAMS awarded an Honorary LL.D., University of Buffalo, 10-4-46. Dr. CHARLES D. ABBOTT, Librarian, Lockwood Memorial Library, University of Buffalo, who presented Dr. WILLIAMS for degree, knows of no reason to question his loyalty, but advised that Dr. WILLIAMS is an old friend of EZRA POUND, having attended school with POUND several years ago.

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LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

December 24, 1952
Buffalo, New York

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

Miss JEANETTE MARTIN, Secretary to the Chancelor, University of Buffalo, Buffalo, New York, advised that on October 4, 1946, Dr. WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS was awarded an Honorary LL.D. by the University, and was presented for the Degree by Mr. CHARLES D. ABBOTT, Librarian, Lockwood Memorial Library, at the University of Buffalo.

Mr. CHARLES D. ABBOTT, Librarian, Lockwood Memorial Library, University of Buffalo, stated he has known Dr. WILLIAMS, a prominent American poet and physician, for fifteen years or longer, and presented him for an Honorary LL.D. at the University of Buffalo, in October, 1946. He advised that the Government no doubt is aware of the fact that Dr. WILLIAMS is an old friend of EZRA POUND, who was convicted of Treason, but pointed out that Dr. WILLIAMS has known POUND for many years, having attended school with him. He related that he considers Dr. WILLIAMS to be entirely loyal and patriotic, and does not believe the association between Dr. WILLIAMS and POUND is reason to question the loyalty of Dr. WILLIAMS, as Dr. WILLIAMS has advised him that he does not agree with the views and actions of POUND.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

Seattle letter to Director dated December 16, 1952, set forth the name of CHARLES ABBON, University of Buffalo, as a person who was listed as a reference by Dr. WILLIAMS, according to the records University of Washington. It was determined that CHARLES D. ABBOTT is identical with CHARLES ABBON.

Reference: Bulet to Washington Field dated December 1, 1952.

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Report of: Special Agent Birl Wilson
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Consultant in Poetry in English - Applicant
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CHARACTER OF CASE
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Applicant attended Writers' Conference at University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, July 7, 1947, to July 18, 1947. Professors of English Department, University of Utah, advised unable to furnish any information regarding applicant's loyalty. No credit or criminal record of applicant, Salt Lake City.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau letter to Washington Field dated 12/1/52.

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Salt Lake City, Utah
December 29, 1952

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RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

Miss VIVIAN HUSSEY, Clerk, Payroll Office, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, advised that the applicant was employed in the department of "Writers' Conference" at that school from July 7, 1947, to July 18, 1947.

Miss DOROTHY SNOW, Professor of English, University of Utah, advised that she recalled that the applicant participated in a Writers' Conference held at the University of Utah in the summer of 1947 but that she could furnish no information pertaining to his loyalty.

Dr. SHERMAN B. NEFF, Head of English Department, University of Utah, advised that he met the applicant when the applicant was one of the leaders of the Writers' Conference held at that University during the summer of 1947 but that he was unable to furnish any information regarding the applicant's loyalty.

A check of the records of the Credit Bureau, Police Department, Sheriff's Office, and Utah State Bureau of Identification, Salt Lake City, revealed no record of the applicant.

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Referenced Bureau letter refers to report of SA W. SCOTT CLARK dated April 2, 1943, Salt Lake City, entitled "DR. EZRA POUND, TREASON", Salt Lake City file 61-43, which report reflected that Miss KAY BOYLE, Reno, Nevada, advised that WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS was an old friend of POUND and that Miss BOYLE characterized WILLIAMS as being absolutely loyal. The report further reflects that Miss BOYLE was apparently in Reno for the purpose of obtaining a divorce and that on February 24, 1943, she married JOSEPH MARIA FRANCHENSTEIN, a private in the U. S. Army. A check of directories in Salt Lake City, Utah, and Reno, Nevada, reveals no record of KAY BOYLE FRANCHENSTEIN. Inasmuch as information furnished by her concerning WILLIAMS was favorable and was not in detail, and because her address is unknown, the information furnished by her is not being set forth in instant report and no lead has been set out to locate her.

Credit and criminal checks at Salt Lake City were made by SE KEITH D. CONWAY.

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Report of: Special Agent Loftis J. Sheffield

Date and Place: December 2[illegible], 1952, Salt Lake City, Utah

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS, Consultant in Poetry in English - Applicant, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.	LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Persons associated with applicant at Reed College, Portland, Oregon, and University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, could not comment on his loyalty. No credit or criminal records located.

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REFERENCE: Bulet to Washington Field, December 1, 1952.

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WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS
Consultant in Poetry in English - Applicant
Library of Congress
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LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Portland, Oregon
December 29, 1952

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

Miss GLADYS KERLEE, secretary to the president, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, stated that Dr. WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS was employed as a visiting lecturer at the University of Oregon from November 6, 1950 to November 11, 1950 under the program set up by the American Council of Learned Societies. Records of the school contain no other information concerning Dr. WILLIAMS. Miss KERLEE stated that Dr. PHILIP W. SOUERS, head of the English Department, could furnish information concerning Dr. WILLIAMS' visit.

Dr. PHILIP W. SOUERS, head of the English Department, University of Oregon, stated he recalls Dr. WILLIAMS' brief visit to the University campus where he acted as a visiting lecturer for about one week in November, 1950. Dr. SOUERS stated that Dr. WILLIAMS confined his remarks to literature and did not discuss political matters while in Eugene to the knowledge of Dr. SOUERS.

Dr. SOUERS stated that neither he nor anyone else at the University of Oregon is personally acquainted with Dr. WILLIAMS or is otherwise in a position to express an opinion concerning the loyalty of Dr. WILLIAMS.

Miss BETTY JANE WARNOCK, director, News Bureau, Reed College, Portland, Oregon, stated that the applicant was engaged as a visiting writer at that school from October 30, 1950 to November 4, 1950. She related that she prepared a news article on him and interviewed him extensively; however, her conversation with him consisted only of a discussion of poetry. Therefore, she related she could furnish no information pertaining to his loyalty to the United States.

Dr. FRANK JONES, professor, Literature Department, Reed College, stated he was responsible for the schedule of the applicant while he was a visiting writer at that school. He stated that his conversations with the applicant concerned only poetry and did not concern his loyalty in any way. Dr. JONES added that therefore he could not comment in any way concerning the loyalty of the applicant. However, he added that he is extremely familiar with the poetic works of the applicant and there is nothing in these poems which would indicate that the applicant is disloyal in any way. He added, however, that this is merely an observation and he is not qualified to comment on the loyalty of Dr. WILLIAMS.

No record of the applicant was located at the Eugene Credit Bureau, the Eugene Police Department, or the Lane County Sheriff's Office, all located at Eugene, Oregon.

No record of the applicant was located at the Retail Credit Association of Portland, Oregon, Inc., the Portland Police Department, or the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, all located at Portland, Oregon.

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Investigation at Eugene, Oregon, was conducted by SA RONALD E. SHERK. Investigation at the Retail Credit Association of Portland, Oregon, Inc., the Portland Police Department, and the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office was conducted by SE RAMON W. STRATTON.

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Report of: Special Agent Stuart J. Cameron

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WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS, CONSULTANT IN POETRY IN ENGLISH, APPLICANT, LGE. REBULET TO WFO DATED DECEMBER ONE, FIFTY TWO. REFERENCE, JAMES F. MURRAY, FIVE ZERO FIVE FIFTH AVE., NYC, APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY, REPORTS FULTON LEWIS, JR., KING FEATURES, IN COLUMN ENTITLED QUOTE RIGHT UNDER THE CONGRESS' NOSE! UNQUOTE, DATED WASHINGTON, D.C., NOVEMBER TWENTY, FIFTY, CRITICIZES LUTHER H. EVANS, LIBRARIAN, LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, FOR RUNNING AN EMPLOYMENT SERVICE FOR INDIGENT LEFT WINGERS WITH WILLIAMS BEING THE LATEST ACQUISITION. THE REFERENCE FURTHER REPORTED THAT LEWIS MENTIONED THE APPLICANT AS A PARTICIPANT IN VARIOUS COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATIONS. MURRAY SPECIFICALLY RECALLS THE COLUMNIST MENTIONING APPLICANT AS A SUPPORTER OF THE HOLLYWOOD TEN, CONVICTED FOR CONTEMPT OF THE HCUA. UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY, WILL INTERVIEW FULTON LEWIS, JR. BUDED DECEMBER THIRTY.

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Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

CHARACTER OF CASE
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Reference SCULLEY BRADLEY, Professor of English, University of Pennsylvania, considers applicant to be completely loyal.

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Consultant in Poetry in English -
Applicant
Library of Congress
Washington, D. C.
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

December 30, 1952
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

III. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

At Philadelphia, Pa.

Professor SCULLEY BRADLEY, Professor of English, University of Pennsylvania, advised that his relationship to the applicant has not been an intimate day to day friendship, but stated he has read all of the applicant's books and met him during the years 1928 to 1932 when the applicant's son was a student in his classes. He said he has had occasional contact with the applicant and has maintained a correspondence with him since that time.

Mr. BRADLEY characterized the applicant as an experimental writer of the 1920s, but stated that the applicant could be considered "radical" only in that his literary form was different. He considered the applicant to be one of the most loyal Americans he has ever known, noting that the applicant has, in his writings of colonial history, emphasized the principles and ideals of the American Revolution upon which the United States was founded and critized the country for falling away from those virtues.

Mr. BRADLEY also related that the applicant has devoted his life to service to the poor, seeking a clientele for his medical profession amongst those who could not afford to pay well for medical service. In this regard he volunteered that he knows no organizations with which the applicant has ever been associated, but believes that the applicant's charitable nature would probably explain his membership in, or association with, any doubtful organizations.

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Seattle letter dated December 16, 1952, lists also as a reference for the applicant one Dr. EDWARD CARSON, M.D., in Philadelphia, Pa. A current telephone directory for the City of Philadelphia contains no listing for any Dr. EDWARD CARSON.

Records of the Philadelphia County Medical Association were checked by the reporting agent and found to contain no listing for any doctor in the Philadelphia area by the name EDWARD CARSON.

REFERENCE: Bureau letter, dated December 1, 1952.

Seattle letter, dated December 16, 1952.

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Report of: Special Agent
Benjamin Perkowski, Jr.

Dated : December 30, 1952 at
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Washington, D. C.

CHARACTER OF CASE
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Applicant attended Writers' Conference in July 1948 and employed as Visiting Professor of English from 10/23/50 to 10/30/50, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. Associates at University of Washington have no doubts concerning applicant's loyalty to the United States. Confidential informants acquainted with certain phases of CP activity in Seattle area have no knowledge of applicant. Credit records contain no disloyal information. Criminal records contain no disloyal information.

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Seattle, Washington
December 30, 1952

III. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

EMPLOYMENT

University of Washington, Seattle, Washington
10/23/50 to 10/30/50

Mrs. BETTY ANN THORNHILL, secretary, Office of Academic Personnel, made available the applicant's personnel folder which reflected that he was employed during the captioned dates as a Visiting Professor of English, to meet with students in advanced writing. He was recommended for this position by ROBERT B. HEILMAN, Executive Officer, Department of English. The records reflect that the applicant signed the loyalty pledge required by the University of Washington and the State of Washington on October 9, 1950. No local residence was indicated in the applicant's record. The record contained no disloyal information.

ROBERT B. HEILMAN, Executive Officer, Department of English, advised that he has known the applicant for approximately four years, having first become acquainted with him through his writings and having personally met the applicant at a Writers' Conference here at the University of Washington in July 1948. He stated that the applicant spent approximately one week as a visiting author during the Writers' Conference and returned again in October 1950 as Visiting Professor of English to meet with students in the advanced writing classes.. He stated that he knew no reason whatever to ever question the applicant's loyalty to the United States and that he personally considered the applicant to be "extremely pro-American" as evidenced by his poetry in which "he constantly praises the Democratic way of life in America".

Mrs. LEOTA S. WILLIS, Associate Professor of English, advised that she has known the applicant since 1948 when the applicant and his wife attended a Writers" Conference at the University of Washington, and that both the applicant and his wife have visited her home here in Seattle on numerous occasions during their visit to Seattle in 1948 and again in 1950 when the applicant was a Visiting Professor in English at the University. She asserted that she considered the

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applicant and his wife to be extremely loyal to the United States.

Professor RICHARD EBERHARDT, Visiting Professor of English, advised that he has known of the applicant through his works in the literary field for the past twenty years, but that he has only known him personally for about four years, having become acquainted with the applicant at Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York, where the applicant received an honorary degree about 1949. He said he was acquainted with the applicant later when the applicant was Visiting Poet at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, around 1950, and that the applicant visited his home in Cambridge at that time. He said he had no reason whatever to ever question the applicant's loyalty to the United States and believes the applicant to be "an outstanding American and extremely pro-American" as reflected in his prose and poetry. He said that it was possible that the applicant's writings may often be misinterpreted due to the fact that he is a "free thinker", and explained this by saying that "the applicant writes with an open mind and heart on any subject."

CREDIT

The Seattle Credit Bureau records contained no disloyal information concerning the applicant or his wife.

CRIMINAL

The King County Sheriff's Office and the Seattle Police Department records contain no disloyal information concerning the applicant or his wife.

MISCELLANEOUS

Confidential informants familiar with certain phases of Communist Party activity in the Seattle area, advised that they had no knowledge of the applicant or his wife.

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Investigation in this case was conducted by the writer with the exception of credit and criminal checks by SE WEETER S. POND.

Confidential informants referred to in the MISCELLANEOUS section of this report are as follows:

[redacted] contacted by SA EDWARD BREKKE on 12/18/52.
contacted by SA RAY W. RICHARDSON on 12/18/52.
and [redacted] contacted by SA TIMOTHY W. CALLAWAY on 12/18/52.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Washington Field, dated 12/1/52.

WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS
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Seattle, Washington
December 30, 1952

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Report of: Special Agent CYRIL J. LAFFEY dated December 30, 1952, at Seattle, Washington.

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WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS
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WFO interview Fulton Lewis, Jr. in accordance with NY airtel December 30, last. Interview must be conducted by experienced agent thoroughly familiar with IGE investigations.

cc: 2 - New York (121-16193)

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Appointee's reference, James F. Murray, 505 Fifth Avenue, New York City, reports Fulton Lewis, Jr. in column entitled "Right Under the Congress's Nose," dated Washington, D. C., November 20, 1950, criticizes Luther H. Evans, Librarian, Library of Congress for running an employment service for indigent left wingers with Williams being the latest acquisition. Murray further reported that Lewis mentioned the applicant as a participant in various Communist front organizations. He specifically recalls the columnist mentioning Williams as a supporter of the Hollywood ten who were convicted for contempt of the HCUA. By referenced airtel, New York requested WFO to interview Fulton Lewis, Jr.

A main file check of the Bureau's records re Fulton Lewis, Jr. disclosed he is the subject of Bufile 100-375772. This file contains no information indicating a contact with him would be inadvisable. In July, 1951, the Director wrote him a letter in connection with Lewis's planned European tour giving Lewis the names of our legal attaches in England and in France, and advising that if he should need their assistance he should not hesitate to call upon them. In December, 1951, information was received that Lewis, in his radio program scheduled for the evening of December 17, 1951, would be extremely critical of the intelligence agencies, however, he would say that the FBI was the only intelligence agency discharging its responsibilities. The file does not show whether such a broadcast actually did take place.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/7/53

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (121-3750)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS
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Re Seattle teletype dated December 29, 1952.

Miss SOPHIE HILLS, Secretary, President's Corporation Office, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, checked the files of that office and could locate no record indicating WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS had ever received an appointment at Harvard University.

Miss HELEN JONES, Secretary, English Department, Harvard University, stated she recalled that WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS had come to Harvard to give one lecture in about 1950. Miss JONES stated she had no personal knowledge of WILLIAMS. She further stated she could locate no one in the English Department who recalled Mr. WILLIAMS.

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TITLE
WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS
Consultant in Poetry in English - Applicant
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Washington, D. C.

CHARACTER OF CASE
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Personal history set out. Applicant self-employed as physician since 1910 in Rutherford, NJ. One WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS, believed to be identical with applicant, affiliated or associated with American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born; on mailing or contact list of Commonwealth College, Mena, Ark., New Jersey Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder, League for American-Soviet Friendship. Neighbors consider applicant loyal. No credit or identification record. Applicant unknown to Newark Confidential Informants.

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WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS
Consultant in Poetry in English -
Applicant
Library of Congress
Washington, D. C.
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Newark, New Jersey
January 15, 1953

I. PERSONAL HISTORY

The following information was obtained from the applicant's Loyalty Data Form and through investigation:

WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS was born on 9/17/83 in Rutherford, N. J. His wife's name is FLORENCE, born 9/18/90 at New York, N. Y. They have two children, WILLIAM ERIC and PAUL HERMAN. The applicant attended the University of Pennsylvania Medical School and was graduated in 1906. He has resided and has been self-employed as a physician in Rutherford, N. J., since 1910, except for short periods of employment at universities in Utah, Seattle and Oregon. He currently resides at 9 Ridge Road, Rutherford, N. J., and due to illness has temporarily ceased the active practice of medicine.

III. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

The "Newark Evening News," a Newark, N. J. daily newspaper, in the 3/6/41 edition contains an article regarding individuals in New Jersey who signed a petition to the President of the United States as follows:

> "We, who are not Communists, urge you, the President, to use your influence to prevent those under you from stimulating un-American action against the Communists by un-Democratic utterances. We also urge Congress to oppose any legislation which takes from Communists those Constitutional guarantees which must be kept open for all if they are to be available for any."

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Among the signers appears the name of one WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS, not further identified.

A souvenir's journal for the Fifth National Conference of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born held on March 29 and 30, 1941 at the Hotel President, Atlantic City, N. J., contains a list of the sponsors of this organization. The name WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS, not further identified, appears within this list of sponsors.

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born has been cited by the Attorney General as within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Newark Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised in August 1941 that the name of WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS, 9 Ridge Road, Rutherford, N. J., appeared on a contact or mailing list of the Commonwealth College, Mena, Arkansas.

Newark T-1 was recontacted and advised that he is not personally acquainted with WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS and could furnish no additional information concerning him. Newark T-1 declined to furnish a signed statement or to appear before a Loyalty Hearing Board.

The Commonwealth College, Mena, Arkansas, has been cited by the Attorney General as within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Newark Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised in March 1942 that the letterhead of the New Jersey Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder, 295 Plane Street, Newark, N. J., contains the name of one Dr. Wm. CARLOS WILLIAMS, Rutherford, not further identified, as a member of this committee.

Newark T-2 was recontacted and advised that he was not personally acquainted with WM. CARLOS WILLIAMS and could furnish no additional information concerning him. Newark T-2 declined to furnish a signed statement or appear before a Loyalty Hearing Board.

The "Trenton State Gazette," a daily Trenton, N. J. newspaper, on 4/30/42 contained an advertisement sponsored by the New Jersey Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder and one of the signers of this advertisement for the committee was Dr. WM. CARLOS WILLIAMS, not further identified. This article,

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entitled "Browder Case," gives the history of the Browder case and points out that, although BROWDER is a Communist, the Communist Party and its members are supporting the war effort against Germany, Italy and France and urge the release of Mr. BROWDER in the interest of national unity.

The Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The program for the tenth anniversary meeting of the League for American-Soviet Friendship held in Newark, N. J., on 3/23/43 contained a list of sponsors. Included within this list of sponsors is the name of Dr. WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS, not further identified.

Newark Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised that the League for American-Soviet Friendship functions in New Jersey by collaboration with the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

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

During the course of a previous investigation conducted by the Newark Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1943, Dr. WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS was interviewed concerning his acquaintance with Dr. EZRA POUND, who on 7/26/43 was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury at Washington, D. C., on a charge of treason. Dr. WILLIAMS stated that he had been personally acquainted with Dr. POUND since his undergraduate days at the University of Pennsylvania. He stated that he was one of Dr. POUND's closest friends while attending the University of Pennsylvania and up until recent years knew of no individual of whom he thought better. Dr. WILLIAMS stated that, in his opinion, Dr. POUND had gone completely insane as far as in the sense of reason or judgment was concerned in allowing himself to become closely associated with the Italian propaganda machine in the dissemination of Fascist propaganda through the radio from Rome, Italy.

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9 Ridge Road,
Rutherford, N. J.

ARTHUR PERRY, Lieutenant, Rutherford Police Department, Rutherford, N. J., advised that he has known WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS for approximately thirty-five years. Lieutenant PERRY stated that the applicant has been self-employed as a physician since approximately 1910. He stated that he considers Dr. WILLIAMS to be loyal to the United States.

GEORGE SCHELL, Lieutenant, Rutherford Police Department, Rutherford, N. J., advised he has known the applicant since 1926 and that he has no reason to question his loyalty to the United States.

EDWIN BIGELMAN, Chief of Police, Rutherford, N. J., advised that he has known the applicant for over thirty years and considers him to be a loyal American.

Mr. CHARLES JANZ, 35 Ridge Road, Rutherford, N. J., advised that he has known Dr. WILLIAMS as a neighbor for over fifteen years and stated that he considers him to be unquestionably loyal to the United States.

Mr. JOHN BABA, 17 Ridge Road, Rutherford, N. J., advised that he has known the applicant and his family for over twenty-five years as neighbors and friends. Mr. BABA stated that the applicant's family consists of his wife, FLORENCE, and two sons, PAUL HERMAN and WILLIAM ERIC. Mr. BABA stated that, based on his long association with the WILLIAMS family, he considers them all to be loyal Americans. Mr. BABA advised that Dr. WILLIAMS has temporarily ceased the active practice of medicine because of ill health.

Dr. LEE A. BROWN, 41 Ridge Road, Rutherford, N. J., advised that he has known Dr. WILLIAMS as a neighbor for approximately twenty years. Dr. BROWN advised that during this period of association with the applicant he has had no reason to question his loyalty to the United States until he recently read an article by FULTON LEWIS, JR., in which Mr. LEWIS lists Dr. WILLIAMS as associated with a number of Communist front organizations. Dr. BROWN stated that, based on this article, he would question Dr. WILLIAMS' loyalty to the United States.

Dr. BROWN declined to furnish a signed statement or appear before a Loyalty Hearing Board inasmuch as he personally did not have any information as to Dr. WILLIAMS' connection with Communist front organizations or information reflecting on Dr. WILLIAMS' loyalty.

During the course of another investigation conducted by the Newark Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in February 1943, the following persons were interviewed and advised that they did not question Dr. WILLIAMS' loyalty to the United States:

Mr. JACK WILSON, editor, "Rutherford Republican," 38 Ames Avenue, Rutherford, N. J., advised that he was well acquainted with Dr. WILLIAMS and stated that he could honestly say that there is no better substantial American citizen in Rutherford, N. J.

C. M. WILLIAMS, Chief of Police, Rutherford, N. J., advised that Dr. WILLIAMS was one of the more esteemed members of the community and that Dr. WILLIAMS has been his family doctor for about twenty-five years. Chief WILLIAMS stated that he considers Dr. WILLIAMS' loyalty to the United States to be unquestionable.

Credit and Identification

A check of the records at the Credit Bureau of Greater Newark, Inc., 24 Branford Place, Newark, N. J., which covers Rutherford, N. J., contained no information concerning the applicant's loyalty.

ROBERT GAZZOLA, Detective, Identification Bureau, Police Department, Rutherford, N. J., advised that he has no identification record for the applicant.

Detective GAZZOLA stated that he has known Dr. WILLIAMS for approximately five years and has no reason to question his loyalty to the United States.

Miscellaneous

Newark Confidential Informants of known reliability who are familiar with some phases of Communist activities in the State of New Jersey were contacted and advised that the applicant was unknown to them. They stated they possess no information concerning him.

The appointee's name was checked against the records of the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and no criminal record was found.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Previous investigations conducted by the Newark Office mentioned in this report are "Dr. EZRA POUND; TREASON," Newark File 61-137, Bufile 61-10875, and "Dr. WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS; INTERNAL SECURITY - CUSTODIAL DETENTION," Newark File 100-2575, Bufile 100-125710.

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Newark T-1 - Report of SA JOHN ATKINSON, 8/19/41, Little Rock, entitled "Commonwealth College; Internal Security - C," Newark File 100-6334-1-2-13.

Newark T-2 - Letter of New Jersey Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder located in Newark file 100-10839-8 (Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder), source not given.

Newark T-3 - Anonymous.

Newark Confidential Informants familiar with some phases of Communist activities in the State of New Jersey mentioned in this report are [redacted], contacted by SA LOUIS S. LEAR on 12/19/52, and [redacted] and [redacted] contacted by SA ALFRED R. JONES on 12/29/52. b7D

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Report of: Special Agent HARRY A. FISHER, JR.

Date and Place: January 15, 1953,
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To: COMMU ATIONS SECTION. JAN AIR-TEL

Transmit the following message to: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (BSM)

WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS, LOC, LGE. CSC ADVISES PROPOSED APPOINTMENT WILL NOT BE EFFECTED. DISCONTINUE.

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: February 4, 1953

FROM : Mr. C. H. Stanley

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Library of Congress
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SYNOPSIS:

Summary of pertinent information concerning Williams furnished Civil Service Commission October 9, 1952. Full field investigation initiated December 1, 1952, on specific request Civil Service Commission, basis being Williams identified in August 15, 1952, issue of "Counter attack" as signer of letters and statements for various Communist front groups including statements demanding the end of House Committee on Un-American Activities; defending the Communist Party; urging clemency for Earl Browder and in 1951 speaker at rally sponsored by National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions for three of "Hollywood Ten." Williams subject of column by Fulton Lewis, Jr., 11-21-52, making reference to Williams' employment with the Library of Congress and his association with many Communist Party fronts. Civil Service Commission by letter dated 1-19-53 advised Williams' proposed appointment to Library of Congress would not be effected. Investigation discontinued and case closed.

PURPOSE:

To advise you of status of this case.

BACKGROUND:

Williams born 9-17-83 in Rutherford, New Jersey. He has resided and been self-employed as a physician in Rutherford, New Jersey, since 1910. Williams was listed in the 1952-1953 edition of "Who's Who" as a prominent American poet.

Full field investigation concerning the captioned individual initiated 12-1-52 upon the specific request of the Civil Service Commission. Investigation discontinued and case closed 1-19-53 on basis of information from Civil Service Commission that date that proposed appointment would not be effected.

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DETAILS:

On 10-9-52 the Bureau furnished Civil Service Commission with a summary of pertinent information concerning the captioned individual which indicated possible disloyal sympathies. By letter received at the Bureau 11-19-52 the Civil Service Commission specifically requested a full field investigation concerning Williams. This investigation was initiated on 12-1-52. The request for a full field investigation was based upon information appearing in the 8-15-52 issue of the publication "Counterattack" wherein the applicant was identified, the substance of which is as follows:

The signer of the Golden Book of American Friendship with the Soviet Union (in 1937); the signer of a statement in 1938 sponsored by the American League for Peace and Democracy calling for greater cooperation with Stalin on the part of the democracies; in 1939 he signed a letter published in "Soviet Russia Today" calling for greater cooperation with Stalin Russia; in 1940 he signed a Communist Party line statement demanding the end of House Committee on Un-American Activities; in 1941 he signed a statement to defend the Communist Party and the same year sponsored the National Convention of American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born; in 1942 he urged clemency for Communist Party leader Earl Browder, who was then in Atlanta prison for perjury and in April, 1951, the National Council of Art, Sciences and Professions billed Williams as a speaker at a rally to honor John Howard Lawson, Dalton Trumbo and Albert Maltz, three of the "Hollywood Ten," who were just out of prison.

Syndicated column of Fulton Lewis, Jr., 11-21-52, referred to Williams and his connection in the position of Consultant with the Library of Congress. Lewis described Williams as "having gotten on 'I love Russia' trolley early, Williams has stayed aboard for the ride." Lewis notes the fact that Williams is subject of much information in the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and has been connected with several Communist Party fronts even as late as 1951.

On 1-19-53 Civil Service Commission advised that the proposed appointment of Williams would not be effected. In view of this information, the investigation was discontinued and Civil Service Commission was so advised on 1-23-53.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is for your information. This memorandum should be referred to Mr. Nichols' office, which has received an inquiry concerning Williams.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: February 4, 1953

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS
CONSULTANT IN POETRY IN ENGLISH - APPLICANT
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SYNOPSIS:

David McDowell of Random House and James F. Murray, Jr., New York attorney, called at the Bureau to ascertain if any help could be given to complete loyalty investigation of Dr. William Carlos Williams, applicant for a position in the Library of Congress. They were informed that the Bureau discontinued investigation of Williams when offer of appointment to him was withdrawn by librarian of the Library of Congress, and that Bureau has nothing to do with "clearances."

PURPOSE:

To record the visit to the Bureau by David McDowell of Random House and James F. Murray, Jr., New York attorney for William C. Williams, on February 3, 1953.

DETAILS:

On February 3, 1953, Mr. David McDowell, an editor at Random House, and Mr. James F. Murray, Jr., a New York attorney, called at the Bureau and talked to Crosby about a loyalty investigation of William Carlos Williams, physician, poet, and applicant for the position of Consultant in Poetry in English, Library of Congress.

Mr. McDowell advised he handled Whittaker Chambers' book and had had numerous contacts with personnel in the New York Office in connection with the book. McDowell and Murray stated they wished to furnish information about the employment situation of Dr. Williams to ascertain if there was any way in which the Bureau could complete its investigation of Williams which had been discontinued when Williams' offer of employment was withdrawn, and also whether any suggestions could be made about how a loyalty hearing for Williams could be arranged at the Library of Congress.

cc - Mr. Ladd

cc - Mr. Belmont - Attention Mr. C. H. Stanley

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Memo to Mr. Tolson February 4, 1953

BACKGROUND OF WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS:

As set out in a memorandum from Mr. C. H. Stanley to Mr. A. H. Belmont dated February 4, 1953, captioned William Carlos Williams, Loyalty of Government Employees, Williams was born 9-17-83 in Rutherford, New Jersey. He has resided and been self-employed as a physician in Rutherford since 1910. Williams is listed in "Who's Who" for 1952-53 as a prominent American poet. The callers advised that Williams is quite ill and his condition has been materially aggravated by the doubt which has arisen concerning his loyalty.

INVESTIGATION OF WILLIAMS BY BUREAU:

A summary of pertinent information concerning Williams was furnished to the Civil Service Commission on October 9, 1952. On December 1, 1952, the Civil Service Commission specifically requested the Bureau to conduct a full field investigation of Williams on the basis that Williams had been identified in the August 15, 1952, issue of "Counterattack" as a signer of letters and statements for various Communist front groups. The investigation was discontinued and the case was closed on January 19, 1953, upon the receipt of information from the Civil Service Commission on that date that the proposed appointment would not be effected.

Williams is the subject of 121-40475. The substance of the information concerning Williams recorded in the file is that Williams was a signer of the Golden Book of American Friendship with the Soviet Union in 1937; the signer of a statement in 1938 sponsored by the American League for Peace and Democracy calling for greater cooperation with Stalin on the part of the democracies; in 1939, he signed a letter published in "Soviet Russia Today." This letter called for greater cooperation with Stalinist Russia. In 1939, he signed a statement calling for the end of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. This statement was in accordance with the Communist Party line. In 1941, he signed a statement defending the Communist Party and was also a sponsor of the National Convention of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born. In 1942, he urged clemency for Earl Browder who was at that time serving a prison sentence in Atlanta for perjury. In April, 1951, the National Council of Arts, Sciences, and Professions billed Williams as a speaker at a rally in honor of John Howard Lawson, Dalton Trumbo, and Albert Maltz, three of the "Hollywood Ten" who were just out of prison.

The syndicated column of Fulton Lewis, Jr., for November 21, 1952, described Dr. Williams as "having gotten on 'I love Russia' trolley early, Williams has stayed aboard for the ride."

As mentioned above, the investigation of Williams was discontinued upon the receipt of advice from the Civil Service Commission that he was no longer an applicant for the position in the Library of Congress.

Messrs McDowell and Murray advised that their interest lay in securing the completion of the investigation of Dr. Williams and the holding of a loyalty hearing in the Library of Congress Agency.

Crosby advised Messrs McDowell and Murray that the Bureau in no instance furnishes any type of clearance and has nothing whatever to do with loyalty hearings. He also advised them that investigations under the Loyalty Program were initiated upon the request of the executive agency employing an individual or under certain other circumstances; that the Loyalty Program pertained primarily to the employees in the Executive branch of the government, and that a loyalty investigation could only be conducted on an applicant or employee of the Library of Congress upon the specific request of that agency.

McDowell advised that the facts concerning Williams' employment in the Library of Congress were that Williams, who is an eminent man in his field, was solicited by the Library for the position of Consultant in Poetry in English. He agreed to accept the position and shortly thereafter was taken ill. He was informed by Mr. Luther Evans, Librarian of the Library of Congress, that his illness would not interfer with the offer of the position, and that whenever he recovered he should assume the duties of the position. In the interim, in the Fall of 1952, a congressman became interested in certain attacks which had been made on Williams and pressed Luther Evans for information about Williams' loyalty. Evans informed the congressman, Mr. Hardy, that he would request the FBI to conduct an investigation of Dr. Williams. On January 13, 1953, Mr. Evans wrote Dr. Williams advising him that his offer of employment in the Library of Congress was revoked and in order that there might be no doubt about the matter, the revocation was made without

reference to the outcome of any loyalty investigation which might be in progress concerning Williams. That is, Williams' offer was withdrawn whether he was loyal or not. Mr. Murray stated that the revocation of the offer of employment in the midst of a loyalty investigation was most unfair to Dr. Williams. He stated, without going into the merits of the matter, he was definitely of the impression that justice could only be done to Dr. Williams by the completion of the investigation and the holding of a loyalty hearing.

Mr. McDowell volunteered that undoubtedly there would be a great deal of difficulty in the Library of Congress as a result of this "unfair" attitude of Mr. Evans toward Dr. Williams, that he anticipated, on the basis of what he had heard from various friends, that Evans himself was not regarded as loyal or able to withstand a loyalty investigation, and that he intended to take this to his friend Vice-President Nixon and to Senator Hendrickson (R-NJ) to oblige Evans to request the reopening of the loyalty investigation and the holding of a loyalty hearing in the Library of Congress Agency.

Crosby advised the gentlemen that an investigation of personnel in the Library of Congress would be conducted upon the specific request of that agency, but until a request was received nothing would be done by this Bureau.

The Messrs McDowell and Murray both expressed their appreciation for the courteous treatment that they had received at the Bureau, and Mr. Murray advised he believed that the matter would be reopened.

ACTION:

No action is called for in this matter. The memorandum is submitted for purposes of information in the event a subsequent request is received for the completion of the investigation of Dr. Williams.

Mr. A. H. Belmont

July 2, 1953

Mr. C. H. Stanley

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Inspector N. P. Callahan, Administrative Division, has requested that he be advised at the end of each month of the number of investigations completed and sent to the Civil Service Commission on employees of the Library of Congress.

During the month of June, 1953, the following investigations of Library of Congress employees were completed and sent to the Civil Service Commission under the provisions of Executive Order 10450:

Peter Odarchenko, Results furnished CSC 6-19-53.
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William Carlos Williams, Results furnished CSC 6-16-53.
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RECOMMENDATION:

That this memorandum be referred to Inspector Callahan for his information.

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TO : S. J. TRACY

DATE: December 1, 1952

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS
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Please search the name of the above individual through the records of the Identification Division and forward the results, in duplicate, to the Loyalty Unit, Room 2256, Department of Justice Building, Washington, D. C.

The following identifying data are listed for your assistance:

Maiden name, if married:

Date and place of Birth: September 17, 1883, Rutherford, N. J.

Department and Agency for whom employed: Library of Congress

Previous Government employment:

Was case opened on Form 84 or Form 85:

If so, date form received:

Other pertinent identifying data: (Including Military service numbers and Alien Registration numbers)

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Present Address: 9 Ridge Road
Rutherford, New Jersey

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BASED UPON INFORMATION FURNISHED, A SEARCH OF THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION FILES FAILED TO DISCLOSE ANY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION.

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REQUEST FOR REPORT OF LOYALTY DATA ON [redacted] NTS AND APPOINTEES

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THIS FORM TO BE USED ONLY FOR APPLICANTS AND APPOINTEES WHERE RECORD CHECKS AND INQUIRIES ARE CONDUCTED BY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
(PART 1—EXECUTIVE ORDER 9835)

CASE SERIAL NO. (CSC use only) 61549

TO: The Federal Bureau of Investigation, through the U. S. Civil Service Commission

The following information is furnished for identification purposes on the person named below. Kindly furnish a report on any loyalty information contained in your files. (The fingerprints of this person are attached.)

1. FULL NAME (Initials and abridgments of full name are not acceptable).	(Surname)	(Given name)	(Middle or other names)
	WILLIAMS,	William	Carlos

2. ALIASES AND NICKNAMES: None

3. DATE OF THIS REQUEST: 5/11/53

4. SPECIAL NUMBERS KNOWN TO REQUESTING AGENCY (FBI number or FBI file number, passport number, Army or Navy serial number, seaman's certificate of identification, alien registration number, Social Security number, etc. Specify which): None

5. PLACE OF BIRTH	6. DATE OF BIRTH	7. TITLE OF POSITION
Rutherford, N.J.	9/17/83	Consultant in Poetry (SENS)

8. SEX: [X] MALE [ ] FEMALE

9. MARITAL STATUS: [ ] SINGLE [X] MARRIED

10. IF MARRIED, GIVE SPOUSE'S FULL NAME, AND DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: Florence Hilda Herman Williams, 4/18/90, New York, N.Y.

11. DATE OF APPOINTMENT: /1/

12. TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: [X] EXCEPTED [ ] TEMPORARY [ ] COMPETITIVE (Cite Civil Service or other legal authority)

13. ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHICH AFFILIATED OTHER THAN RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS OR THOSE WHICH SHOW RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS
National Institute of Arts and Letters
American Medical Assn. Bergen Co. Medical Society

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14. DATES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS

From	To	Street	City	State
1943	present	9 Ridge Road	Rutherford, N.J.	

15. DATES, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF EMPLOYERS FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS

Date		Employer	Address
1910	present	Physician, Retired	
7/47		University of Utah	Salt Lake City, Utah *
7/48		University of Washington	Seattle, Washington *
10/50		University of Washington	Seattle, Washington *
11/50		Reed College	Portland, Oregon *
11/50		University of Oregon	Eugene, Oregon *

*(all as Visiting Lecturer in Poetry, the Novel, and Short Story)

16. THIS AGENCY HAS LOYALTY INFORMATION REPORT(S) FURNISHED BY THE AGENCIES INDICATED BELOW:

AGENCY WHICH MADE THE LOYALTY REPORT	DATE OF REPORT	REMARKS
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17. THIS SPACE RESERVED FOR RETURN REPORT TO AGENCY WHERE NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION IS DEVELOPED cc: 6-2-53 CSC
SEE REVERSE SIDE

18. NAME AND ADDRESS OF REQUESTING AGENCY
Library of Congress
Washington 25, D.C.

SEE REVERSE FOR REPORT ON CASES WHERE DEROGATORY INFORMATION WAS DEVELOPED

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19. REPORT OF INFORMATION DEVELOPED

Date 6/1/53

Files of this Bureau reveal unverified information concerning this employee bringing the employee within the purview of Executive Order No. ~~9835~~ 10450. Investigation being conducted. If this employee is assigned to a sensitive position a resume of present information in the files of the FBI will be furnished on request.

FBI, Washington, D. C.

(Name of Reporting Agency)

INSTRUCTIONS ON PREPARATION OF STANDARD FORM 85

1. This form (Standard Form 85) is promulgated by the United States Civil Service Commission at the request of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of carrying out the responsibilities with respect to applicants for Federal employment and persons appointed to Federal positions after September 30, 1947, as provided in Part 1 of Executive Order 9835.
2. All items must be filled in. If the answer is "No" or "None", so state.
3. The Fingerprint Chart (Standard Form 87) of the applicant or appointee must be submitted with the original and two copies of this form. The third carbon copy of the form should be retained by the agency.
4. If additional space is needed in filling in Items 14 and 15, use a separate sheet of paper, number the item to correspond with the item number of this form, and attach.
5. If the requesting agency has previously received loyalty information from any Government agency (including the Federal Bureau of Investigation) concerning the employee named in this form, the name of the agency which furnished the information and the date of the report should be shown in Item 16.
6. Item 17 is reserved for use in reporting on this request when no derogatory information is developed.
7. Whenever information is developed the report will be covered in Item 19 above.
8. For further details regarding the use of this form see the Federal Personnel Manual, Chapter I 2.

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NAME CHECK

WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS
Born: 1883
Rutherford, New Jersey

Transmitted herewith are reports reflecting the results of a loyalty-type investigation conducted by the FBI in 1952 and 1953 concerning William Carlos Williams. (121-40475)

The foregoing information is furnished to you as a result of your request for an FBI file check and is not to be construed as a clearance or a nonclearance of the individual involved. This information is for your use and should not be disseminated outside of your agency.

Attachment

Orig. to: USIA
RR: July 21, 1954
J.E. Garris:hrb

Note: Information concerning receipt of name check request and data disseminated made available to Mr. Nichols prior to transmitting to USIA.

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Supervisor _____ Room _____

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Subj: William Carlos Williams

Address:

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Status Still Unknown to 'ResidentPoet'

Two years ago this month, the distinguished American poet, Dr. William Carlos Williams, was about to embark on "the crowning gesture of my life as a literary man."

Dr. Williams had been named Poet in Residence of the Library of Congress. The poet, who doubles as a family doctor in his Rutherford, N. J., home, had been selected for an honor comparable to that of poet laureate.

Today, Dr. Williams still has not assumed his post, and the position is vacant. The poet, soon after being appointed, became the victim of an attack on his past link with a number of allegedly subversive causes. An FBI investigation followed.

Dr. Williams still doesn't know what the investigation revealed or his status in relation to the Poet in Residence position. Reached by telephone yesterday, Dr. Williams said:

"I don't know a thing. What did they find? They never did give me any indication. I received a communication from the FBI to be fingerprinted and replied to all sorts of preliminary inquiries. Then I wasn't even given the courtesy of a reply. For heaven's sake, what kind of a country is this?"

Dr. Williams said he is still waiting and hoping for the post, which pays a salary of $7000 a year provided by a private endowment.

"It's my livelihood," he explained. He added that he perhaps was not "the most distinguished literary man alive" but certainly is a poet. He laughed at the suggestion that perhaps it was feared he might write subversive poems in the job.

Dr. Williams said he was a liberal who unwittingly signed letters and resolutions that turned out to be Communist-sponsored. He emphasized he is not a Communist or a Communist sympathizer.

A disinterested third party summed up Dr. Williams in September, 1951. In reviewing the poet's autobiography, John Barkham wrote, "Williams is the concentrated essence of Americanism in everything he says and does . . ."

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER
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Date: JUN 16 1953

To: Mr. James E. Hatcher
Chief, Investigations Division
U. S. Civil Service Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

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

Subject: WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS
Consultant in Poetry in English
Library of Congress
Washington, D.C.
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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ON 10/22/80

There are transmitted herewith two copies of the following reports covering an investigation conducted by this Bureau concerning the captioned individual.

Report of Special Agent John J. McArdle, dated January 23, 1953, at Washington, D.C.

Report of Special Agent Harry A. Fisher, Jr., dated January 15, 1953, at Newark, New Jersey.

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Report of Special Agent Birl Wilson, dated December 24, 1952, at Buffalo, New York.

Report of Special Agent Loftis J. Sheffield, dated December 29, 1952, at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Report of Special Agent Stuart J. Cameron, dated December 29, 1952, at Portland, Oregon.

Report of Special Agent Benjamin Perkowski, Jr., dated December 30, 1952, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Please advise this Bureau of the ultimate disposition which is made of this case.

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Report of Special Agent Cyril J. Laffey, dated December 30, 1952, at Seattle, Washington.

Report of Special Agent William H. Haight, dated January 9, 1953, at New York, New York.

Reference is made to Civil Service letter dated January 19, 1953, advising that the proposed appointment of the captioned individual to a position with the Library of Congress would not be effected.

This Bureau is now in receipt of a Loyalty Form indicating that this individual is an applicant for the captioned position. In view of this information the enclosed reports reflecting complete investigation are being forwarded.

Case previously closed by letter dated January 23, 1953 and closing statistics taken.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
WARREN OLNEY III

DATE: JUN 16 1953

FROM : DIRECTOR, FBI

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SUBJECT: WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS
Consultant in Poetry in English
Library of Congress
Washington, D.C.
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Attention:
Mr. Archie D. Simpson
Records Administration Branch

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ON 10/22/80

For your information, and in order that consideration may be given as to whether any Federal laws have been violated, there are transmitted herewith copies of reports reflecting the result of an investigation conducted by this Bureau regarding the above-captioned individual.

These reports are listed in the attached copy of a letter transmitting results of the investigation to the United States Civil Service Commission.

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TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: September 29, 1954

FROM : J. R. Malley

Time of call: 9:45 A.M.

SUBJECT: WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS
Consultant in Poetry in English
Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

By memorandum from Stanley to Rosen dated September 26, 1954, information concerning the Bureau's investigation of Williams was set forth and recommendations were made including one that the Newark Office would contact Williams and advise Williams of the Bureau's position in this case.

SAC Hostetter was telephonically advised of the articles appearing in the Washington Star on September 26, 1954, and in the Washington Post and Times Herald on September 27, 1954. He was also furnished a brief background concerning Williams, and it was suggested to him that he refer to Newark file concerning Williams. Hostetter was instructed to interview Williams and make the Bureau's position clear to him, including the fact that there was no delay on the part of this Bureau in handling the investigation and also the fact that the Bureau has nothing to do with granting aclearance once our investigation is completed. Hostetter was requested to furnish the results of this interview with Williams to the Bureau.

cc: Mr. Nichols

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

FROM : C. H. Stanley

DATE: October 7, 1954

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SUBJECT: WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS
Consultant in Poetry in English
Library of Congress
Washington, D. C.
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

At 4:25 p.m. on this date, the Liaison Section of the Domestic Intelligence Division received a call from L. H. Mumford, Librarian of Congress, who advised that a reporter for the "New York World Telegram" had requested information as to the date that the FBI gave information to the Library of Congress concerning Carlos Williams. Mr. Mumford inquired as to what answer he should give the reporter.

This matter was referred to the Employees Security Section and, after checking the file, Supervisor O. E. Coleman called Mr. Mumford at 4:40 p.m., at which time the latter was informed that the FBI had furnished no information in this case directly to the Library of Congress, that all information in the case had been furnished to the Civil Service Commission through regular channels, and that any answer he desired to furnish the reporter of the "New York World Telegram" would be his responsibility and not that of the FBI. Mr. Mumford inquired as to whether the Bureau would have any objection to his furnishing the date he had received the information concerning Williams. He was again informed that this Bureau was not in a position to approve or disapprove or otherwise comment concerning his furnishing to the reporter the date the reports in this case were received by his agency.

Mr. Mumford expressed his thanks for the Bureau's prompt reply to his telephone call.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. The foregoing is for information. Background copies of memoranda dated September 26, and October 6, 1954, concerning this matter are attached. Mr. McGuire in Mr. Nichols' Office was advised of the above.

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CC - Mr. Nichols
Mr. Belmont
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: October 4, 1954

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FROM : J. R. Malley

Time of call: 10:10 A.M.

SUBJECT: WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS
Consultant in Poetry in English
Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

SAC Hostetter, Newark, advised an appointment had been made with Dr. Williams for 2:00 P.M. today. Hostetter advised that during the call to Dr. Williams he explained that there have been two articles in newspapers wherein inaccurate statements had been made concerning the FBI and that it was desirable for the Bureau to contact him and clarify the Bureau's position with regard to the inaccurate statements.

Hostetter advised that he had received a telephone call today from James Murray, New Jersey State Senator, having law offices in Jersey City as well as in New York City. Murray advised Hostetter he represented Dr. Williams and was thoroughly familiar with the entire situation concerning Dr. Williams being considered for employment with the Library of Congress. Murray advised Hostetter that Dr. Williams' family did not seem to be able to obtain information from Dr. Williams concerning the reason for the interview with the FBI, and that they were somewhat fearful of the interview because of the fact that Dr. Williams has had two heart attacks.

Hostetter advised that he immediately explained to Murray the reason for the FBI request of Dr. Williams to talk to him was based on the inaccuracies appearing in newspaper stories. Murray then advised that he was thoroughly familiar with the FBI's part in handling the applicant investigation and that there was certainly no criticism of the FBI. He did state, however, that in view of the family's concern over Dr. Williams' health, he would prefer that there be no interview. In view of the request of the attorney plus the comments concerning the heart condition of Dr. Williams, Hostetter advised he would not go ahead with the interview as scheduled.

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ACTION:

None. For your information. SAC Hostetter is furnishing full details concerning this matter by letter today.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: October 6, 1954

FROM : Mr. Stanley

SUBJECT: WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS
Consultant in Poetry in English
Library of Congress
Washington, D. C.
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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Reference memorandum Stanley to Rosen dated 9-26-54, which is attached, advising Washington newspaper articles 9-26-54 and 9-27-54 erroneously inferred FBI check still pending in connection with Dr. Williams' appointment in 1952 as Poet in Residence of Library of Congress. It was recommended the Civil Service Commission (CSC) and Library of Congress be contacted, the "Washington Star" advised, and Dr. Williams informed of Bureau's position in this case.

Newark advised by letter of 10-4-54 (attached) that Dr. Williams was contacted telephonically on 9-30-54 and appointment arranged for 2:00 P.M., 10-4-54. It was explained the Bureau desired to discuss inaccurate statements appearing in newspaper articles. Dr. Williams was cordial. At 9:00 A.M., 10-4-54 Mr. James Murray contacted the SAC, Newark, identified himself as Dr. Williams' attorney and as a State Senator from Jersey City and stated Dr. Williams' family had contacted him relative to the interview. He stated Dr. Williams had recently suffered several heart attacks, the family was apprehensive about another attack, and Mr. Murray suggested the SAC confer with him instead of Dr. Williams. The invitation was declined and Mr. Murray was advised recent newspaper articles appearing in Washington concerning Dr. Williams contained erroneous and inaccurate statements about the FBI which was the reason given Dr. Williams for the proposed interview.

Mr. Murray advised he had received copies of the newspaper articles and also that he is familiar with Dr. Williams' case with the Library of Congress. He stated he is familiar with the responsibilities of the Bureau and the Federal Employees Security Program and that he is convinced the Bureau had not been remiss in handling the case of Dr. Williams. He stated the Bureau had been absolutely fair in the investigation and handled their part in the proceedings in a very gracious manner. (It is noted Mr. Murray called at the Bureau 2-3-53, was advised the

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cc: Mr. Belmont
Mr. Nichols

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investigation had been discontinued and that the Bureau has nothing to do with "clearances.") Mr. Murray was critical of the Library of Congress, stated he would be in Washington in about ten days in order to "force the hand" of that agency and in all probability he would ask for a Congressional inquiry concerning the case. He said that in doing so, he had no intention of criticizing the Bureau. In conclusion, Mr. Murray stated he did not know the source of the statements in the newspaper articles, but it was his belief they had originated in the Library of Congress. Mr. Murray was told in view of his call, the appointment with Dr. Williams would not be kept and he stated he would inform members of the family.

A representative of the Liaison Section contacted Mr. L. Q. Mumford, Librarian, Library of Congress, on 9-30-54. Mumford stated he was extremely sorry there was any misunderstanding in this matter and when Miss McGrory (Mary McGrory wrote the article appearing in the "Washington Star) contacted them they gave her the facts and conveyed no thought whatever that Bureau was remiss in conducting the investigation or had been responsible in any way for the delay of Williams' appointment. He said he would be glad to write Dr. Williams and straighten him out on this point. Mumford made it clear the Library of Congress records show the FBI fulfilled its responsibilities. He stated the misleading headline and inference of FBI delay appearing in McGrory's story was entirely her own and the Library of Congress had nothing to do with the headline. As a matter of information, Mumford stated he would not hire Dr. Williams under any circumstances and was so advising him. On 9-30-54, Mr. Bill Hayes, Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division, Civil Service Commission, was contacted by a representative of the Liaison Section and furnished the facts in this matter so it would be perfectly plain there was no delay in the Bureau's handling of the case. Hayes stated he had received no inquiry regarding Dr. Williams' case and to his knowledge no information had been given out by the Commission. Hayes stated he understood perfectly and was well aware the matter was handled expeditiously by the Bureau.

Mr. Nichols personally advised the "Washington Star" of the Bureau's position in this matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

Although the appointment with Dr. Williams was cancelled due to his poor health, he was advised that inaccurate statements appeared in Washington newspaper articles and the Bureau desired to clarify its position. Also Dr. Williams' attorney was advised of details. He stated the Bureau had been absolutely fair and not remiss in handling the case and he agreed to notify the Williams' family. Accordingly, it is recommended no further attempt be made to contact Dr. Williams.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. Rosen

DATE: Sept. 26, 1954

FROM : C. H. Stanley

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SUBJECT: WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS
Consultant in Poetry in English
Library of Congress
Washington, D. C.
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

The "Washington Star," 9/26/54, ran an article entitled "Tangled Tale of Library's Poet Who Never Quite Got the Job - Williams Still Waits Word on FBI Check Started 2 Years Ago," stating William Carlos Williams' appointment as Poet in Residence of Library of Congress in 1952 was never effected and infers FBI check still pending. Article leaves erroneous impression as Bureau files reflect results of full field investigation were sent to Civil Service Commission by letter dated 6/16/53 and since, no request has been received for investigation.

A preliminary inquiry opened concerning Williams 9/11/52 on basis information appearing in 8/15/52 issue of "Counterattack" advising of Williams' appointment and identifying him as signer of letters and statements for various Communist front groups. Results of preliminary inquiry sent to Civil Service Commission for referral to Library of Congress by letter 10/9/52.

By letter 11/14/52, received 11/18/52, the Civil Service Commission advised Library of Congress desired full field investigation. Bureau files reviewed and field was instructed to conduct investigation by letter 12/1/52. Investigation disclosed Williams was physician in Rutherford, N. J., from 1910 to his retirement in approximately 1947, and the 1952-1953 edition of "Who's Who" listed him as prominent American poet. The substance of the information developed is Williams was signer of Golden Book of American Friendship with the Soviet Union in 1937; signer of statement in 1938 sponsored by American League for Peace and Democracy calling for greater cooperation with Stalin on part of democracies; in 1939, signed letter published in "Soviet Russia Today," calling for greater cooperation with Stalinist Russia. In 1939, signed statement calling for the end of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. He was a contributor to "New Masses," sponsor of American Rescue Ship Mission in 1940 and his name appeared in indices of Commonwealth College. In 1941, he signed statement defending Communist Party and was listed as sponsor of National Convention of American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. In 1942, he urged clemency for Earl Browder who was serving prison sentence in Atlanta for perjury.

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In April, 1951, National Council of Arts, Sciences, and Professions billed Williams as speaker at rally in honor of John Howard Lawson, Dalton Trumbo, and Albert Maltz, three of the "Hollywood Ten" who were

cc-Mr. Nichols
Mr. Belmont
RER/rc

Memo Mr Rosen 10-6-54 RER

just out of prison. The syndicated column of Fulton Lewis, Jr., 11-21-52, described Williams as "having gotten on 'I love Russia' trolley early, Williams has stayed aboard for the ride." Acquaintances described Williams as substantial, loyal citizen. Williams not known to reliable confidential informants and no allegations of Communist Party membership. Civil Service Commission advised by letter dated 1-19-53 Williams' appointment would not be effected and case closed by letter to Civil Service Commission dated 1-23-53. Reports not sent to Civil Service Commission as Williams no longer Govt applicant or employee.

It is noted Williams' attorney, James F. Murray, Jr., called at the Bureau 2-3-53 to ascertain if any help could be given to complete loyalty investigation of Williams. They were informed Bureau discontinued investigation of Williams when offer of appointment to him was withdrawn by Librarian of the Library of Congress and that Bureau has nothing to do with "clearances."

On 6-2-53 a Loyalty Form received for Williams from Library of Congress. Bureau files disclosed no additional information concerning Williams and reports of above-mentioned investigation sent to the Civil Service Commission for referral to Library of Congress and to Department by letter dated 6-16-53. No additional requests and Bureau has not been advised of adjudication of case. It is noted copies of the reports were furnished to the U. S. Information Agency by memorandum 8-13-54 after request for name check.

Referenced article in Star states in part, "Dr. Williams, who calls himself a 'liberal' and a 'non-political man' admits to having been an unwary signer of various pleas and resolutions, that turned out to be Communist-sponsored. But he was certainly, he says, not a Communist and not even a Communist sympathizer." A copy of the article is attached to this memorandum.

There is also attached an article which appeared in the "Washington Post" of Monday, 9-27-54 which states "Status Still Unknown to 'Resident Poet.'" The article states Williams does not know results of investigation and he is reputed to have stated "I don't know a thing. What did they find? They never did give me any indication. I received a communication from the FBI to be fingerprinted and replied to all sorts of preliminary inquiries. ThenI wasn't even given the courtesy of a reply. For heaven's sake, what kind of a country is this?" Instant case reflects Bureau received no communications from Williams and his reference to FBI must refer to the application form, fingerprints, and loyalty form executed for the Library of Congress.

RECOMMENDATION:

(1) In view of the erroneous inference appearing in the article of the "Washington Star" indicating FBI check pending after two years, it is recommended the Civil Service Commission and the Library of Congress be contacted and advised reports of the full field investigation were furnished to the Commission by letter dated 6-16-53 and that it be made clear to Williams by Library of Congress they are not waiting for an FBI investigation in order to effect his appointment.

Bill Hayes, CSC advised 9-30-54 cmb

L. J. [illegible] LIBRARIAN [illegible]

OK. K.V.

(2) It is also recommended this memorandum be referred to Mr. Nichols' office in view of the erroneous information appearing in the article in the "Washington Star."

OK. K.V.

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(3) If you agree, the Newark Office will be telephonically advised to contact Williams and advise Williams of the Bureau's position in this case.

SAC Hostetter, Newark Office advised 9/29/54 - 9:45 AM.

OK. K.V.

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TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

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SUBJECT: WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

I talked to Rex Collier regarding the article in the Sunday Star written by Mary McGrory wherein the headline conveyed the impression that the FBI investigation had not been completed on Williams who was originally appointed to the Library of Congress in 1952. I told Rex that our investigation was discontinued in January, 1953, when the Civil Service Commission advised us that Williams would not be appointed. I further told Rex that at a later date the investigation was reopened and was closed on June 16, 1953; that the story gave the very erroneous impression until one was almost near the end; that I, frankly, was somewhat amazed to see the Star championing a story such as this.

Rex stated that he was out of town at the time the story appeared; that it surprised him and he has been meaning to ask Herbert Corn, the Manager, what was back of it. Rex stated that the author has just started reporting recently having been in the Book Review Department of the Star for many years.

cc: Mr. Rosen
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TO : Director, FBI (121-40475) DATE: 10/4/54
Attention: Investigative Division

FROM : SAC, Newark (121-4674)

SUBJECT: William Carlos Williams
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Re Bureau telephone call 9/29/54.

I contacted Dr. William Carlos Williams, 9 Ridge Road, Rutherford, N. J., telephonically on 9/30/54 and advised him that I desired to make an appointment to see him at his convenience. I explained that two articles, which recently appeared in Washington newspapers, contained inaccurate statements and I desired to discuss these with him and clarify the Bureau's position. He said that he had seen both articles and would be glad to discuss the matter. He was cordial. He said that it was necessary for him to visit New York City the following day and he suggested that I contact him at his home at 2:00 p.m. on 10/4/54.

At 9:00 a.m. on 10/4/54 Mr. James Murray contacted me telephonically and identified himself as a State Senator from Jersey City, N. J. He said that he had a law office in New York City; telephone, Murray Hill 2-1500, and a law office in Jersey City, N. J.; telephone, Journal Square 2-1210. He said that he represented Dr. William Williams from Rutherford and that members of his client's family had consulted him and were somewhat concerned about an appointment Dr. Williams had made with me for 2:00 p.m. on 10/4/54. He said that Dr. Williams had recently suffered several heart attacks and was disturbed about his status with the Library of Congress, and the family were not certain about my reason for contacting Dr. Williams. They were also fearful that he might suffer another heart attack.

Mr. James Murray stated that he represented Dr. Williams and he suggested that I confer with him instead of Dr. Williams. I advised Mr. Murray that I did not think a conference with him was necessary. I told him that articles, which recently appeared in two Washington newspapers relative to Dr. Williams, contained erroneous and inaccurate statements about the F.B.I. and I had informed Dr. Williams that my purpose in wanting to see him was to clarify the Bureau's position with respect to these matters.

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Mr. Murray stated that copies of the articles in question had been forwarded to him and that he had been handling the matter for Dr. Williams. He said that he was convinced that the Library of Congress was being evasive about this matter and attempting to postpone a final decision until after April, 1955, at which time the appointment of Dr. Williams would expire. The question would then be moot.

He said that insofar as he had been able to determine the Bureau had been absolutely fair in their investigation and handled their part in the proceedings in a very gracious manner. He said that he was familiar with the responsibilities of the Bureau and the Federal Employees Security Program and that he was convinced that the Bureau had not been remiss in handling the case of Dr. Williams.

He said that he was convinced that some of the representatives in the Library of Congress were not worthy and should be subjected to severe criticism and that he intended to go to Washington in about ten days in order to force the hand of the Library of Congress and that in all probability he would ask for a Congressional inquiry concerning this case. He said that in doing so, he had no intention of criticizing the Bureau.

I reminded him that the newspaper articles referred to above contained erroneous and inaccurate statements and I asked him if he knew the source of these statements. He said he did not, but it was his belief that they had originated in the Library of Congress.

I told Mr. Murray that in view of his call I would not keep my appointment with Dr. Williams and he stated that he would inform members of the family as to this decision.

I furnished a summary of the above information to the Bureau telephonically after I concluded my conversation with Mr. James Murray.

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Tangled Tale of Library's Poet Who Never Quite Got the Job

Williams Still Waits Word on FBI Check Started 2 Years Ago

By Mary McGrory

America's closest equivalent to a poet laureate is the Poet in Residence of the Library of Congress. This post has been vacant for two years, and the question is, has poetic justice been done?

The answer, even by present Washington standards, is a tangled one. It revolves around clean bills of health, both political and physical. There are those who regard the whole business as a fresh outrage on civil liberties perpetrated by overcautious bureaucrats. Others see it as a less sinister matter of ruffled feelings in high places. Finally, there is a third group which holds it was just one of those things that inevitably happen when the uncongenial worlds of poetry and politics collide.

Never Took Office.

A 71-year-old poet-doctor, William Carlos Williams of Rutherford, N. J., is at the center of the controversy. He was appointed to the "poet laureate" post—twice, as it happens. But he never took office, and he has never collected any of the $7,000 salary provided by private endowment. At this writing, Dr. Williams is still waiting for word about the outcome of an FBI investigation into his loyalty.

Dr. Williams was originally selected for the Library's poetry chair in 1952 by the Fellows in American Letters of the Library of Congress, a group of distinguished writers which includes Thornton Wilder, T. S. Eliot, W.

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H. Auden and former Librarian Archibald MacLeish.

It is not always fair weather for the Library when the Fellows get together to make recommendations about poetical matters. In 1949, they brought congressional wrath on their heads when they bestowed the Bollingen Prize for Poetry on Ezra Pound, a friend of Fascism and a patient at St. Elizabeths Hospital. When the dust had settled, it was decided that the Government would be involved in no more Bollingen Awards.

Controversial Choice.

The fellows' choice of Dr. Williams also proved to be controversial. The nominee, who in the course of a busy life-time had delivered over 2,000 babies and written some 20 books, was delighted to accept. Dr. Luther H. Evans, the then Librarian of Congress, signified his approval.

But announcement of the appointment was the signal for a series of attacks on Dr. Williams' political activities. The editor of a poetry magazine called "Lyric," said the selection was "an insult to American poetry and American citizenship." A syndicated columnist cited Dr. Williams as the kind of person Dr. Evans was wont to recruit for library service. Counter-Attack published a list of causes, allegedly subversive, to which Dr. Williams had lent his name.

Dr. Williams, who calls himself a "liberal", and a "non-political man," admits to having been an unwary signer of various pleas and resolutions, that turned out to be Communist-sponsored. But he was certainly, he says, not a Communist, and not even a Communist sympathizer.

"Just Signed Letters."

"I just signed letters, which I wasn't able to sift," Dr. Williams explains. "Unfortunately, the Communists have used liberal citizens in all categories of the country, in religion and politics. I don't think much of the way the Communist Party takes advantage of an unguarded citizenry."

Nothing was further from his mind in the fall of 1952, when Dr. Williams happily prepared to come to Washington, to take the chair of poetry. He looked upon the occasion, as "the crowning gesture of my life as a literary man." He wound up his personal affairs in New Jersey and hired a house at 321 Second street S.E.

His term was to begin in September, but because of illness he postponed coming until December 15.

But on December 4, 1952, his wife received a letter from Chief Assistant Librarian Verner Clapp telling her that a preliminary FBI report had occasioned the Library to ask for "a further full investigation." Dr. Williams, Mr. Clapp said, would not be able to take office until the allegations had been investigated.

Several days later, Dr. Williams himself received a letter from the director of personnel at the Library of Congress. This one told him that as soon as the Loyalty Board of the Library received the full FBI report, he would have the right of an administrative hearing and the right to appear and to be represented by counsel.

Dr. Williams promptly engaged as counsel, New York attorney James F. Murray, Jr., who also is a Democratic member of the New Jersey House of Representatives. Mr. Murray informed the Library that his client had been ready to take up his duties on December 15 and that he did not waive the right to either the job or the salary.

Evans Calls It Off.

Dr. Evans' reply on January 13 called the whole thing off.

"After full consideration I have determined that the condition no longer exists which at an earlier date made your appointment as consultant in poetry and English appear to be desirable and profitable to the Library. This change in situation results not only from our view of the present state of your health but also from the new elements introduced into the relationship between you and the Library in letters addressed by your attorney to various members of the staff.

"I accordingly hereby revoke the offer of appointment heretofore made to you and terminate negotiations which have been in progress looking toward your assumption of duties as consultant in poetry and English."

Nothing To Do With Loyalty.

Dr. Evans told Dr. Williams that his action had "nothing to do with allegations about your loyalty which have been published in various places and which investigation which was instituted by the Library and which investigation will now be cancelled."

Mr. Murray replied the next

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day. He told Dr. Evans: "He (Dr. Williams) disagrees with your self-appointment as an expert on the present condition of his health."

"He (Dr. Williams) will not permit the investigation by the FBI to lapse and strongly resents your inference that you are doing him a favor by suggesting that such an investigation not be completed."

At this point in the proceedings, friends of Dr. Williams began to rally around. David McDowell, his editor at Random House, came to Washington to mobilize political support for the beleaguered poet. Mr. McDowell went to the FBI with an urgent request that they investigate Dr. Williams "relentlessly." The FBI, he reports, was "astonished" at the plea. The agents said that since Dr. Williams' name was no longer on Civil Service rolls, they could not investigate him further.

Fellows Protest.

The Fellows, at a protest meeting in New York, deputized two of their number—Leonie Adams, a former poet in residence, and Cleanth Brooks, a teacher at Yale—to wait on Dr. Evans. They had two or three hours of "heated talk" as Mr. Brooks remembers it, on February 8. By the time it was over, a compromise had been worked out.

Dr. Evans communicated the terms in a letter to Miss Adams. He would "consider sympathetically" a statement from a qualified physician about Dr. Williams' health. He wanted Dr. Williams to disavow" a claim of rights with respect to Dr. Evans' disallowance of his assumption of duties. According to lawyers, this was a reference to the threat of possible suit in the affair.

On March 25, the requested h[illegible] certificate was forwarded. Dr. Evans accepted it and informed Dr. Williams that he had set the wheels in motion for the resumption of the loyalty investigation.

Appointed Second Time.

Dr. Williams then wrote Dr. Evans that he had no intention of suing any one in the Library for what had happened.

Accordingly, on April 24, Dr. Evans again appointed Dr. Williams as consultant in poetry and English at the Library of Congress. The appointment was to become effective on May 15, "or as soon thereafter as loyalty and security procedures are successfully completed." It was to expire that September.

Dr. Williams, 18 months later, is still waiting to hear.

Curious reporters who called the Library in the meantime to inquire about the new poet were told that he was "sick." Eventually silence closed over the whole question. Dr. Williams said he did not feel well enough to press the matter and, besides, he kept hoping that an amicable agreement would be reached. Dr. Evans left the Library of Congress to take the job of Director-General of UNESCO in the summer of 1953. A new librarian was not installed until last month. Dr. Williams' original "appointment" had expired more than a year before. The second term, on which he would have had an option, has also expired.

Times of London Comments.

The silence was broken the other day by the Times of London which stated in a special literary supplement devoted to American literature, that "the last poet nominated for the position (of Poet in Residence at the Library of Congress) had failed to receive a security clearance."

Mr. Clapp, who served as acting librarian for a period after Dr. Evans left, takes exception to this statement.

"I think the Times' use of the word 'failure' does a possible injustice to Dr. Williams by implying that he was unable to meet security requirements.

"By the time the security investigation had been completed, the appointment of a new librarian was impending, and I felt the new librarian should not be committed to an appointment about which he might have other views. The report therefore has been marked 'non-action.'"

Dr. Evans, in Paris, was not available for comment. But Cleanth Brooks, who interceded with Dr. Evans on Dr. Williams' behalf so long ago, was interviewed yesterday by telephone in New Haven, Conn. He believes that Dr. Evans' action in the Williams case was not based on allegations against the loyalty of the physician-poet.

"I don't think any one ever took seriously the Communist charges," he said.

"I think it was a question of hurt feelings," he went on. "I went in thinking that these charges were the basic issue, but after two or three hours' heated talk I was convinced that Dr. Evans felt very badly that Dr. Williams had had his lawyer write to him instead of contacting him on a personal basis."

The Fellows of the Library have held no meeting since their protest session winter before last. They used to convene at least once a year. But they have not been invited to the Library in the meantime, and their whole future status seems to be in doubt.

"I don't believe they will go out like a candle," Mr. Brooks says. "But the fact they have not met for two years does not bode any particular friendliness on the part of the Library. I think we should be called in to find out just how Dr. Williams' case stands."

The donor of the fund out of which the Library's poet in residence is paid, Archer M. Huntington, a retired New York banker, has been quite oblivious to the whole situation. When The Star sought his views yesterday he did not seem to be too aware of the fact that his endowment was being used to finance any chair of poetry in Washington. He took the news that the chair was vacant very calmly.

Dr. Willams Still Hoping.

"There is nothing disagreeable to me in that thought," he said, "I assume the money is being used for some other purpose."

As for Dr. Williams, he is still waiting, still hoping. He remains convinced that he never got the post he coveted because he was "alleged to be a Red sympathizer," although he adds: "I have never had the courtesy of an explanation."

He would still like to come to Washington as consultant in poetry and English to the Library of Congress. Failing that, he would like to have his record cleared.

"But," he concludes sadly, "the atmosphere in Washington is not favorable to the solution of such a situation."

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Status Still Unknown to 'Resident Poet'

Two years ago this month, the distinguished American poet, Dr. William Carlos Williams, was about to embark on "the crowning gesture of my life as a literary man."

Dr. Williams had been named Poet in Residence of the Library of Congress. The poet, who doubles as a family doctor in his Rutherford, N. J., home, had been selected for an honor comparable to that of poet laureate.

Today, Dr. Williams still has not assumed his post, and the position is vacant. The poet, soon after being appointed, became the victim of an attack on his past link with a number of allegedly subversive causes. An FBI investigation followed.

Dr. Williams still doesn't know what the investigation revealed or his status in relation to the Poet in Residence position. Reached by telephone yesterday, Dr. Williams said:

"I don't know a thing. What did they find? They never did give me any indication. I received a communication from the FBI to be fingerprinted and replied to all sorts of preliminary inquiries. Then I wasn't even given the courtesy of a reply. For heaven's sake, what kind of a country is this?"

Dr. Williams said he is still waiting and hoping for the post, which pays a salary of $7000 a year provided by a private endowment.

"It's my livelihood," he explained. He added that he perhaps was not "the most distinguished literary man alive" but certainly is a poet. He laughed at the suggestion that perhaps it was feared he might write subversive poems in the job.

Dr. Williams said he was a liberal who unwittingly signed letters and resolutions that turned out to be Communist-sponsored. He emphasized he is not a Communist or a Communist sympathizer.

A disinterested third party summed up Dr. Williams in September, 1951. In reviewing the poet's autobiography, John Barkham wrote, "Williams is the concentrated essence of Americanism in everything he says and does . . ."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

FROM : Mr. Stanley

DATE: October 18, 1954

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SUBJECT: WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS
Consultant in Poetry in English
Library of Congress
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An article appearing in the "New York World Telegram and Sun" of 10-11-54 furnished by the New York Division reflects results of a reporter's interview with Lawrence Mumford, Librarian, Library of Congress, in the case of William Carlos Williams. This matter originally came to the attention of Bureau in a "Washington Star" article 9-26-54 which carried a headline inferring FBI check still outstanding after Williams' appointment as Poet in Residence at Library of Congress two years ago. The erroneous inference was brought to attention of the "Washington Star," the Civil Service Commission, Library of Congress, and the matter explained to Williams' attorney after appointment with Williams was cancelled due to his health. All stated FBI not remiss in handling investigation.

Reference memorandum Stanley to Rosen 10-7-54 advising Mumford called the Bureau on that date and stated a reporter of the "New York World Telegram and Sun" had requested information as to the date the FBI gave information to the Library of Congress. He inquired concerning the answer he should give and whether the Bureau would have any objection to his furnishing the date. Mumford was informed the FBI had furnished no reports directly to the Library of Congress but that reports had been sent to the Civil Service Commission through regular channels. He was also advised that any answer he desired to furnish the reporter would be his responsibility and the Bureau was not in a position to approve or disapprove or otherwise comment concerning his furnishing information to the reporter.

The article in the "New York World Telegram and Sun" reviews Williams' background as reflected in prior memoranda in this matter and reports interview with Mumford. The article points out Williams never actually started serving his appointment and as the time of appointment has expired, he will have no opportunity to refute loyalty charges made against him. Mumford is quoted as stating Library of Congress received FBI reports 6-26-53 (Bureau file reflects reports sent Civil Service Commission 6-16-53). The article is critical of the handling of case by Library of Congress and concludes by stating Mumford

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changed his "appointment time theory" twice in an hour's interview and finally decided the post was vacant in September, 1953. Williams' attorney, James Murray is quoted as calling the case "an abominable outrage of civil liberties" and states he will fight it. As noted in prior memorandum, Murray advised he is convinced the FBI was not remiss in handling Williams' case, the FBI had been absolutely fair and he had no intention of criticizing the Bureau in any future action. Referenced article from the "New York Telegram and Sun" of 10-11-54 is attached.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. This is for your information.

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U. S. Poet Laureate Unable To Get Loyalty Decision

By BERNARD NOSSITER,
Staff Writer.

Dr. William Carlos Williams, an obstetrician and one of America's leading poets, will never know whether he is loyal enough to be resident poet at the Library of Congress an official there said today.

"The question is academic," Lawrence Quincy Mumford, librarian, said in a telephone interview from Washington. "Dr. Williams' appointment has expired."

For the 71-year-old poet and physician, the Library's stand climaxes a 34-month quandary. He has not sat a single day in the chair to which he was appointed in September, 1952. He has never been given a chance to answer the charges against him as prescribed in loyalty proceedings.

Poet Laureate.

The chair is the American equivalent of England's Poet Laureate. Paid by the income from a private fund, it is filled by a candidate selected by the Library's Fellows and the Librarian. The Fellows who chose Dr. Williams included T. S. Eliot, Thornton Wilder and W. H. Auden.

Dr. Williams has written over 30 volumes of verse, fiction and an autobiography. He has won many major poetry awards. Critics speak of his "essential Americanism."

In his home town of Rutherford, N. J., he is a popular obstetrician who has delivered more than 2000 babies.

Told of Charges.

The date he was due to take his chair was postponed until December, 1952. That month, Verner W. Clapp, chief assistant librarian, wrote his wife that the poet was under investigation. On Dec. 9, Dr. Williams was told of the charges against him.

WILLIAM C. WILLIAMS.

He was accused of signing seven petitions and letters between 1937 and 1942 calling for closer cooperation with Russia, clemency for Earl Browder, the elimination of the Un-American Activities Committee and defense of Communists' rights. He was also accused of writing for a magazine allegedly Communist-dominated in the mid-30s and was "billed" as a speaker at a 1951 rally for three of the "Hollywood Ten."

Librarian Mumford said, "I don't recall any other charges" developed by the FBI's full field investigation.

Did Not Speak.

Dr. Williams said he doesn't remember 12-year-old petitions. He said he was "billed" at the 1951 rally without his permission and did not speak.

Un-American Activities Committee records show 50 to 450 people, including outspoken anti-Communists, signed the same petitions. But Dr. Williams has never been allowed to tell this to an official body.

In January, 1953, the then Librarian, Luther Evans, wrote

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Dr. Williams his appointment and the FBI probe were canceled because of the poet's health and the intervention of his lawyer, James F. Murray Jr. Mr. Evans said no loyalty question was involved.

In April, Mr. Evans reversed himself and invited Dr. Williams to assume his chair on May 15 or as soon as the FBI completed a full field probe. Eighteen months have now elapsed. Dr. Williams has heard nothing.

The new librarian, Mr. Mumford, said the FBI report came in on June 26, 1953. But he said Mr. Evans was leaving, Mr. Clapp was busy with budget matters and no evaluation of the FBI report could be made until August. By then, the appointment had only a month to run, Mr. Mumford claims, and the Library figured it wasn't worth bothering with.

The poet's lawyer calls this "an abominable outrage of civil liberties." He says he will fight. Mr. Murray notes the original one-year appointment gave Dr. Williams an option to renew for a second year. Thus, he argues, the appointment is good for two years starting after the loyalty processes are completed.

Mr. Mumford, who changed his appointment time theory twice in an hour's interview, finally decided the post was vacant in September, 1953. He said Dr. Evans' April letter revoked the option. The letter says nothing about the option.

Re: Mr. William Carlos Williams

Dictated By DG Sullivan

Insert for memorandum

Mr. Mumford advised that he was extremely sorry that there was any misunderstanding in this matter. He stated that when Miss McGrory contacted them, they gave her the facts and conveyed no thought whatever that the Bureau was remiss in conducting the investigation or had been responsible in any way for any delay. Mumford further stated that he would be glad to write to Williams and straighten him out on this point. Mr. Mumford made it clear that the Library of Congress records ore straight on this and do not in any way indicate the Bureau did not fulfill its responsibilities. Mr. Mumford also statedthat the misleading headlines of McGrory's story were entirely her own and that the Library of Congress had nothing whatever to do with this headline. As a matter of information, Mumford stated that he would not hire Williams under any circumstances and was so advising him.

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Re: Dr. William Carlos Williams

Dictated by C. W. Baker

On 9-30-54 Mr. Bill Hayes, Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division of the Civil Service Commission, was furnished with the facts of the Bureau's handling of the Williams' case. Mr. Hayes stated he had had no inquiry on the matter and that to his knowledge no information had been given out by the Civil Service Commission. He was informed that the Bureau wanted the Civil Service to have these facts so that it would be perfectly plain that there was no delay in this matter which could be attributable to the Bureau. Hayes stated that he understood perfectly and was well aware that the matter was handled expeditiously by the Bureau.

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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
BUREAU OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

TO: Director
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Memo to Rosen re: "Disposition of Cases Under Government Employees Security Program" Regarding 11/30/54

APPLICANT:

☐ Favorable security determination

☒ Not appointed because of unfavorable report

☐ Applicant withdrew from consideration prior to decision on investigative report.

☐ Not appointed for reasons other than unfavorable report (See explanation below):

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Poet's Security Status

In your column, "Post-Scripts," of Feb. 6, you say of William Carlos Williams: "He was never permitted to take up his post as the Library's poet-in-residence because he couldn't get a security clearance."

This is not an accurate statement and, in fairness both to Dr. Williams and to the Library, should be corrected. Dr. Williams' health did not permit him to assume the post in the Library, and the time for which his appointment was to have been made expired.

Accordingly, the security investigation was dropped, and consequently no clearance was obtained. The inference from the statement that he could not get clearance is misleading.

FRANCIS BIDDLE.

Washington.

Editor's Note: Dr. Williams postponed taking his Library post three months because of an illness. But 11 days before he planned to start, the Library wrote him he could not have the job until a "further full investigation" of his security status had been made. The poet hired a lawyer and the Library wrote it was revoking his appointment. Then the Library shifted its ground and reappointed Williams. His job was to become effective when the loyalty probe was completed. The Library later explained that the investigation was still incomplete by the time the appointment expired.

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TO : Mr. Rosen

FROM : Mr. Stanley

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SUBJECT: WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS
Consultant in Poetry in English
Library of Congress
Washington, D. C.
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

In the March 24, 1956, issue of "Washington Post and Times Herald" article (attached) entitled "Randall Jarrell Named for Library Poetry Post" indicates Mr. Jarrell will fill the "long-vacant post of Poetry Consultant" at Library of Congress (LOC) for the next two years. Article mentions that Dr. William Carlos Williams was previously appointed to this post with LOC in 1952 but "Dr. Williams' assumption of duties was first delayed, then suspended indefinitely pending an FBI investigation." The article goes on to state regarding Dr. Williams "he had not received clearance by the time his appointment expired. Data on him was returned by the Library, unevaluated, to the FBI." Article might be construed Bureau responsible for delaying appointment of Williams. On the attached article regarding this matter which appeared in the 3/24/56 issue of the "Washington News" it was noted the Director wants to see the memorandum concerning investigation on Williams and also asked if we have anything on Randall Jarrell.

Dr. William Carlos Williams: Full field loyalty investigation of Williams originally initiated 12-1-52 based on request from Civil Service Commission (CSC); however, as result of letter dated 1-19-53 from CSC advising his appointment would not be effected the investigation was discontinued. Loyalty form subsequently received 6-2-53 and reports covering full field investigation disseminated to CSC 6-16-53. This case received considerable newspaper publicity in 1954. Since newspaper account at that time erroneously inferred FBI check on Williams still pending, Bureau made inquiry to get the records straight. This inquiry revealed the Bureau in no way had held up Williams' appointment with LOC and Williams' attorney upon interview 10-4-54 stated the Bureau had not been remiss in handling the case of Dr. Williams, that Bureau had been absolutely fair in investigation and handled its part in a very gracious manner. Williams' attorney was critical of LOC's handling of the case. Mr. L. Q. Mumford, Librarian of Congress, on 9-30-54 was interviewed and stated Bureau was in no way remiss in conducting the investigation nor had Bureau been responsible in any way for delay of Williams' appointment.

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Memorandum for Mr. Rosen

Attached are memoranda from Stanley to Rosen dated 9-26-54 and 10-6-54 setting forth details concerning handling this case. On 11-22-54 CSC advised that Williams was "not appointed because of unfavorable report."

Randall Jarrell - Sec. 140-12075; Jarrell allegedly [illegible] to correspondence in Polish, non-Communist publication "KUZNICA." [illegible] (RCP cl'gram), 8/48

Bureau indices fail to reflect any main file on Randall Jarrell and a check of the processed "Request for Loyalty Data" forms received from the CSC fails to reflect any record of a form on Jarrell being received by the Bureau. A search of the Bureau files reflects reference to Jarrell is contained in Bufile 100-129861-311 which is a letter to Detroit Office dated 1-4-49 forwarding copies of summary translations of selected articles appearing in the "Glos Ludowy." One article describes Randall Jarrell as a "poet and critic of the younger generation. He is on the staff of the NATION, a weekly edited by Mrs. Freda Kirchwey, which gained wide attention for its attack against the Fascist tendencies of American catholicism. A liberal, Jarrell, is not associated with any party or group."

The "Glos Ludowy" has been cited by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities.

In case entitled "Doctor Albert M. Olsen, Security Matter - C," San Antonio origin, Bufile 100-203102, it was reported by a confidential source that on 11-23-43 Mrs. Mackie Jarrell, an instructor in the English Department at the University of Texas, attended a meeting of the Professional Branch of the Communist Party, at Austin, Texas. Mrs. Jarrell was described as being the wife of Randolph Jarrell who was reported to be a member of the Army Air Force at that time. According to an article in the 3/24/56 issue of the "Evening Star" Washington, D. C., newspaper (attached) Randall Jarrell was previously in the Army Air Force and was an instructor at University of Texas.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is for your information. Since the Bureau is not in possession of identifying data regarding Randall Jarrell, the employee, particularly his wife's name, it is not known whether the above allegation regarding one "Mrs. Mackie Jarrell" relates to employee's wife. Since newspaper article indicates a security check will be made on the employee, in the interests of expediting any loyalty form or request received concerning the employee, it is recommended that a preliminary inquiry be instituted to determine whether Mrs. Mackie Jarrell is related to the employee, as well as the significance of the allegation. This action is being taken in separate communication to the San Antonio Office.

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Poet Takes Up Library Residence

The man behind the bush is Randall Jarrell, 41, the new Poet in Residence at the Library of Congress. Equally obscure is what happened to the last Poet in Residence, Dr. William Carlos Williams, who never took office.

Dr. Williams was appointed in 1952, and the FBI started checking his loyalty. The then librarian, Dr. Luther Evans, said he was sorry Dr. Williams was sick and took back the appointment. Dr. Williams said: "Who's sick?"

The Librarian reappointed him pending the check. The check went on and Dr. Williams term of office expired.

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MR. BOARDMAN Advised. He will have memo prepared Re Investigation we conducted of Williams - 3/24/56

memo Stanley to Rosen RP: RAH: yes 3/26/56

SENT DIRECTOR 3/24/56

Let me see it. Also have we anything re Randall Jarrell?

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Confidential Informant New York City T-1, previously mentioned, was recontacted during the course of this investigation and advised that he was not personally acquainted with WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS. He stated that WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS referred to above is the "New Jersey author" and said there is "only one WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS in the writing field." The informant possessed no additional information and declined to furnish a signed statement or appear before a Loyalty Hearing Board.

The July 22, 1951 edition of "The Worker", on page seven, contains an advertisement sponsored by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, and one of the signers of this advertisement was Dr. WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS, not otherwise identified. This article contained the caption: "Free Speech Rally Wednesday at Carnegie Hall." The rally was announced by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions. The purpose of the rally according to this article was "to alert the public to the dangers of the Supreme Court decision upholding the Smith Act and the undermining the right to counsel and the right to bail."

Concerning the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, contains the following:

"National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions

1."Cited as a Communist front. (Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace arranged by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions and held in New York City on March 25,26, and 27, 1949, House Report Number 1954, April 26, 1950 (originally April 19, 1949, page 2).

"Hollywood Ten"

The "Daily Worker" edition of May 12, 1950, page three, contains an article captioned: "EINSTEIN Asks New Hearing For Hollywood Ten." This article reads in part as follows:

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"Professor ALBERT EINSTEIN,....., WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS and other notables have petitioned the Supreme Court for a rehearing of the prison sentence imposed on JOHN HOWARD LAWSON, DALTON TRUMBO and eight others for contempt of the Un-American Activities Committee, it was learned yesterday."

Confidential Informant New York City T-2, of known reliability, advised in January, 1949 that the so called, "Hollywood Ten" is a group of Motion Picture writers and directors who were subpoenaed before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1947 in connection with the Committee's investigation of Communist infiltration into the motion picture industry. Each member of the group was held in Contempt of Congress for refusing to testify before the Committee as to whether or not he had ever been a member of the Communist Party. New York City T-2 further advised that [redacted] members of the Communist Party in Hollywood, California.

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New Writing Foundation

Confidential Informant New York City T-3, of known reliability, in June, 1949, furnished a mimeographed flyer entitled: "Annual Report of the New Writing Foundation, 316 East 61 Street, New York, New York, dated July 21, 1948." This report included the national sponsors of the New Writing Foundation; listed as one of this group was the name WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS, not further identified.

In September, 1947 New York City T-3 furnished copies of letterheads of the New Writing Foundation, 316 East 61 Street, New York, New York and the list of sponsors of the organization appeared on the letterhead. Listed as one of the sponsors was WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS, not further identified.

On recontact New York City T-3 could furnish no additional information concerning WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS, and declined to furnish a signed statement or appear before a Loyalty Hearing Board.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-339869)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-68223)

SUBJECT: LEONARD B. BOUDIN
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DOCTOR WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS
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Reurairtel dated 9/3/57.

JOHN WINGATE interviewed WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS and LEONARD BOUDIN on TV program "Nightbeat" on 9/4/57. Station WABD.

During the interview with WILLIAMS, the poet EZRA POUND was discussed and it was WILLIAMS' opinion that he, POUND, should press to be released from St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington, D.C., to face trial on the 19 counts of treason for what Time Magazine was quoted as calling "his eccentric, violet, proaxis speeches." WILLIAMS' said that this was the only way POUND could proceed because every man should stand on what he thinks is true. WILLIAMS', acquinted with POUND for 40 years,

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considered him eccentric but not insane or deranged. POUND was deranged when he made the pro-axis speeches however, according to WILLIAMS' and WILLIAMS' said he was ashamed of him for this and for his attack on the Jewish race and he called POUND anti-semitic. WILLIAMS' was also ashamed of POUND for citing for FRANCO. However, POUND is full of conceit and affectation and WILLIAMS' was inclined to forgive him as he was not bad but he was a good man at heart. POUND, according to WILLIAMS' was anti-semitic because the history of the Jews themselves led POUND to this. They are a race apart, they're too smart for christian savants and they get the best of them financially and make themselves rich at their clients expense. WILLIAMS' then agreed that he was making the accusation of Shylockism against the Jews. Concerning contemporaries, CARL SANDBURG and ROBERT FROST, WILLIAMS' said SANDBURG was too careless a writer and FROST too colloquial, his writings spoke a New England language, they were not profound enough. Concerning the offer and withdrawal of the Poet in Residence to the Library of Congress, WILLIAMS' was asked if he was attached to Communist causes and he replied, "No, I've never been attached to any Communist membership." "How did this story get out then?" "Oh, I think FULTON LEWIS pushed it." WINGATE interrupted here and stated there's no printed record of that to my knowledge at all and said the point was in what

way could your name have been linked with it. WILLIAMS REPLIEd he was always a liberal and if a man had anything to say he should be heard. WILLIAMS admitted signing a petition for the "Unfriendly 10 of Hollywood" because he thought they should have a hearing and you should hear people you don't agree with. He said he didn't see why he shouldn't sign it again today. In his capsul opinion of Adlai Stevenson, WILLIAMS said that STEVENSON had a much keener mind than his recent opponent but he was not attbactive so he didn't have a change. Concerning DWIGHT EISENHOWER, WILLIAMS said he seems to be a weak president. WILLIAMS said he would not like to see Senator JOHN KENNEDY in the White House because he is a Catholic and a Catholic owes his allegiance first to his church and not to the country. WILLIAMS said that he did not know that KENNEDY would give his allegiance first to one and then the other but he distrusted KENNEDY. WILLIAMS said he wanted to be remembered for his personal relationship with his own family.

LEONARD BOUDIN commented immediately after being asked the first question that he resented the statements, of Dr. WILLIAMS about Jews andabout Catholics, BOUDIN thought the remarks to be unfortunate, and he was proud to be an American and a Jew.

BOUDIN thought a lawyer was more closely tied to his client in the public mind than he was in fact. BOUDIN said if called upon to do it he would defend RUDOLPH IVANOVICH ABEL, alleged top Soviet spy, or anyone else provided he had no commitments to the contrary, and no conflicting interests. Asked if the 40 American youths involved had a valid constitutional right to travel to Red China, BOUDIN replied they do because travel is a constitutional right as held by the court of appeals for the District of Columbia in five cases and these students are exercising a right recognized by the constitution and by the courts. They were entitled to disregard the advice of the State Department because it was extra curricular according to BOUDIN and he didn't consider it the right of the State Department to decide what American citizens should travel and where they should travel. BOUDIN said if his 17 year old son was going to be a reporter and wanted to go to Red China he would advise him that he would have to make up his own mind, that he has a perfect legal right to do so, that he must recognize that the Government, somewhat improperly often applies sanctions to people who don't do what the Government desires them to do and that on balancing all those factors he should make his own mind up. Concerning the repercussion about the students who went to Red China, BOUDIN

stated that the Secretary of State, through his representative has indicated the following possibilities:

1. That the passports might be picked up when they come through Immigration- very likely to happen according to BOUDIN.

2. They will not get a return of the passport and when they apply for new passports it will be denied them. BOUDIN thought this was possible.

3. Possible prosecutions under trading with the enemy act. BOUDIN thought this unlikely because we're not at war with China and the act is inapplicable. These sanctions are improper and a violation of law but might occur according to BOUDIN. The Secretary of State will not retreat as far with the students as with the American Press since the students are a much weaker force according to BOUDIN.

The American student, whoever he may be, has one moral duty and that is to obey his conscience, and he is considering his country far more than those who recommend that he not go to China or any other country.

The educational advantages to Chinese and Russian people aid the intercultural program of President Eisenhower far more than Deputy Secretary HERTER's thoughts on the subject. In short, the real act of patriotism is performed by the students according to BOUDIN. The courts have held in 1955 and 1956 that travel is a right not a privilege and since a passport is necessary to leave US for Europe, and since you can't enter a European country without a passport, then onehas a constitutional right to a passport. Passports and visas should be eliminated according to BOUDIN. BOUDIN considered ROCKWELL KENT, CORLISS LAMONT, PAUL ROBESON and WALDO FRANK, finemen. BOUDIN said he was refused a passport because of the customary allegations. It was alleged that he was a Communist which allegation was untrue and the State Department knew it was untrue and eventually the State Department surrendered and gave me a passport after"I"instituted a lawsuit, and next week BOUDIN stated he will use that passport to go to Europe. BOUDIN said he would not execute an affidavit at the time (when aplying for a passport) shce he felt his constitutional rights were being invaded andhe didn't think the State Department had a statutory right to ask him to execute a (non-Communist)

affidavit.

BOUDIN said he was never a member of the CP and he stated this under oath before the HCUA, because he was concerned about his adequate representation of his clients in the passport cases and he put his clients above his own conscience and wanted to disabuse the public of the impression that the State Department and a Congressional Committee were trying to convey, that I was not merely carrying out my professional duty and protecting the constitutional rights of other persons. Every American should be given a passport according to BOUDIN, even an avowed member of the CP because travel is a national right which should not be denied. BOUDIN said he could not see how travel by a Communist or anyone else could injure the security of the US. The real problem in passport regulation is an attempt to secure conformity of opinion in this country according to BOUDIN. BOUDIN stated that he thought that a Communist has a right to travel, a right to talk and a Communist even has a right to eat. Anyone has a right to propagate a line and then other people must show what the truth is according to BOUDIN.

The Senate Labor Rackets Committee

has not acted within the legislative function of the committee in the investigation according to BOUDIN because the matters are within the jurisdiction of the state authorities and more particularly of the prosecutive officials of the states, none of the matters have to do with federal legislation. This is simply an analogy to the work done for so many years by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. It is not legislative, it is exposure, and that is not a function which congress is entitled to perform according to BOUDIN. The committee should terminate its activities and turn over any of the facts it has, which it secured lawfully and not through wiretapping, I hope, to the state and county prosecuting officials. BOUDIN believed the labor hearings have set the tone for repressive labor legislation and will be something of the character of the Taft-Hartley Law, namely a dimunition of the economic power of the labor unions. In short, they set the stage and that probably is one of their purposes.

Concerning Senator JOHN KENNEDY BOUDIN said that he would not like to have as president a man who participates in the work of a Committee which does not have jurisdiction and of course he's on the labor-management committee, we referred to. Boudin said he

was impressed by Governor ROBERT MEYNER.

When asked if you ever found out that to your mind beyond any doubt the American Communications Association, the Emergency Civil Liberties Union and the National Lawyers Guild were Communist Front organizations, would you continue to represent them." BOUDIN replied that he did not recognize the significance of the term Communist front organization, "I regard that as an epitath not as a description or as a fact and in my experience I have not seen it ever proven that one organization or another was of that character. Suffice it to say these organizations are doing a marvelous job in the three fields mentioned, namely labor, civil liberties and law and of course they are independent of one another."

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LEONARD B. BOUDIN, SECURITY MATTER - C, and
DOCTOR WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS, SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.

Page 6 of "Daily Worker" dated 8/30/57 reflecte Boudin and Williams will be television guests of the "Nightbeat" program at 11:00 p.m., Wednesday, 9/4/57. New York will arrange to view program for information of interest to Bureau and Newark, which is office of origin in Williams' case. New York will submit such information to Bureau and Newark by airtel immediately thereafter.

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1 - Newark (121-4674 (Dr. William Carlos Williams)(For Information)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Boudin is in Security Index. Williams was investigated under Security of Government Employees in 1952-1953 in connection with application for position as consultant in poetry with Library of Congress. Civil Service Commission advised 11/22/54 Williams was not appointed because of unfaborable report.

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