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SUBJECT EZRA TAFT BENSON

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ADD EISENHOWER, NEW YORK

EISENHOWER ANNOUNCED SELECTION OF EZRA T. BENSON OF SALT LAKE CITY
TO BE HIS SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.

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Initiate an investigation of Benson at once. He has requested it.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

FROM : Mr. S. J. Tracy *STJ*

SUBJECT: EZRA TAFT BENSON
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: November 24, 1952

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With reference to the Director's request, there is attached hereto a blind memorandum containing biographical data concerning Ezra Taft Benson. SUMMARY

Mr. Benson has been very cooperative with the Bureau and is a personal friend of Mr. Victor Emanuel. When in Washington, D. C., he is very close to J. Willard Marriott and Edward Brossard of the Tariff Commission.

Victor Emanuel wrote the Director on April 3, 1947, enclosing a copy of a letter he had written to Ezra Taft Benson. Mr. Emanuel stated that Benson was one of the finest men "it has ever been my pleasure to know." (94-4-6733-18)

Ezra Taft Benson, while in Washington in 1947, contacted the Bureau to invite the Director to address a public meeting in Salt Lake City during the centennial celebration commemorating the arrival of the Mormon pioneers in the Great Salt Lake Valley in 1847. (94-37317-3)

On March 26, 1947, Ezra Taft Benson wrote a personal letter to Victor Emanuel stating with reference to the Bureau's retirement bill then pending:

"I am pleased to note your interest in the fine group of men who comprise the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I count J. Edgar Hoover among my very good friends, and hold him in highest esteem. I had expected to see him personally while in Washington on my last visit, however he was out of the city and returned just as I was leaving and was called immediately to the hill to testify before a Senate Committee. I did however see some of his right-hand men. I hope that the farm organizations are in a position to throw their support to the bill in question. In my judgment, Victor, unless present trends are corrected, the F.B.I. will play an increasingly important role in the protection of our liberty in the future." (66-2523-629)

The Director wrote Mr. Benson on June 30, 1947, thanking him for his interest in the retirement bill for the Bureau. (66-2523-908)

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EZRA TAFT BENSON

Agricultural Marketing Specialist
1389 Harvard Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah
Born August 4, 1899, at Whitney, Idaho
Married 1926. Six children.

Ezra Taft Benson's education is as follows: B. S. Degree, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, 1926; attended Utah State Agricultural College, 1918-1921; M. S. Degree in Agriculture Economics, Iowa State College, 1927; and attended University of California, 1937-1938, graduate studies.

Ezra Taft Benson is one of the outstanding men in the State of Utah today. He is a member of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles of the Latter Day Saints Church (Mormon), having been appointed in 1943. This is the governing body of the Church.

While taking his agricultural courses in college, he operated a farm in southern Idaho (1923-1929). For three years prior thereto he was on a mission for his church in the British Isles and Europe.

From 1929 to 1930 he was an agriculture agent of the University of Idaho Extension Service at Preston, Idaho. From 1930 to 1938 he was an extension economist and marketing specialist of the University of Idaho Extension Service in charge of economics and marketing for the State of Idaho.

From 1939 to 1944 he was Executive Secretary of the National Council of Farmer Co-operatives. In 1943 he was a member of the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees of the American Institute of Co-operatives. The latter is an educational organization devoted to agriculture. He is being considered or has just been appointed as Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

The Daily Worker on October 20, 1943, carried an article by Adam Lavin that President Roosevelt was sharply critical of farm bloc leaders with whom he had conferred on October 19. Ezra Benson and others of the National Council of Farmer Co-operatives, all representing big farmers and corporate interests, according to the Daily Worker, emerged from the White House "reiterating their opposition to subsidies."

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He helped to organize the Idaho Co-operative Council and served as its secretary.

He was awarded a scholarship by Gamma Sigma Delta, honorary agriculture society at Iowa State College and a Fellowship at the University of California.

The President of the Latter Day Saints Church in 1944 appointed him to head the relief of church members living in Holland, Belgium, France, and Switzerland. He was highly commended by his Church for that work and in 1946 was appointed President of the Church's European Missions.

He is a member of the National Executive Board and serves on four National Boy Scout committees. He has also been active in L-O-Club work.

He is a member of the Farm Economics Association, Rotary International, and is a contributor of articles for agriculture, co-operatives, and church publications.

While his church has been his principal occupation the past six years, he has still maintained his interest in farm problems. At the present time it is understood he is actively being considered under the Point Four Program as a member of its board of consultants on agricultural matters.

His oldest son, Reed Benson, is a Chaplain in the U. S. Air Force.

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(BENSON - ADAMS)

MEMORIAL SKETCHES OF PRESIDENT-ELECT EISENHOWER'S DESIGNATED APPOINTMENTS TODAY:

EZRA TAFT BENSON, BORN AUG. 4, 1899 AT WHITNEY, IDAHO, GREAT-GRANDSON AND NAMESAKE OF AN EARLY APOSTLE OF THE MORMON CHURCH. HE SERVED AS A MISSIONARY OF THE CHURCH IN ENGLAND FROM 1921 TO 1923; APPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE QUORUM OF TWELVE APOSTLES OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS IN 1943.

STUDIED AT UTAH STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY, MASTERS DEGREE IN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS IOWA STATE COLLEGE, GRADUATE STUDY, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

FARMED IN SOUTHERN IDAHO, 1923-29; COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENT AT PRESTON, IDA., 1929-30; ECONOMIST AND MARKETING SPECIALIST UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO EXTENSION SERVICE, 1930-38.

ORGANIZED AND BECAME SECRETARY OF IDAHO FARM COOPERATIVE COUNCIL. IN 1939 NAMED EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF FARMER COOPERATIVES AND MOVED TO WASHINGTON, D.C. RESIGNED THAT POST TO JOIN THE MORMON GOVERNING BODY IN 1943.

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(BENSON)
SALT LAKE CITY--EZRA TAFT BENSON, SELECTED BY PRESIDENT-ELECT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER TO BE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, IS A MILD-MANNERED BUT FORCEFUL EXPERT ON FARM ORGANIZATION AND AN EXPONENT OF FREE ENTERPRISE.

AN ASSOCIATE DESCRIBED THE 53-YEAR-OLD BENSON AS BEING "THOROUGHLY OPOSED TO THE PRINCIPLE OF THE BRANNAN PLAN" ADVANCED BY CHARLES F. BRANNAN, RETIRING AGRICULTURAL SECRETARY. BENSON IS "COMPLETELY CONVINCED THAT THE FARMER IS A MANUFACTURER AND SHOULD BE TREATED AS SUCH," THE ASSOCIATE SAID.

BENSON, FOR THE LAST NINE YEARS ONE OF THE TOP-RANKING LEADERS OF THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS CHURCH, NEVER HAS PARTICIPATED PERSONALLY IN PARTISAN POLITICS EXCEPT AS THE NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF FARM COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATIONS.

"BENSON EMPHATICALLY DOES NOT THINK THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD GUARANTEE A PROFIT TO EVERYONE, REGARDLESS OF EFFICIENCY," ONE UTAH FARM LEADER SAID, "BUT AT THE SAME TIME HE RECOGNIZES THAT IN THE PRESENT AMERICAN SCHEME OF ECONOMY, THERE HAS TO BE SOME SUPPORT FOR FARMERS.

"HE REALIZES THE GOVERNMENT JUST CANNOT SET FARMERS ASIDE WHILE GUARANTEEING MINIMUM WAGES TO LABOR AND PROVIDING SUBSIDIES FOR MINES AND FOR FORMS OF TRANSPORTATION LIKE SHIPS AND AIRPLNES. THE POLICY, HE FEELS, HAS TO BE CONSISTENT AND AGRICULTURE IS JUSTIFIED IN ASKING FOR ITS SHARE."

BENSON, BORN AND RAISED ON AN IDAHO FARM, IS FORMER COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT BUT HAS NOT BEEN A FARMER HIMSELF SINCE 1939 WHEN HE WEN TO WASHINGTON AS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF FARMER COOPERATIVES.

HE RETURNED TO THE WEST IN JULY, 1943, WHEN THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS CHURCH ELEVATED HIM TO ITS RULING COUNCIL OF 12 APOSTLES. AT 43, HE WAS ONE OF ITS YOUNGEST MEMBERS. HE HAS LIVED IN SALT LAKE CITY SINCE, BUT TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY IN CHURCH WORK AND AS AN ADVISER ON FARM PROCEDURE.

HE TOLD FRIENDS AS HE LEFT HERE EARLY YESTERDAY FOR A NEW YORK CONFERENCE WITH EISENHOWER HE DID NOT SEEK APPOINTMENT AS EISENHOWER'S SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE BUT "AM HONORED THAT THE GENERAL THINKS I SHOULD SERVE." HE WILL BE GRANTED A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY THE LDS CHURCH AS A RESULT OF A PERSONAL CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT-ELECT'S HEADQUARTERS TO CHURCH PRESIDENT DAVID O. MCKAY.

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ADD BENSON, SALT LAKE

~~BENSON WILL BE THE FIRST MEMBER OF THE REGULAR MORMON CHURCH TO ATTAIN CABINET RANK.~~

FRIENDS CALL BENSON "ONE OF THE MOST GENTLE OF GENTLEMEN."

HE IS METICULOUS IN APPEARANCE, QUIET IN SPEECH, UNWAVERING IN HIS CHURCH DUTIES AND, HIS SECRETARY SAID, A MAN WHO "NEVER FORGETS BIRTHDAYS." HE HAS THREE CHILDREN--TWO BOYS AND A GIRL--AND HIS MAIN RECREATION IS "JUST ENJOYING LIFE WITH THEM." THE OLDEST, READ, 24, IS AN AIR FORCE CHAPLAIN IN SAN ANTONIO, TEX.

HIS GREAT-GRANDFATHER, FOR WHOM HE WAS NAMED, EZRA TAIT BENSON, WAS ONE OF THE EARLIEST LDS APOSTLES. A GRANDFATHER, HESER C. KIRKALL, WAS A COUNSELOR TO BRIGHAM YOUNG WHEN THE MORMONS MIGRATED TO UTAH IN 1847. IN 1921 TO 1923, HE WAS AN LDS MISSIONARY IN ENGLAND.

HE STUDIED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO, BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY, IOWA STATE COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA. WHEN HE RETURNED FROM HIS MISSION HE TOOK OVER A SOUTHERN IDAHO FARM. AFTER SERVICE AS COUNTY AGENT AND MARKETING SPECIALIST AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO, HE ORGANIZED THE IDAHO FARM COOPERATIVE COUNCIL AND LATER LEFT THE FARM.

IT WAS WHILE ACTING AS SECRETARY OF THE IDAHO COUNCIL THAT HE ATTRACTED NATIONAL ATTENTION THAT RESULTED IN HIS SELECTION AS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL COOPERATIVE COUNCIL.

BENSON'S INTEREST IN COOPERATIVES STEMS FROM HIS BELIEF THAT FARMERS "UNLESS ORGANIZED" ARE THE ONLY BUSINESSMEN IN AMERICA WHO BUY AT RETAIL BUT SELL AT WHOLESALE.

HE FEELS THAT COOPERATIVES SERVE TO HELP FARMERS MARKET THEIR PRODUCE MORE EFFICIENTLY. HE URGES MEMBERS OF SUCH GROUPS TO SEEK OUTSIDE MARKETS AS PART OF THE CURE TO THEIR MARKET HEADACHES. HE ALSO BELIEVES THAT ORGANIZATION BY FARMERS PERMIT THEM TO BARGAIN MORE EFFICIENTLY WITH LARGE BUYERS, SUCH AS CANNERS AND SUGAR BEET FACTORY OWNERS.

BENSON, ASSOCIATES SAY, FEELS THAT COOPERATIVES SHOULD BE TAX IN THE SAME MANNER AS ANY CORPORATION--WITH NEITHER PAYING DOUBLE TAXES, BOTH ON CORPORATE INCOME AND ON DIVIDENDS.

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ADD BENSON, SALT LAKE

HE WAS SUPPORTED FOR THE SECRETARYSHIP BY NUMEROUS FARM ORGANIZATIONS IN ADDITION TO THE COOPERATIVES. HE HAD THE BACKING OF THE NATIONAL FARM BUREAU FEDERATION AND THE FARMERS GRANGE AFTER IT BECAME KNOWN HE WAS BEING CONSIDERED.

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APR 1 BENSON - ADAMS

THIS YEAR ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF COOPERATION, A FARM COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION. MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA.

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SHERMAN ADAMS: BORN, EAST DOVER, VT., JAN. 3, 1899. GRADUATED DARTMOUTH COLLEGE, 1920. SERVED IN U.S. MARINE CORPS, 1918. BECAME TREASURER BLACK RIVER LUMBER CO. IN VERMONT, 1921; 1928 TO 1945 WAS MANAGER OF TIMBERLAND AND LUMBER OPERATIONS FOR THE PARKER-YOUNG CO., OF LINCOLN, N.H. DIRECTOR OF THE NORTHEASTERN LUMBER MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION, SENIOR MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS.

ELECTED TO THE NEW HAMPSHIRE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 1941, SPEAKER OF HOUSE 1943-44; U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 1945-47; GOVERNOR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1949.

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Ezra Taft Benson By Ferdinand Kuhn

Foe Of Farmer-Security Guarantees

EZRA TAFT BENSON, the next Secretary of Agriculture, is an enthusiast for farm cooperatives, a specialist in farm marketing, and a firm opponent of "Big Government."

He is also a member of the 12-man governing body of the Church of Latter-Day Saints, and is the first active Mormon ever appointed to the Cabinet.

As his middle name "Taft" might suggest, he believes that the Government cannot and should not guarantee security to farmers or anyone else. (He told reporters yesterday that he and Sen. Robert A. Taft had a common relative "about six generations back.")

"Every young man requires the spur of insecurity to force him to do his best," he said in a speech at Logan, Utah, last year. "We must take a stand against undue governmental paternalism."

"Let the cooperatives and every other organization teach the youth of America that the world does not owe them a living."

ALTHOUGH he opposed many Democratic farm policies, the Roosevelt and Truman Administrations respected him and often sought his advice. He lived here from 1939 to 1943 as secretary of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, and farm leaders of both parties on Capitol Hill turned to him re-

peatedly for his opinions on legislation.

President Roosevelt made him an adviser to the Department of Agriculture.

Allan Kline, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, praised the choice of Benson as "a top-notch appointment" and predicted that all the officers and members of his organization everywhere would applaud it.

Edgar Brossard of the United States Tariff Commission, a personal friend from Utah, called it "a wonderful appointment," and said that "the country is to be congratulated on it."

Other friends described the new Secretary as "the most gentle of gentlemen," a man of "sweet-tempered disposition, but also character and guts;" as meticulous in appearance, quiet in speech, unwavering in his church duties, and, as his secretary said, "a man who never forgets birthdays."

Benson's great-grandfather, for whom he was named, was one of the earliest apostles, or governors, of the Church of the Latter Day Saints. A grandfather, Heber Kimball was an adviser to Brigham Young when the Mormons emigrated to Utah in 1847.

Among his church offices were terms as president of the Boise, Idaho, stake of the church, and the Washington, D. C., stake,

He held the latter post from 1940 to 1944.

THE NEW SECRETARY, born on a farm at Whitney, Idaho, studied at the Utah State Agricultural College, Brigham Young University and Iowa State College. He spent two years in Great Britain on a mission for his church before becoming a county agent in Idaho.

In 1930, the State of Idaho put him in charge of its farm cooperative and marketing services, and his record quickly brought him to the attention of other Western State governments. He moved onto the national agricultural stage with his appointment to the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives.

Benson went back to the West in 1943 when his church made him one of the youngest apostles in its history. Since then he has lived in Salt Lake City, but has often come to Washington in connection with church and farm affairs.

Apart from the church and the cooperatives, one of his enthusiasms is the Boy Scouts. He is a member of the national executive board of the Scout organization, and serves on four national Boy Scout committees.

In 1926, he married Flora Smith Amussen. They have six children—four girls and two boys, the oldest of whom, Read, is an Air Force chaplain at San Antonio, Tex.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: EZRA TAFT BENSON, born 8/4/99 at Whitney, Idaho. He graduated from Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah in 1926; attended Iowa State University and received an M. S. Degree. He also did postgraduate work at the University of California. He served as County Agricultural Agent, Franklin County, Idaho, 1928-1930. In 1930, he became Extension Economist and Marketing Specialist of the University of Idaho, and was located at Boise, Idaho. He was made Executive Secretary of the National Council of Farm Cooperatives in 1939, and moved to Washington, D. C. In 1943, he was made a member of the Council of Twelve Apostles, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at Salt Lake City, Utah. Friends and associates all recommend BENSON most highly as to character, reputation, honesty, integrity, loyalty and ability. Credit information favorable. No criminal record.

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REFERENCE: Bureau telephone call to Salt Lake City, 11/24/52.

DETAILS: The records of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah, reflect the following personal history of EZRA TAFT BENSON:

He was born on August 4, 1899, at Whitney, Idaho. His parents

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were GEORGE T. BENSON, JR., and SARAH BALLIF BENSON. He was the eldest of eleven children who all lived on a farm at Whitney, Idaho. BENSON's great-grandfather, EZRA TAFT BENSON, entered the Salt Lake Valley with the first company of pioneers.

The church records further reflect that BENSON attended Utah State Agricultural College at Logan, Utah, leaving there in 1921, when he filled a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Great Britain from 1921 to 1923. Upon returning from this mission, he attended Brigham Young University at Provo, Utah, where he graduated in 1926. He was married on September 10, 1926 in Salt Lake City, Utah, to FLORA SMITH AMUSSEN, and thereafter attended the Iowa State Agricultural College at Ames, Iowa, on a scholarship, where he won a Masters Degree in Science and was elected to Gamma Sigma Delta, the Honor Society of Agriculture. After attendance at the Iowa State Agricultural College, he returned to Preston, Idaho, and served as County Agriculture Agent of Franklin County, Idaho.

In 1930, BENSON became Extension Economist and Marketing Specialist of the University of Idaho, College of Agriculture. After a leave of absence from these duties to do more postgraduate work at the University of California, he helped to organize the Idaho Cooperative Council and served as its Secretary. During this time, he was in Boise, Idaho, and lived there until 1939.

In 1939, BENSON was made Executive Secretary of the National Council of Farming Cooperatives, and moved to Washington, D. C. In 1943, he was appointed a member of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, at which time he returned with his family to Salt Lake City, Utah, where he has since made his home with his family, which consists of six children. In January, 1946, he was made President of the European Mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints with headquarters in London, England, and he served in that capacity until December 3, 1946, when he returned to Salt Lake City.

In 1943, BENSON was made a member at large of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and on May 22, 1949, was put on the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America. On April 24, 1951, he received the Silver Antelope Award of the Boy Scouts of America at their annual meeting at Long Beach, California.

b7c [REDACTED] of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah, advised that he has known BENSON all of his life, and had visited in his childhood home. He has known the entire BENSON family, and stated that there has never been a more typically

American home, and that they are all loyal and true Americans. BENSON's father was a solid, successful farmer who owned a large farm near Preston, Idaho, and he trained all of his children as to loyalty to their government and church. [REDACTED] stated that BENSON, from 1921 to 1923, served a two-year mission in Great Britain. [REDACTED] was President of the European Mission. He stated [REDACTED] BENSON's appointment as a member of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles for the church, the governing body of the church. He also stated that when BENSON resided in Boise, Idaho, he was President of the Boise Stake of the church, and also when he resided in Washington, D. C., he was President of the Washington Stake of the church. [REDACTED] further stated that he has never heard a word or intimation that BENSON was not loyal to the Constitution and the ideals of American life, nor had he ever had any connection whatsoever with any subversive group. He stated that to be a member of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles requires integrity, clean living, faith in God, loyalty to the Constitution of the United States, and all principles that contribute to loyal life. He said that BENSON has been one of the most faithful and loyal members of this group.

b7c [REDACTED] further stated that BENSON's entire background was in farm work, and he considered him adequately qualified for the duties as Secretary of Agriculture. He stated that his training in farm work in his early life with the University of Idaho, and in connection with his position at Washington, D. C., together with his great administrative ability, makes him an ideal person for this position.

[REDACTED] of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah, advised that BENSON has been one of the most faithful members of that group; that he has known him [REDACTED], and that there is absolutely no question as to his character, reputation, honesty, integrity or loyalty. He further said that he considers him ably qualified to handle the position to which he is being appointed.

[REDACTED] of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah, advised that he has known BENSON [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

He stated that the entire BENSON family was active in church work, and that when the father and mother of BENSON's family died, BENSON practically reared the family and took over the responsibility of it. He stated that BENSON was a fine athlete when he was in Preston, Idaho, and that he was recognized as one of the cleanest and outstanding young men in that community. He stated that BENSON's character is above reproach, and his habits are exemplary. He also advised that he knows BENSON's wife [REDACTED] and that she comes of an excellent family. He stated that he regards no one more highly than BENSON as to character, reputation, honesty, integrity and loyalty.

[redacted] further advised that he considers BENSON well qualified for his appointed position, and that he has always been very well respected in his prior activities. [redacted] stated that he considers the appointment to be an excellent one.

[redacted] from the State of Utah, advised he has known BENSON since [redacted] when BENSON and his family moved [redacted]. He said that a son of his was on a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in England when BENSON was President of that Mission. BENSON, according to [redacted] has an excellent family, all being loyal and highly regarded. One son is a Chaplain in the armed forces. BENSON, he said, is of unquestioned loyalty to the United States, and the fact that he was chosen for a high church position is evidence of his loyalty as a person cannot occupy this position and not be loyal to the United States. BENSON is no stranger to Washington, he said, because of his previous position there, and his whole background was in farm work, and he described him as being a man of great ability and entirely adequate for the job. [redacted] stated that recommendation of him for this job did not come through political channels, and BENSON has never been active politically because of his church position. [redacted] further stated that he has never heard anything derogatory concerning BENSON, and there is no shadow nor doubt of his loyalty or ability. He said that BENSON has an inexhaustible source of energy and devotes his entire attention to a job when he accepts it.

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[redacted] of the State of Utah, advised that he has known BENSON for a period of approximately [redacted] years, and described him as being a very fine, loyal American whose integrity is above reproach. He stated that he knows of his connections with cooperative organizations, and thinks that he is well qualified for the position. He stated that BENSON has never been an active politician, that he has always been highly respected, and he considers this an excellent appointment.

[redacted] of the First National Bank of Salt Lake City, Utah, and [redacted] of the American Bankers Association, stated that he has known BENSON [redacted]. He stated that he has known the entire family, and that they are all above reproach as to character, reputation and loyalty to the United States. He also stated that BENSON's honesty and integrity are above reproach, and he knows of no one he could recommend more highly. [redacted] also advised that he is [redacted] with BENSON's wife, and her entire family, and can recommend her family in the same regard. He said that in his opinion, BENSON is one of the best qualified men in the country for the appointment.

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[REDACTED] of the City of Salt Lake, and [REDACTED] of the State of Utah in 1952, stated that he knows the entire BENSON family and that they are the soul of honor and integrity. He stated that BENSON has reared his children with American ideals, and that he is very sound and very American in his concepts. He said that BENSON's character, reputation and loyalty are above reproach. [REDACTED] further stated that BENSON is an excellent public relations man, and that through his background and training, is well qualified for the position of Secretary of Agriculture.

[REDACTED] of the Utah Poultry and Farmers Cooperative, stated that he has known BENSON for [REDACTED] years, and described him as being sincere, humble, honest, thoroughly religious and entirely loyal to the United States. He stated that he is a fine family man, and the entire BENSON family is one hundred per-cent American. [REDACTED] stated that his organization is a member of the National Council of Farm Cooperatives, and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Executive Secretary of this organization. In this position, he stated, BENSON moved into every state of the Union, and has contacts with all of the leaders of the Cooperatives in all forty-eight states, and that all of these leaders highly regard him and his qualifications. He stated that, in his opinion, this is one of the most popular choices which could be made for the position of Secretary of Agriculture.

[REDACTED] of the Utah State Farm Bureau Federation, advised that he has known BENSON for [REDACTED] years and would stake his life on his honesty, integrity and loyalty. He further said that he is highly qualified for the position, both as to knowledge and to his administrative ability.

[REDACTED] of the Republican Committee, stated that the appointment of BENSON has been entirely popular with all members of the Republican Party, as well as with Democrats in the state of Utah. He said that BENSON had not been active politically, and that in all of his years in political activity, had never known him to take active part in politics. He stated that there is absolutely no question as to his character, reputation, honesty, integrity or loyalty.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Salt Lake City, Utah, reflect that BENSON has an excellent credit reputation, and is very highly regarded in the community.

The records of the Salt Lake City Police Department, Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office and Utah State Bureau of Identification contain no information on BENSON.

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Honorable Sherman Adams
Office of Dwight D. Eisenhower
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Commodore Hotel
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My dear Governor:

Pursuant to the request of General Dwight D. Eisenhower that this Bureau conduct an investigation of Mr. Ezra Taft Benson, there is attached a summary of the inquiries made concerning Mr. Benson.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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EZRA TAFT BENSON

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I BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

- A. **Birth Data.** Ezra Taft Benson was born on August 4, 1899, at Whitney, Idaho. His parents were George T. Benson, Jr., and Sarah Ballif Benson.
- B. **Education.** "Who's Who in America" reflects that he attended Orinda State Academy, Preston, Idaho; Utah State Agricultural College, Logan, Utah, 1918-1921; Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, 1925-1926 receiving Bachelor of Science degree; Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, 1926-1927 receiving Master of Science degree; and the University of California, Berkeley, California, 1937-1938 for graduate studies.
- C. **Employment.** From 1918 to 1921 he was self-employed during the summers as a farm operator at Whitney, Idaho. From 1921 to 1923 he did educational and missionary work in Europe for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah. From 1923 to 1928 he was self-employed during the summers as a farm operator at Whitney, Idaho. From 1929 to 1930 he was County Agricultural Agent, University of Idaho Extension Service, Preston, Idaho. From 1930 to 1939 he was an Agricultural Economist and Marketing Specialist, University of Idaho, Boise, Idaho. From 1939 to 1944 he was Executive Secretary, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, Washington, D. C. From 1944 to 1945 he was a member of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah; in 1946 President of the European Mission of this Church with his headquarters in London, England, and since 1947 a member of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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- A. **Interviews.** The following individuals advised that Mr. Ezra Taft Benson, who is known to them either personally, professionally, socially and/or by reputation, is loyal, able, of excellent character and reputation, has reputable associates and is eminently qualified for high public office. None of the persons interviewed made any unfavorable comments concerning Mr. Benson.

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[REDACTED] First National
 Bank, Salt Lake City, Utah.
 [REDACTED] University of Idaho
 Extension Service, Boise, Idaho.
 [REDACTED] Dairymen's Cooperative Creamery
 of Boise Valley, Caldwell, Idaho.
 [REDACTED] Statesman Newspapers,
 Boise, Idaho.
 [REDACTED], Extension [REDACTED] University
 of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho.
 [REDACTED] University of California,
 Berkeley, California.
 [REDACTED] of Utah.
 [REDACTED] United States
 Tariff Commission, Washington, D. C.
 [REDACTED] Idaho Egg Producers,
 Caldwell, Idaho.
 [REDACTED] Idaho Sheep Commission,
 Boise, Idaho.
 [REDACTED] Dairymen's cooperative Creamery
 of Boise Valley, Caldwell, Idaho.
 [REDACTED] Board of Governors, Federal
 Reserve System, Washington, D. C.
 [REDACTED] Boise, Idaho.
 [REDACTED] United States Bureau of Internal Revenue
 Boise, Idaho.
 [REDACTED] National Council of Farmer
 Cooperatives, Washington, D. C.
 [REDACTED] University of Idaho Extension
 Service, Main Hall, Idaho.
 [REDACTED] Boise, Idaho.
 [REDACTED] Boise, Idaho.
 [REDACTED] Utah Poultry and Farmers
 Cooperative, Salt Lake City, Utah.
 [REDACTED] of the Agriculture Depart-
 ment, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho.
 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of the
 Southern Idaho Bean Growers Association, Kimberly, Idaho.
 [REDACTED] University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho.
 [REDACTED] Franklin County, [REDACTED] Preston, Idaho.
 [REDACTED] of Salt Lake City, Utah, and [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] of Boise City,
Boise, Idaho.
[REDACTED] Whitney, Idaho.
Creamery of Boise Valley, Caldwell, Idaho.
[REDACTED] Office of
Price Stabilization, Boise, Idaho.
[REDACTED] Whitney, Idaho.
[REDACTED] of the Republican
Committee, Salt Lake City, Utah.
[REDACTED] American Farm Bureau Federation,
Chicago, Illinois.
[REDACTED] of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles,
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Salt Lake City,
Utah.
[REDACTED] of Utah.
[REDACTED] Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter Day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah.
[REDACTED] Pocatello, Idaho.
[REDACTED] Preston, Idaho.
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Cooperatives, Washington, D. C.
[REDACTED] Utah State Farm
Bureau Federation, Salt Lake City, Utah.
[REDACTED] of the Quorum of Twelve
Apostles, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Salt
Lake City, Utah.
[REDACTED] Jerome Cooperative
Creamery, Jerome, Idaho.
[REDACTED] American Institute of
Cooperation, Washington, D. C.
[REDACTED] of Agriculture,
State of Idaho, Boise, Idaho.
Idaho [REDACTED] Franklin County [REDACTED] Preston,
[REDACTED] of Ohio.
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[REDACTED] University
of Idaho Extension Service, Boise, Idaho.

B. Agency Checks. The files of the following agencies contained no unfavorable information concerning the Appointee: [REDACTED] Office of Special Investigation, Department of the Air Force; United States Civil Service Commission; House Committee on Un-American Activities; Office of Naval Intelligence; United States Department of State; and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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There was no unfavorable information concerning the Appointee reflected in the following Credit Agencies: Alameda County Retailers Credit Association, Oakland, California; Credit Bureau of Salt Lake City, Utah; Credit Bureaus, Incorporated, Boise, Idaho; Credit Bureau, Incorporated, Washington, D. C.

There was no information concerning the Appointee reflected in the arrest records of the following Law Enforcement Agencies: Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C.; Montgomery County Police Department, Rockville, Maryland; Ada County Sheriff's Office, Boise, Idaho; Boise Police Department, Boise, Idaho; Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Preston, Idaho; Oneida County Sheriff's Office, Malad, Idaho; Salt Lake City Police Department, Salt Lake City, Utah; Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office, Salt Lake City, Utah; Utah State Bureau of Identification, Salt Lake City, Utah; Berkeley Police Department, Berkeley, California.

C. Relatives. The Appointee's immediate relatives are as follows: wife, Flora A.; sons, Reed A. and Mark A.; daughters, Barbara, Beverly, Bonnie and Flora Beth.

Individuals who are acquainted with the Appointee's immediate family advised that their reputation is above reproach.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Mr. BENSON's attendance at University of California at Berkeley as graduate student 1936-37 verified. Records indicate he was also Research Assistant in Agricultural Economics. No unfavorable information noted in records of university. [REDACTED] in Department of Agricultural Economics, who was [REDACTED] with BENSON in 1936 and 1937 and aware of activities since that time regards BENSON highly as to character, integrity and loyalty and believes that he has good background in agricultural work including work on administrative level to qualify him for the position for which he has been recommended. No credit or criminal record of BENSON or wife, Berkeley, California.

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REFERENCE: Telephone call from Bureau to San Francisco 11-24-52.

DETAILS: AT BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

b7c [REDACTED] Registrar's Office, University of California, made available records which reflect that EZRA TAFT BENSON, born

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Whitney, Idaho on August 4, 1899 was admitted to the University of California on August 6, 1936. He enrolled as a graduate student in Agricultural Economics and was in attendance at the university for the academic year, 1936 and 1937. Mr. BENSON had previously attended Brigham Young University and Iowa State College and had received BS and MS degrees respectively from those institutions in 1927. These records contain no unfavorable information.

His application for admission to the University of California dated August 19, 1936 reflects his local address at that time as 833 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley and his home address as Route 4, Boise, Idaho.

[REDACTED] Graduate Division, University of California, made available records which reflect that Mr. BENSON was a Research Assistant in the Department of Agricultural Economics, however, the exact dates of this position were not indicated.

[REDACTED] further advised that BENSON's name was not on the list of individuals who received fellowship and graduate scholarships from the University of California for the academic year 1936 and 1937 and that his file contains no letter of appointment to a fellowship. She stated that there is a possibility that he might have received a fellowship from an outside agency but that in all likelihood he considered his appointment as Research Assistant as a fellowship.

[REDACTED] Controller's Office, University of California, advised that there are no files maintained in that office for years prior to 1938.

b7c [REDACTED] University of California, President's Bio-bibliographical File, advised that there is no information pertaining to BENSON other than a card reference to a book which he wrote.

[REDACTED] of Agricultural Economics, University of California, advised that he first knew Mr. BENSON as a graduate student at the University of California. He stated that he has had personal contacts with him on very rare occasions since although he has learned of his activities from friends and acquaintances.

[REDACTED] stated that he has the highest regard for Mr. BENSON as a person with regard to character, integrity and loyalty. He went on to say that BENSON has had a very good background in agricultural work including work on the administrative level. According to [REDACTED] Mr. BENSON did a good job as Secretary of the National Council of Farmers Cooperatives in Washington, D. C.,

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according to all reports he has received. [REDACTED] advised that he is aware from reading the newspapers of the position for which Mr. BENSON has been recommended and believes that Mr. BENSON can capably fill this position.

b7c [REDACTED] University of California, advised that he has no information in his file pertaining to Mr. BENSON or his wife and no record of either Mr. or Mrs. BENSON is contained in the files of the Berkeley Police Department.

AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

The files of the Alameda County Retailers Credit Association, which covers Berkeley, were checked and found to contain no record of either Mr. BENSON or his wife.

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By George Kennedy

EZRA TAFT BENSON, one of 12 Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints, was superintending the dividing of a stake at Provo, Utah, when he was told that President-elect Eisenhower wanted to see him in New York. A stake in the Mormon Church is the equivalent of a diocese.

There was no question about what to do. He left the division

Eighth of a Series

to others, went to Salt Lake City and took a plane for New York.

"Mr. Benson," Gen. Eisenhower said to him, "you have the confidence of the American rural population to an unusual degree. I want you to be my Secretary of Agriculture."

T. Benson, as his associates call him, was more disturbed than surprised by this.

"Gen. Eisenhower," he said, "you know I was for Taft before the convention."

While he had done no active campaigning, he had lent his name to a "Citizens-for-Taft" movement in Utah.

Mr. Eisenhower said he knew that.

"The honor that has come to me from my church," Mr. Benson said (appointment to the Council of Twelve of the Mormon Church is for life), "means more to me than any position that could be given me—even becoming a member of your cabinet."

Gen. Eisenhower said he realized that.

Makes Position Clear.

There followed conversation in which Mr. Benson made sure that the general knew where he stood. Then he said:

"If I am left free to administer this office to restore the dignity of the individual in agriculture and the spiritual values left us by our founding fathers, I accept.

"No man can refuse the President of the United States when he is given an important job to do."

The phrases are high sounding, but he used them. The words between are interpolated because they were reported second-hand. But the general, who outbid his opponent for the farm vote at the plowing contest at Closson, Minn., knew how his appointee stood. The leaders of the Mormon Church are not only against relief payments, they are against price supports. But Mr. Benson will carry out the law.

It was another mission for Ezra Taft Benson, whose grandfather and namesake was one of the 12 Apostles of the church who entered the Salt Lake Valley in 1847 with Brigham Young.

Mr. Benson had the confidence of the rural population because of his work from 1939 to 1943 as executive secretary of the National Council of Farmer Co-operatives.

Starts Work Quickly.

He set out on his mission almost immediately. The conversation reported above occurred on the Monday before Thanksgiving. He returned to Salt Lake and prepared to revisit America, but the death of an associate delayed him a little. He went to the funeral on a Monday. On Tuesday he was in Los Angeles.

He saw 50 agricultural leaders on that day and conferred with many of them personally, as he likes to do. One of them was the president and general manager of Sunkist, the largest co-operative in the world. He saw the heads of the Farm Bureau and the Grange, the poultry producers and the poultry processors, the growers of the tender greens, lettuce, spinach and broccoli; the walnut people, the grape growers, and the big cotton growers. California has one of the biggest cotton crops in the Nation.

He was re-acquainting himself with agriculture and its problems. He was asking what should be done. And also in the Los Angeles meetings, which were repeated all over the country, he was recruiting for the new department he will head.

Let no one be confused by the term co-operative. There are co-operative groups, mostly consumer co-operatives, whose leaders are termed liberals by their friends and radicals by their opponents. But the big organization he managed for four years is the most conservative element in agriculture; more conservative than the reconstituted Farm Bureau.

Outs Come Back in.

His appointment makes one thing certain. The outs—the conservative elements of the Farm Bureau, the Grange and the co-operatives—are going to be in. The ins, the men who made such big changes in American rural life under Henry Wallace and his successors, are going to be out.

Mr. Benson next went to San Francisco, then to Seattle. He wired ahead to a few leaders. They brought together the people they felt should see the new Secretary of Agriculture.

At Los Angeles he was taking notes in longhand on all his interviews. He soon found he had to have secretarial help and got it. When he started out he gave no particular thought to expense. In the Mormon Church when a man goes on a mission those things are taken care of. His faith in that was quickly justified. Early in his travels he was notified that the Republican National Committee would pay all expenses of the designated cabinet officers in the matter of preparing to take over their jobs.

He went to his native Idaho. There had been a terrific blizzard but his wife had been able to get there from Salt Lake and brothers and sisters and cousins from the beet and potato valleys. Farm leaders from as far away as Texas managed to make it, too. His faith in his mission was justified in that.

He returned to Salt Lake.

where writers for the farm journals and magazines were waiting for him, plus radio reporters and TV technicians.

He went to Chicago where he saw farm leaders of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Then Sees Brannan.

Next he came to Washington where he had a one-hour visit with the man he is to succeed, Charles F. Brannan. Then he went to Atlanta. He avoided talking to regional officials of the department on the trip, which made for some difficulties. Some of them did not understand that it was a matter of protocol. He was not Secretary of Agriculture yet.

He returned to Salt Lake and then came back to Washington. He arrived here on January 5. An apartment had been obtained for him at the Westchester and an office set up for him in the World Center Building, the modern structure housing the Pan American Airways ticket office at Sixteenth and K streets N. W., diagonally across from the Statler Hotel.

It was there he was interviewed at 9 p.m. He had been arriving at the office at 8 a.m. and leaving about 10:30 p.m.

That temporary office was a striking indication of how he is going about his job. There was a room with a long directors' table with ashtrays filled by conferees at meetings during the day. Mr. Benson does not smoke; but he provides for those who do. There was a reception room and three offices. Two young women were working in the open office. One was handling long-distance calls, the other was typing. Dr. Karl D. Butler of Ithaca, N. Y., former research director of the American Institute of Co-operation, was at the telephone in the office at the left. While the interviewer waited he gathered that Mr. Benson was conferring with some one in the office at the right.

Former Aide Arrives.

Every desk had a dictaphone and numerous filing cabinets were already in use. A young man named Babel arrived. He had just driven from Salt Lake City. He had been with Mr. Benson on his postwar mission to Europe for the church in 1946, and is going to assist him again. There were 6,000 Mormons in Great Britain, he said, and about 25,000 on the continent. Mr. Benson's tour had taken him to Poland and other countries now behind the Iron Curtain. In every country, the young man said, Mr. Benson had found out all he could about the conditions of agriculture. The church kept sending over considerable amounts of food. Mr. Benson had done his best to distribute them in a manner which would help people help themselves.

He was able to distribute quantities of seed and suggest unusual plantings during the crisis. For instance, members of the church in Holland used the shoulders of the highways to grow potatoes with great success. When it was suggested that the Germans had greater need for the potatoes they were reluctant at first. They had suffered much from the Germans. But, if that was what should be done, they would do it. They sent 75 tons of potatoes to Germany. The next year, without any suggestion, they sent the Germans a larger quantity of potatoes and some pork products.

The conference in Mr. Benson's office ended and the interviewer was ushered in. Ezra Benson is a tall man. His frequent smile relieves what would otherwise be a somewhat severe appearance. His thinning straight hair is combed sleekly back and his brow is evidently higher than it was in his youth. His personality seems to combine a lot of qualities, seriousness, simplicity, sincerity, and impressive maturity. He is 53, but he seemed to be a generation older.

What a Mission Means.

The reporter soon found out what embarking on a mission means to Ezra Benson. He

talked about his birthplace, a farm in the Cash Valley, in Southern Idaho.

He was the oldest of 11 children. His father had purchased a 40-acre farm—an irrigated farm for beet and potato farming—in the valley. He built a two-room house with boards from timber felled in the canyons of the Wasatch range which inclosed the little valley—it is about 50 miles long and 25 miles wide. His mother made the rugs for the house before they moved in. All 11 children were born in one room. As the family increased the father added to the house, a lean-to at the rear, another room to one side.

His father and mother had attended Mormon academies which gave them the equivalent of the first year or two of high school. Every one of the 11 children, seven boys and four girls, went through college. Ten of them are living today.

The irrigation was direct from the mountain streams. The big cash crop—and the big work crop—was the sugar beets.

"Did you ever see them thinning a field of beets?" he asked. "You have a wide bladed hoe with a handle about 8 inches long."

Thins Imaginary Row.

He got up from his desk and started thinning an imaginary row of beets on the office floor. He was quite agile about it, able to bend almost double despite a middle-aged thickness at the midriff. He worked fast as he went along the row sliding his feet sideways.

"When I was 16" he said, "I thinned a field of beets for a neighbor in one day—not an eight-hour day; sunup to sundown. He was a Mormon. Most of the people in the valley were. He gave me two \$5 gold pieces and two silver dollars. I have never felt so wealthy in my life."

Beside the beets and potatoes, they grew a canning crop, usually green peas. His father bought a dry farm up in the canyon where they grew wheat. They had 15 cows, Holsteins, and they sold the milk to a condensing plant. But when it came his turn to run the farm with his brothers they put in bottling machinery and sold the milk in Preston, the nearby county seat.

They had about 250 chickens and traded eggs for groceries at the general store in Whitney, which was only about a mile from the farm. They also raised a dozen or so hogs a season and slaughtered one for "winter meat."

"For a family of 11 children?" he was asked.

"We didn't eat much meat."

he said. "But we had a good diet with poultry and eggs and milk."

Chosen for Mission.

It was when Ezra was 13 and there were six other children and another on the way that his father was selected to go on a mission. The elder Benson had preached at times in the little church at Whitney, built of stones hauled from the mountains. All the families in the valley attended, including the few non-Mormons.

But it was not for his eloquence that he was selected. The church has no paid ministry and members are chosen for mission for their evident faith, earnestness and virtue.

Arrangements were made. A young Mormon couple was given one of the rooms of the house on a rental basis. The young man was to work the farm on shares. Ezra's mother took care of the cows and the chickens and the kitchen garden with the help of her children.

Father was away for two years. His mission was to Chicago and industrial Northern Indiana. He wrote regularly.

"Some of the happiest moments of my life," he said, "were spent sitting in the family circle and listening to mother read father's letters."

When father returned it was like the soldier of this day home from war. There was an infant near the age of 2 whom he had never seen.

Rode Horse to School.

Young Ezra rode a horse to high school, a Mormon academy in Preston, 2½ miles away. When his younger brothers and sisters joined him, they used a buggy and in winter a cutter. The last was the most fun.

It was a happy life, as he recounted it. There was a tennis court at Whitney and a Boy Scout troop. Ezra joined the Scouts. In young manhood he was a scoutmaster and he is

now a member of the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America.

It was a beautiful valley where they lived. The Wasatch Mountains rise to heights of almost two miles on either side. There was marvelous fishing in the canyon streams and in the fall the boys hunted deer. Once in a great while they got one.

And the farming was fun, too. "What encouraged us most," he said, "was when I and my brothers came home from agricultural college. Our father was ready to try anything new we suggested, whether it was a re-

tation of crops or a new ration for the poultry or the cows.

"That's the point where a lot of young fellows, whose fathers won't go along with them, get discouraged and quit."

Buys More Land.

Father bought another 40 acres of irrigated land. The farm grew with the family. But it was a small economic unit on which to send 11 children through college. It was in this way: As the children came of age they worked the farm and went to school in turns. One of them would go to college for one semester then return to the farm and let the next one go to school—a co-operative enterprise.

Mr. Benson had attended Utah State Agriculture College for three years, had reached his majority and was courting Miss Flora Smith Amussen, when he was selected for his first mission. It was the British Isles. He spent 30 months there spreading the doctrine that revelation did not end with the apocalypse. He renewed his courtship when he came back, but she was selected for a mission to California for 20 months. They were married in 1926 and both went to the Iowa State College, where he had a scholarship. He got his M. S. in agricultural economics in 1927. They now have six children.

His education did not end in college. He was county agent in his home county. He was a marketing specialist for the State university extension service in

1929 and 1930 when he helped make the Idaho potato famous. He became secretary to the Idaho Co-operative Council in 1933 and did graduate work in agriculture at the University of California in 1937-8.

In the spring of 1939 he was named executive secretary of the National Council of Farmer Co-operatives. The farmer co-operatives are big business. Their annual volume is approaching \$10 billion a year. They have about 7 million members. One of them, the Consumers' Co-operative Association, has a \$15 million nitrogen fertilizer plant under construction and oil wells, pipelines and a refinery in operation. Sunkist in California is one of the Nation's biggest advertisers. Southern States Co-operative is one of this region's biggest merchandisers.

Second Mission After War.

Mr. Benson was made one of the 12 Apostles, the ruling body of his church, in 1943. He went on his second mission to Europe after the war. His church position did not end his interest in agriculture and co-operatives. He has been the principal speaker at the annual meetings of the American Institute of Co-operation in recent years.

He clearly outlined his ideas in a talk before the institute at Madison, Wisc., in August, 1949.

"Our rural people," he said, "are today the strongest bulwark we have against all that is aimed not only at weakening but at the very destruction of our way of life. . . ."

"It seems that man must get his feet into the soil to remain sane. . . ."

"Even in our country freedom has already been abridged. . . ."

"We will meet the challenge of those individuals and groups who have been teaching our people to depend on Government instead of relying on themselves."

Tomorrow: George M. Humphrey, Secretary of the Treasury.



GEN EISENHOWER IS PLEASED WITH HIS CHOICE—The President-elect and Mr. Benson reached an agreement on high policy under which the Department of Agriculture would be administered soon after Mr. Benson was chosen for the cabinet post.



ANOTHER MISSION FOR MR. BENSON—Ezra Taft Benson of Salt Lake City, Utah, a leading churchman and expert on farm co-operatives, is already preparing for his new job as Secretary of Agriculture in President-elect Eisenhower's administration.



WIFE OF NEW CABINET OFFICER—Mrs. Benson, the former Flora Smith Amussen, and her husband both went to Iowa State College. They were married in 1926, a year before Mr. Benson received his M. S. degree in agriculture. They have six children.

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

Ike Steadfastly Retains Benson

By Drew Pearson

Republican leaders have tried everything short of tar and feathers to force Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson to resign, but, like the man who came to dinner, he has refused to take the hint.

The trouble is that President Eisenhower won't ask for his resignation, and Benson apparently won't offer it. The President, who admires Benson's spiritual qualities, doesn't want to create an "unpleasant situation" by showing him the door.

The men around Ike, including both Vice President Dick Nixon and Assistant President Sherman Adams, are less sensitive. They have been trying their best to shove the unwanted Secretary out the nearest exit.

But like the boulders of his native Rocky Mountains, Benson isn't easy to budge. He is carrying out his farm program with the zeal of a religious crusade, and looks upon those who disagree with him as men too weak to resist political temptations.

Meanwhile, here is the story of the backstage manipulations to get rid of him:

South Dakota's plump, plaintive Sen. Karl Mundt, speaking for farm-state Republicans, called on Adams last Nov. 22 to demand Benson's removal. It was the only way, Mundt warned, to prevent a Republican calamity at the polls in 1958.

Adams, who needed no convincing, promised: "Benson will be out of the Cabinet by Christmas."



Pearson

No Christmas Present

But Santa Claus came and went, leaving no new Secretary of Agriculture in the GOP stocking.

Kansas' kindly Sen. Frank Carlson, who kept at Ike's elbow throughout the 1952 campaign and could have taken the Agriculture post for himself, made repeated visits to the White House urging Benson's dismissal. Vice President Nixon was also active behind the scenes, trying to send Benson back to Utah.

Finally Sen. Ed Thye, a Minnesota farmer, wrote an urgent letter to Eisenhower requesting an appointment. Thye intended to lay it on the line with the President and tell him either Benson would have to go or dozens of good Republicans would be defeated in farm areas. Thye also planned to ask the President to stop Benson from dropping dairy support prices on April 1.

The day before his presidential appointment, Thye had lunch with Sherman Adams

to discuss strategy. Thye, who is running for reelection in Minnesota this year, complained that his seat was in peril because of Benson.

"You tell me how to get rid of him," said Adams. "The President will accept his resignation if he gives it. But Benson is not making the offer, and Ike isn't going to ask for it because he doesn't want an unpleasant situation."

Soft-Hearted Ed

When Thye called on the President next day, Adams, Nixon and several GOP Senators who knew his mission crossed their fingers.

Ike greeted the big Minnesotan with a booming: "How are you, Ed?"

"Mr. President," Thye replied, "I have a big job on my hands this fall."

"I hope you are reelected," Ike said. "You are the kind of Republican we need. You are not too far over on the left, and you are not too far on the right."

This was the opening for Thye to bring up the Benson problem, but he suddenly got cold feet. Instead, he pulled out a set of figures and tried to prove to the President that dairy support prices should not be lowered from \$3.25 to \$3.00 a hundredweight on April 1.

"I don't want to hurt the farmers," promised the President. "I will give this my personal attention."

Thye left without mentioning Benson's name. Later he explained lamely to his GOP colleagues that he didn't want to drag personalities into it. Knowing the President's dislike for mixing personalities with issues, Thye decided to stick to the dairy question.

The following Monday, Secretary Benson slipped into the White House through a side door to avoid reporters. He handed the President a different set of figures on dairy prices.

- Tolson ✓
- Boardman ✓
- Belmont ✓
- Mohr ✓
- Nease ✓
- Parsons ✓
- Rosen ✓
- Tamm ✓
- Trotter ✓
- Clayton ✓
- Tele. Room ✓
- Holloman ✓
- Gandy ✓

"If you yield to the people, the wheat, corn, and feed-grain people will so want higher supports," son argued.

He claimed there was a ring sentiment in Congress his farm program. Follo his brutal cross-examination by the Senate Agriculture Committee, Benson told President he had received letters personally address him. Of these, he said were friendly and favorable.

"And the favorable let he added, "were handwritten."

When Benson walked he was still Secretary of culture and his farm program was still the official policy of the Eisenhower Administration.

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- Wash. News
- Wash. Star
- N. Y. Herald Tribune
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- N. Y. Mirror
- N. Y. Daily News
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- New Leader

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Mr. Evans	✓
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Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (PERSONAL ATTENTION)

FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (80-0)

RE: EZRA TAFT BENSON
INFORMATION CONCERNING

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INTERNAL SECURITY

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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On 9/18/62 I received a call from the Honorable EZRA TAFT BENSON, former Secretary of Agriculture in the Eisenhower administration, who is one of the Council of Twelve, the governing body of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon). Mr. BENSON requested an appointment with me to discuss the following matter:

He is concerned about Communism and what he terms Socialism in the United States and feels that the American people are not fully aware of its dangers. He feels that the Director of the FBI for many years has been warning the public about the menace of Communism and he believes that the Director is the foremost authority on this menace today.

Mr. BENSON states he has conducted considerable research concerning the John Birch Society and has found nothing actually wrong with its activities and purposes. He mentioned that ROBERT H. WELCH, President of the Society, had made some "foolish" remarks in some letters in the past concerning President EISENHOWER, Dr. MILTON EISENHOWER and one or two other Government officials, but that to a large extent these statements by WELCH had been misconstrued in that WELCH actually meant that President EISENHOWER had been "used" by others in formulating policies that were not severe enough against Communism.

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- 2 - Salt Lake City
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Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. BENSON stated he knew many leading citizens who were members of the Birch Society and regarded them as patriotic and great Americans. He stated he is aware of the controversies concerning this society, but that he feels most people do not actually know the true aims of the Society in combating Communism and Socialism. He mentioned that even the Deseret News and Telegram (owned by the LDS Church) had published an editorial criticizing the John Birch Society and that he, BENSON, honestly felt the newspaper did not fully understand the purpose of the Society.

BENSON has reached the conclusion the Society is doing a lot of good in combating Communism and feels that it is patriotic in its motives. He related in confidence that his son, REED A. BENSON, has been approached by the Birch Society to be their representative in Utah and surrounding states; that the Society has no "coordinator" in Utah and that activities are handled by the coordinator at Denver. REED BENSON has been offered the position of "coordinator" in western states, but has not yet discussed his decision with his father. Mr. BENSON states he knows that his son REED will consult with him soon concerning his opinion about becoming affiliated with the Birch Society. BENSON stated he realized the FBI does not sanction or endorse any group, but he wanted to know off-the-record how the FBI feels about the Birch Society and whether or not it has been investigated and any conclusions reached.

I informed Mr. BENSON that of course we were purely a fact-finding agency and that he was correct in his comment that the FBI does not have the authority to comment or evaluate the character or integrity of any person or organization; that the FBI is interested only in subversive elements, particularly those that might attempt to infiltrate or take over some organization purely for subversive purposes. I informed him off-the-record in

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response to his direct question that to my knowledge the FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society as such in this area, but that of course it would have to be his own decision concerning any affiliation with the Society or any other group. Mr. BENSON stated he realized this but that he appreciated my conferring with him at his request.

It is to be noted that REED A. BENSON is a young man approximately 30 to 32 years of age who was a candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress and was defeated in the primary last week. REED BENSON makes a large number of speeches. I have not heard him but understand that he is a capable speaker and strongly opposes Communism and Socialism in his remarks. The BENSON family is highly regarded in church circles in this area, and the father is one of the highest ranking LDS Church officials. Mr. BENSON had just received from the Publisher a copy of the Director's new book, "A Study of Communism," which he had on his desk and which probably prompted his contacting me about the above matter.

Mr. BENSON mentioned that he would be on a trip in the eastern part of the United States within the next few days, and that he might personally contact the Director to confer with him about the menace of Communism and the role of the Birch Society.

The above is furnished to the Director since he might be contacted in the next few days by Mr. BENSON, who is a strong admirer of the Director's.

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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 9-21-62

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: EZRA TAFT BENSON
FORMER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

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BACKGROUND:

By airtel dated 9-18-62, SAC, Salt Lake City advised that on that date he had received a call from former Secretary Benson, who is on the Governing Board of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Benson stated he was concerned about communism and he feels that the Director is the foremost authority on this subject. He indicated he had conducted considerable research concerning the John Birch Society and has found nothing actually wrong with its activities and purposes other than the fact that Robert H. Welch has made some foolish remarks regarding high Government officials. He further believes that Welch's remarks have been to some extent misconstrued. He has reached the conclusion that the Society is doing a lot of good in combating communism and feels that it is patriotic in its motives. He related in confidence that his son, Reed Benson, has been approached by the Birch Society to be their representative in Utah and surrounding states. He has been offered the position of "coordinator" in western states but has not yet discussed his decision with his father. Benson realizes the FBI does not sanction or endorse any group, but he wanted to know off-the-record how the FBI feels about the Birch Society and whether it has been investigated or any conclusions reached. The SAC informed Benson off-the-record in response to his question that to the SAC's knowledge the FBI has not investigated the Birch Society as such in the Salt Lake City area, but that any affiliation with the Society would have to be Benson's decision.

Benson mentioned to the SAC that he would be on a trip in the eastern part of the United States within the next few days and that he might personally contact the Director to confer with him about the menace of communism and the role of the Birch Society. There is set forth below a brief resume of pertinent data in Bufiles concerning our relations with Benson.

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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Benson was born 8-4-99 in Whitney, Idaho, and was graduated from Brigham Young University in 1926 with a B.S. degree. Benson was Secretary of Agriculture from 1953 to 1961 under the Eisenhower Administration. As indicated previously, he is on the Governing Board of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Sa

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INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

53 OCT 3 1962 There are numerous references in the files to Benson and in the interest of expediency his main file and recent references were reviewed. We investigated

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Miss Holmes
- ELC:tmf (5)

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Jones to DeLoach Memo
Re: Ezra Taft Benson

Benson in November, 1952, at the request of President-elect Eisenhower, and no derogatory information was developed. Benson is on the Special Correspondents' List, and we have exchanged considerable cordial correspondence with him. Benson has received copies of "Masters of Deceit" and "The FBI Story" autographed by the Director, and he was sent a copy of the Director's new book, "A Study of Communism," with the Director's personal card. He requested to see the Director on 9/18-19/61 by telegram, but was advised that due to prior commitments, the Director could not see him on those dates. Mr. DeLoach talked with Benson on 9-18-61, and Benson wanted the Director to address the "All-American Society," an anticommunist group, where Benson's son, Reed, was an employee. This invitation was subsequently declined. It is noted that we have declined to furnish Bureau reprint material to the "All-American Society" in view of the fact that its stated aims are open to a great deal of controversy, and we have received mail from members of this Society making wild remarks against individuals who question the objectives of the group.

In April, 1962, Benson's invitation for the Director to address the Annual World Conference of Mormons which was to meet 4/6-8/62 was declined by the Director in view of prior commitments.

An autographed copy of Benson's book entitled "The Red Carpet" was sent to the Director on 4-18-62 and was acknowledged. A review of the book reveals that the theme is that the American people in their search for economic security have gradually permitted the Federal Government to take away their individual freedoms and as a result it has developed a type of creeping socialism, characterized by a concentration of power in the Federal Government, the welfare state, and unsound financial policies which encourage an ever-increasing public debt and inflation. While Benson stressed the threat of internal communism, he also pointed out that "I do not feel the small, hard-core of subversives in America so much as I do those who do not see the danger to freedom that is inherent in more and more centralization of power in Government." He made numerous favorable references to the Director in the book and quotes extensively from "Masters of Deceit" as well as from articles and speeches by the Director. Of course, in view of Benson's previous position as Secretary of Agriculture, his name has been mentioned in recent months as a result of the Billie Sol Estes case.

According to SAC, Salt Lake City, Benson's son Reed is approximately 32 years of age and was a candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress. He was defeated in the primary last week. Benson makes a large number of speeches and strongly opposes communism and socialism in his remarks. Reed is also on the Special Correspondents' List. Reed is a graduate of George Washington Law School, and, like his father, is a great admirer of the Bureau.

John Birch Society

There are numerous references in Bufiles to the John Birch Society and its anticommunist activities are well known. It has received much prominence in the news.

Jones to DeLoach Memo
RE: Ezra Taft Benson

recent years and is quite controversial. It was founded in December, 1958, in Indianapolis, Indiana, by Robert H. Welch, Jr., a retired candy manufacturer. It is incorporated under the laws of the State of Massachusetts and has chapters throughout the United States. It is probably the most publicized right-wing extremist group in the country. We have not conducted an investigation of the Society or its founder.

RECOMMENDATION:

That should former Secretary Benson contact the Director's Office for an appointment, the Director's absence be explained and he be referred to someone in your office in view of the fact that he appears to want to discuss at length the John Birch Society which group he has apparently concluded is all right.

I will handle -

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 3-15-67

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 33694-33695. Senator Tammond, (R) South Carolina, stated the Honorable Ezra Taft Benson is known as one of the most distinguished moral leaders of this Nation. A great churchman and a great statesman, he has served both God and country with equal ardor. - - - in his recent address, "Trade and Treason," he ranges far beyond the narrow economic considerations or trading with the enemy, to consider the philosophical significance of our actions. He says 'we are betraying the intellectual and moral heritage of the West.' He included Benson's address in the Record which in part states: As Americans, lovers of freedom and high moral principles, we are face to face with the greatest evil in this world and the greatest threat to all we hold dear. Consider the following shocking facts. Since World War II the Communists have brought under bondage—enslaved—on the average approximately 8,000 persons per hour, 144,000 per day, \$2,000,000 per year—every hour of every day of every year since 1945. - - - J. Edgar Hoover, the best informed man in government on the Socialist-Communist Conspiracy stated: '- - -we must now face the harsh truth that the objectives of communism are being steadily advanced because many of us do not readily recognize the means used to advance them ---No one who truly understands what it really is can be taken in by it. Yet the individual is handicapped by coming face to face with a conspiracy so monstrous he cannot believe it exists. The American mind simply has not come to a realization of the evil which has been introduced into our midst.' - - - It may shock you to learn that the first communist cell in government, so far we know, was organized in the U. S. Department of Agriculture in the early 1930's. John Alt was there. It was John Abt whom Oswald, the accused assassin of President Kennedy, requested for his attorney. - - - Consider with me the following 12 significant and sobering questions: 1. Would you have been concerned if, during World War II, a Nazi had murdered our President right here in our own country? Yet, a Communist, Lee Harvey Oswald, who maintained contact with Party headquarters in New York, murdered President Kennedy."

In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 3-14-67 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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SUBJECT BENJAMIN EZRA TAFT

FILE NUMBER 94-32023



Federal Bureau of Investigation

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June 18, 1957

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Honorable Ezra Taft Benson
The Secretary of Agriculture
Washington 25, D. C.

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My dear Mr. Benson:

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Your kind comments concerning this Bureau on June 14 have been called to my attention by Special Agent [redacted] and I am most appreciative of your support and approbation.

In response to your request, I am forwarding under separate cover to your home address some material dealing with juvenile delinquency, and I have caused arrangements to be made so that FBI publications of this nature will be sent to you in the future.

Should your son, Reed, desire to submit an application for the position of Special Agent with our agency, I assure you that we shall be most happy to afford him every consideration. If he would like to discuss qualifications or other matters pertaining to such employment, one of my representatives would be glad to meet with him.

MAILED 3
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COMM-FBI

Please let me know whenever I may be of further service.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Room 7647.

Please name on special list

- Tolson _____
- Nichols _____
- Boardman _____
- Belmont _____
- Mohr _____
- Parsons _____
- Rosen _____
- Tamm _____
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- Tele. Room _____
- Holloman _____
- Gandy _____

Done 6-21-57

JUL 1 1957

cc - Mr. M. A. Jones

USC MATERIAL

Reprint from Feb 1, 1957 FBI LEB

Juvenile Delinquency: An Unconquered Frontier

The Crime Problem

You Can Help Stop Juvenile Crime

The Role of the Sunday School

Juvenile Delinquency; Syracuse Law Review

NOTE: See Roach to Belmont memo dated 6-14-57 captioned "Ezra Taft Benson, Secretary of Agriculture."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: June 11, 1957

FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH

SUBJECT: EZRA TAFT BENSON
SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

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[Redacted]

- Tolson
- Boardman
- Belmont
- Ladd
- Nichols
- Rosen
- Tamm
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- Tele. Room
- Holloman
- Gandy

Today, Supervisor [Redacted] the Bureau's Liaison Representative with the Department of Agriculture, met Secretary Benson. The Secretary stated that he was always happy to meet representatives of the FBI since he had always been a great admirer of the Director and the Bureau. He stated he was very proud of the fact that he had met the Director on several occasions. During the conversation, the Secretary stated that he noted the Bureau had not been cut in its budget request and was happy to see that the FBI got everything it needed. He said that, of course, the Department of Agriculture, like most Departments in Government, had not gotten its full amount; however, they would all attempt to do the job that the President expected. He said that the rumors about his resignation were strictly rumors and as of today he expected to remain in the Cabinet as long as the President desired him to remain.

The Secretary mentioned that his son, Reed Benson, was a student in the George Washington University Law School and like himself a great admirer of the Bureau. Reed had often mentioned to him the fact that he would like to become a Special Agent of the FBI. In connection with his school studies he is making speeches for the Republican National Committee and at times gives talks for the Secretary in his absence before civic, religious and educational groups. The Secretary was advised that the Bureau would be most happy to receive an application from Reed Benson for any position with us.

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The Secretary said that he would certainly like to be placed on the Bureau's mailing list for any literature that we may put out on juvenile delinquency, stating that he did a lot of work in this field and would appreciate getting material from us. He stated that if we had anything he would like it sent to his home address, 1907 Quincy Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. He was advised that this would be done and a check would be made to see if there was anything immediately available. He was most appreciative of this and stated that he would look forward to receiving the material.

- WTW: jlk (6)
- 1 - Mr. Nichols
 - 1 - Mr. Belmont
 - 1 - Mr. Kemper
 - 1 - Liaison Section
 - 1 - [Redacted]

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Mr. Sp. Counsel
6-21-57
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REK: [Signature]

Memo Roach to Belmont

RE: EZRA TAFT BENSON

A check was made of Supervisor Kemper of the Crime Records Section and he advised that there was information available which would be sent to the Secretary and that he would be placed on our mailing list.

The Secretary thanked ^{bl} [redacted] for dropping in to see him and wanted him to be sure and give his best to the Director.

ACTION:

This is submitted for your information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: November 10, 1959

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: HONORABLE EZRA TAFT BENSON
SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
TELEPHONIC CONTACT OF
DIRECTOR'S OFFICE
NOVEMBER 9, 1959

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Mohr	_____
Parsons	_____
Rosen	_____
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Tele. Room	_____
Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

Mr. Benson's secretary called the Director's Office on Monday, November 9, and advised that the Secretary of Agriculture wanted to speak to Mr. Hoover. When advised of the Director's absence from the city, she left word for the Director to call Mr. Benson when he returns to Washington.

We have had very cordial relations with Secretary Benson, and he has written the Director on numerous occasions. Mr. Hoover presented him with an autographed copy of "Masters of Deceit" and Mr. Benson expressed his appreciation in a letter to Mr. Hoover of May 15, 1958. Benson is a Mormon, and he has asked the Director to speak on a number of occasions and has invited him to programs presented by different organizations in that church.

While we have no way of determining what Benson wants to discuss with the Director, the following recent events should be kept in mind if the Director returns Mr. Benson's telephone call:

1. Secretary Benson recently went to Russia and traveled through several European countries. He was accompanied by Bert Tollefson, Jr., his assistant, on this trip. Tollefson, of course, is Executive Vice President of "The Religious Heritage of America, Inc.," and it is possible that Benson is also interested in the Director participating in the 1960 Pilgrimage.
2. Tollefson mentioned to the Director on October 23 that he met a former Agriculture employee in Poland named Jeremiah Ezekial who had a poor record and he was interested in making facts of his history known to the White House. Benson may also have interest in this individual who appears to be Mordecai Ezekiel, an employee of the United Nations assigned in Italy who has diplomatic status. Ezekiel has associated with many communist-front organizations and was acquainted with many members of the Harry Dexter White espionage ring in the early 1940's. His wife was allegedly an important person in the Party although not a card carrying member.

1 - Mr. DeLoach
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Jones to DeLoach Memorandum

Both "The Religious Heritage of America, Inc." and Mordecai Ezekiel are the subjects of separate memoranda.

3. The Director saw J. Willard Marriott, President of Hot Shoppes, on October 28, 1959, when Marriott requested that he make a brief tape recording to help the Morman church with their youth program. Being a Morman and interested in the activities of the church, Benson may desire to discuss Marriott's request with the Director. Mr. Hoover told Marriott that he would be happy to make the tape recording sometime after November 9.
4. The Director wrote Benson on October 26, 1959, when it was learned that the Secretary had been confined to Walter Reed Hospital for "abdominal complaints." In this letter the Director asked Benson to let him know if there was anything he could do to help during this illness. (94-38023)

RECOMMENDATION:

For the Director's information if he returns Secretary Benson's call.

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: September 18, 1961

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: EZRA TAFT BENSON
FORMER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

By reference from the Director's Office, I talked with former Secretary Benson at 4:40 p. m. this afternoon. He stated that he had received the Director's telegram reflecting the Director's absence from the city, however, he would like to have a message relayed.

Mr. Benson indicated that the Director knew better than anyone else the need for promoting better Government. He stated that there was a resurgence of anticommunism in the Salt Lake City area and that an organization called the "All American Society" had been formed for the purpose of fighting communism. His son, Reed, is an employee of this organization. There is to be a large meeting of the "All American Society" on 9-28 in Salt Lake City. Mr. Benson indicated this organization had requested him to intercede with the Director relative to issuing a speech invitation for 9-28-61 before this group.

Mr. Benson also indicated that the world-wide conference of the Mormon Church will be held the following night, 9-29, in Salt Lake City. He stated that the head of the Mormon Church would like very much to introduce Mr. Hoover to the congregation in the event he could accept the invitation of the "All American Society."

I told Mr. Benson that the Director would be extremely grateful for these kind invitations, particularly in view of Mr. Benson's interest, however, the Director already has a number of long-standing commitments for the latter part of this month which would prevent an acceptance. Mr. Benson stated he understood and that he would advise the "All American Society" to correspond with the Director at a later date to see if they could get him out to Salt Lake City.

ACTION:

For record purposes.

- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
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- 1 - Mr. Ingram
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**Talk given at the Shrine Auditorium,
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The Internal Threat to the American Way of Life

My Fellow Americans —

We are in the midst of continuing international crisis. The outlook for world peace and security is dark indeed. The gravity of the world situation is increasing almost daily. The United Nations seem unable to settle the troubles of the world. In truth we are faced with the hard fact that the United Nations seems to have largely failed in its purpose. Yes, the days ahead are sobering and challenging.

We live today in an age of peril. It is an age in which we are threatened with the loss not only of wealth and material prosperity, but of something far more precious — our freedom itself. The very thing that distinguishes man from the beasts—his freedom to act, freedom to choose, is threatened as never before by a total and atheistic philosophy of life known as communism.

Never before in the history of our country has there been a greater need for all of our people to take a little time to discover what is happening in the world. Every day decisions are being made affecting the lives of millions of human beings. We now need, as much as during any crisis, the kind of courageous leadership which J. W. Hamilton called for when he said:

"How much now we need a leadership that will tell the truth and talk straight, not about what is expedient or even what is advantageous to American interests, but about what is everlastingly right, and call our people to a crusade for it, and pledge America to the defense of it, so that all nations will be convinced that we mean it! We need men who will ignore the consequences, tell the truth, and take a long chance with God." (RIDE THE WILD HORSES)

Such leadership must not be expected merely from those who serve in high offices. This is the kind of leadership we should be cultivating at every level — among parents, teachers, students, judges, the various professions, businessmen, laborers, technicians, ministers — all of us need to join a crusade to develop men and women who talk straight, tell the truth and who are willing to take a course deserving of God's blessings.

A genuine leader tries to stay well informed. He is a person who acts on principle rather than expediency. He tries to learn from all human experience measured against revealed principles of divine wisdom. As a rule, a good leader is not easily deceived.

What has been lacking in our culture that has allowed the Communists to deceive so many of our people so many different times? Perhaps part of it has been ignorance, another part misinformation, and certainly an important part has been apathy-complacency. But whatever the lack has been, this is the kind of school which is designed to do something about it.

Just a short time ago Fidel Castro broadcast to the world his boastful confession that he has been a hard-core Communist all of his adult life. He gloried in the fact that he had been able to confuse and deceive many people simply by saying he was not a Communist. And because there were people in this and other countries who believed his false assertions, he was able to establish a Soviet beachhead only ninety miles from our shores. Americans must face the cold hard fact that Fidel Castro was encouraged and supported in his seizure of Cuba. Why? Simply because many Americans were led to believe the falsehood that he would resist Soviet influence and restore

the basic freedom of the Cuban people. A few of us issued early warnings based on unimpeachable evidence. Two United States ambassadors repeatedly warned that Castro was part of the Communist camp and that he was working for the Communist conquest of Cuba. These voices went unheeded.

This is merely a repetition of the same deceitful pattern which was used after World War II to have us tolerate revolutionary Communists in China, to accept them as "agrarian reformers" and allow them to seize and enslave some 450,000,000 people on the Chinese mainland.

This is the same deceitful pattern which we have been asked to accept in the Congo, in Laos, in British Guiana. In fact, everywhere the Communist conspiratorial machinery is preparing for a seizure of power, we are assured there is no immediate danger from Communism. We are told that the high political officials in these countries, who surround themselves with known Communist advisors, are merely trying to reconcile the various political factions and make their governments more representative. Later, after each country is taken over by the Fidel Castros, we are then assured that these men "betrayed the revolution." Research subsequently reveals that these men had been hard-core Communists for many

years. Those who believed them, once more lament, "I wonder how they deceived us?"

To me, the important question is, "Are we going to let them deceive us any longer?"

To the true Communist, nothing is evil if it is expedient. Being without conscience or honor, he feels completely justified in using whatever means are necessary to achieve his goal: force, trickery, lies, broken promises, mayhem, and individual and mass murder.

Let us have no illusions about them. Their leader has told us bluntly — their purpose is not alone to enslave us — they want to bury us.

What we face today is not just a cold war, not just a struggle for the control of land, sea, air, and even outer space, but total competition for the control of men's minds. Unless we meet it and defeat it, we shall almost inevitably one day face the loss of all that we hold dear.

In less than half a century this evil system has gained control over one-third of mankind and it is steadily pursuing its vicious goal of control over all the rest of the world. It is time, and past time, for us to be alarmed.

Latin America does not believe that suppression is the road to freedom.

Less than 15 years ago communism was not a powerful force in Latin America. Today it is not only strongly present there as an enemy to be reckoned with — it is openly allied with a government located on an island only about 90 miles south of Key West, Florida.

The only political party now functioning in Cuba is the Popular Socialist Party — the Communist Party under another name.

Cuba is being used as a funnel through which communists are infiltrating other American republics.

True to communist and dictator tradition, the Cuban Government has deprived its people of the rights of a free press, free elections, and the protection of other fundamental human rights.

How did this situation come about? How has it been possible for this completely warped philosophy in such a short time to reach its present position of influence in the world? How is it possible for communism to be here and now moving into Africa, pressing upon all of Asia, threatening the Middle East and increasingly becoming a danger in the western hemisphere?

There are, of course, many reasons. Some nations have failed to provide for the advancement and desperate physical needs of

their people. Others have failed to recognize the worth of the individual. But is it not perhaps true, that the biggest reason of all is the failure of western civilization to live up to its Judiac-Christian ideals?

Is it perhaps true that, as Dr. Charles Malik, the great Lebanese leader and former President of the United Nations General Assembly, has said:

“The deepest crisis of the West is the crisis of faith . . . Western civilization is doomed until, jolted out of its complacency, self-satisfaction and sense of apartness, it rediscovers and reaffirms what is genuinely human and universal in its own soul?”

We must revivify Western ideals and in particular the ideals of our own great Nation. We must call back the spirit of the dauntless leaders of the past. We must meet our present day challenge not with softness and complacency, but with the depth, wisdom, and daring that characterized America in the days of old.

We have a rich history to guide us. Think back with me a moment to the year 1823. In that year, James Monroe of Virginia was President. John Quincy Adams of Massachusetts was Secretary of State. These two men formed and announced policy which has profoundly influenced the development of our entire hemisphere.

Here was the situation that called forth this policy – known as the Monroe Doctrine – in 1823.

Several of what are now the Latin American Republics had by force of arms newly won their independence from Spain and Portugal. Among them were Colombia, Mexico, Chile, and Brazil.

Meantime a number of the sovereigns of Europe were seeking to enforce the "divine right of kings" with the express purpose of putting "an end to the system of representative government." France, accordingly, had proceeded to restore the rule of Ferdinand VII in Spain. Now these countries proposed to overthrow the new and independent governments in Latin America.

This our government refused to permit. It said so plainly in the celebrated Monroe Doctrine. The heart of the Monroe Doctrine consisted of these words: "... the American continents, by the free and independent condition which they have assumed and maintained, are henceforth not to be considered as subjects for future colonization by any European power."

And the Doctrine went on to spell out clearly just what was meant as follows:

"The political system of the allied powers is essentially different... from that of

America . . . We owe it, therefore, to candor, and to the amicable relations existing between the United States and those powers, to declare that we should consider any attempt on their part to extend their system to any portion of this hemisphere as dangerous to our peace and safety."

Now there is a statement which might well be engraved in all the capitols of all the countries in this hemisphere today. Every word in it is as applicable today as it was 138 years ago.

Surely if it were true a century and a half ago that European monarchy was essentially different from our American system of representative government, it is even more true today that the communist system is totally different, totally incompatible, totally inimical to our free way of life.

We are eminently justified in declaring that we should consider any attempt on the part of the communists to extend their system to any part of this hemisphere as dangerous to our peace and safety.

Moreover, the Monroe Doctrine went on: "Nor can anyone believe that our southern brethren if left to themselves, would adopt it (this system) of their own accord." Here again the words of the Monroe Doctrine ring true.

It is almost unthinkable that any people would knowingly and wilfully take on themselves the yoke of communist oppression. No nation, has ever done so yet. If large masses of the Cuban people have done so it is because they have been duped or coerced.

This Monroe Doctrine has been the continuing policy of our Nation for almost a century and a half.

It has been reaffirmed by many American Presidents.

We are on solid, traditional American ground in demanding that the communists should not attempt to extend their political system to this side of the Atlantic Ocean.

If time permitted I could show that in recent years the principles of the Monroe Doctrine have been strengthened by various joint agreements among the American nations. These should be invoked.

The Communists bring to the nations they infiltrate a message and a philosophy that affects human life in its entirety. Communism seeks to provide what in too many instances a lukewarm Christianity has not provided — a total interpretation of life. Communists are willing to be revolutionary; to take a stand for this and against that. They challenge what they do not believe in — customs — practices — ideas — traditions.

They believe heatedly in their philosophy.

But our civilization and our people are seemingly afraid to be revolutionary. We are too "broadminded" to challenge what we do not believe in. We are afraid of being thought intolerant — uncouth — ungentlemanly. We have become lukewarm in our beliefs. And for that we perhaps merit the bitter condemnation stated in the Book of Revelation 3:16: "So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth."

This is a sad commentary on a civilization which has given to mankind the greatest achievements and progress ever known. But it is even a sadder commentary on those of us who call ourselves Christians, who thus betray the ideals given to us by the Son of God Himself. Again, I ask, are we going to permit the atheistic Communist masters, fellow travelers and dupes to deceive us any longer?

There is a deception going on in our country this very moment which is just as dangerous to the United States as the false pretensions of Fidel Castro were to Cuba. It is amazing to me that some of our citizens seem to take special delight in ridiculing the warnings of government investigators and the cry of alarm which comes from Iron

Curtain refugees when they see how the United States is being led carefully down the trail of disaster.

Clear back in 1953 the Jenner Committee published a report on June 30 of that year which should have sobered the entire country. This report stated:

"1. The Soviet international organization has carried on a successful and important penetration of the United States Government and this penetration has not fully been exposed.

2. This penetration has extended from the lower ranks to top-level policy and operating positions in our government.

3. The agents of this penetration have operated in accordance with a distinct design fashioned by their Soviet superiors.

4. Members of the conspiracy helped to get each other into government, helped each other to rise in government, and protected each other from exposure. (The 1st Communist Cell in government was organized in the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture in the 1930's)

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6. In general, the Communists who infiltrated our government worked behind the scenes — guiding research and preparing memoranda on which basic American policies were set, writing speeches for Cabinet

officers, influencing Congressional investigations, drafting laws, manipulating administrative reorganization — always serving the interests of their Soviet superiors.

12. Policies and programs laid down by members of this Soviet conspiracy are still in effect within our government, and constitute a continuing hazard in our national security."

Eight years have passed since that warning was given, but the American people have not yet insisted upon the house-cleaning which is so long overdue. In this year, 1961, that fearless and distinguished American, J. Edgar Hoover, testified before the House Appropriations committee and said:

"The Soviet intelligence services have reorganized, multiplied their contacts with the American people, and have become aggressively bolder in spearheading their espionage offensive against the United States." (F. B. I. Appropriation Hearing, March 6, 1961, p. 49)

Speaking of Communist front organizations, he said:

"They represent transmission belts through which the Communist Party furthers its conspiratorial designs. They have infiltrated every conceivable sphere of

activity: youth groups; radio, television, and motion picture industries, church, school, education and cultural groups; the press, nationality minority groups, and civil and political units." (F.B.I. Appropriation Hearing, March 6, 1961, p. 49)

Of course, such groups can have only one purpose and that is deception. The only way to avoid being deceived is to get the facts. Here are people who would try to hide the facts from us and replace the truth with a falsehood. They want us to believe that America is a failure, that her system of capitalistic free-enterprise is doomed, that she must remedy her failures by adopting Marxist theories of collectivized control. I recognize these voices. I heard them in 43 nations which I visited in the past few years. I heard them often during my eight years in Washington. None of them came to me in the name of Communism or even Socialism, but they came. And while many of us fought them and resisted them on every front, nevertheless, it was alarming to discover how many others were willing to believe and follow. Why do otherwise loyal Americans believe and follow? Because these voices came from masters of deception.

Now supposing a person came along and said, "I am in favor of doing away with competitive markets and private property,

of setting communes in each locality, of taking all the land away from the farmers, of taking over all the steel mills, all the electric power plants, all the automotive industry, the banks, the railroads, the newspapers, the television and radio stations, all the mines, and so forth." I am sure such a proposal would meet with immediate and united resistance by the vast majority of the American people. But supposing this same person came and said: "It is in the public interest and to the benefit of each citizen if we make industry, the farms, and all means of production and distribution operate for the benefit of all the people and not just for the private profit of a few stockholders." Immediately this line of deception receives a wave of support. It is occurring today here in the United States. It occurred in England, France and Eastern Europe as well as the Scandinavian countries. It occurred in Russia.

If you ask the individual who made this last statement whether or not he is a Communist or Socialist he will undoubtedly reply with great indignation that he is a loyal American — that he is very anti-Communist. He will generally say he merely wants to see our nation achieve marvelous new goals which will make our present standard of living appear meager indeed.

When you ask this individual where his plan has been tried and proven successful, he will tell you it is a plan of the future and its virtues are yet to be demonstrated. And if you press him even further by pointing out that his program sounds exactly like the Marxist-Socialism of Europe he may become extremely indignant and call you a "reactionary" who doesn't want to see the country progress.

Now this accusation, of course, is as false as it is unfair. All of us are anxious to see our country progress, but we want to know by what means. The whole American concept of progress, which has outstripped every other nation on earth, is based on certain fundamental principles which these men now ask us to abandon. Certainly we are entitled to challenge such proposals when they are asking us to give up what has worked so well and substitute something which they merely hope will work.

What are these fundamental principles which have allowed the United States to progress so rapidly and yet remain free?

First, a written Constitution clearly defining the limits of government so that government will not become more powerful than the people.

Second, an economic system which is characterized by:

Free enterprise – the right to venture, the right to choose.

Private property – the right to own, develop and enjoy.

A market economy – the right to exchange and to profit.

Third, building an open society where each individual enjoys the greatest opportunity to improve himself, to travel, to become educated, to invent, to compete, to build, to speak, to worship, and to pursue happiness in whatever way the individual finds most satisfying and worthwhile.

Fourth, assigning government the role of referee rather than competitor – giving it enough power to provide peace, order and security but not enough power to rob the people of their liberty or take away their property “without due process of law.”

Of course, it immediately becomes apparent that if certain people wanted to seize control of private property, if they wanted to nationalize the land, if they wanted to have the government take over all the industries, the schools, the transportation complex and communications network, the way to do it would be by “due process of law.” Therefore, certain people have set out to do this very thing.

Is this possible? It is indeed, and every American should know it. As the Marxist-

Socialists declared over seventy years ago: "Convert the electorate and capture the County Councils." (*Fabian Essays on Socialism*, Doubleday & Co., New York, 1960, p. 190) More recently Khrushchev has emphasized the same thing. In 1956 he said:

"In this connection the question arises of whether it is possible to go over to socialism by using parliamentary means . . . The forces of socialism and democracy have grown immeasurably throughout the world, and capitalism has become much weaker . . . In these circumstances the working class, by rallying around itself the toiling peasantry, the intelligentsia, all patriotic forces . . . is in a position to defeat the reactionary forces opposed to the popular interest, to capture a stable majority in parliament, and transform the latter from an organ of bourgeois democracy into a genuine instrument of the people's will . . ." (House Committee on Un-American Activities, *Facts on Communism*, Vol. I pp. 114-115)

What Khrushchev is talking about is what he calls "peaceful victory of socialism," or seizing the natural and human resources of the earth "by due process of law."

He is not alone in this ambition. In this project he is paralleling the position of another branch of Marxism which might be

called the Social Democrats since this is the name they took in Russia and most of Europe. Lenin himself helped to organize the Social Democratic Party in Russia but in 1903 he set up his own branch of the party and called them Bolsheviks which became the vanguard of revolutionary violence in the party.

But notice what happened in Russia. It was the Social Democrats, or the ones who wanted to seize power "by due process of law" who organized the original soviets, who concentrated the power over the industrial workers into a few hands, who overthrew the Tsar, and who set up conditions in Russia from March to October, 1917, which made it possible for the Communists or Bolsheviks to move in with force and violence and take over Russia in November, 1917. Notice that the Social Democrats did their organizing in the name of the welfare of the people. After they had provided the basic concentration of power, the forces of Lenin seized control and the people found themselves under the harsh cruelty of a Communist dictatorship.

This is a most important lesson for all of us to learn, namely, that the Communists use the Socialists to pave the way for them wherever possible. This is why Communists and Socialists are often found supporting

each other, collaborating together and fighting for the same goals.

The paramount issue today is freedom against creeping Socialism. The well-known British writer, John Strachey, who for many years was an openly avowed Communist and who served as Minister of War in the Socialist government in 1950, made this very plain in his book, *THE THEORY AND PRACTICE OF SOCIALISM*. Said he:

"It is impossible to establish Communism as the immediate successor to capitalism. It is, accordingly, proposed to establish Socialism as something which we can put in the place of our present decaying capitalism. Hence, Communists work for the establishment of Socialism as a necessary transition stage on the road to Communism." (John Strachey, *The Theory and Practice of Socialism*, Random House, New York, 1936, p. 121)

Now obviously, the worst thing that can happen to a Socialist is to have himself openly identified with the work of the Communists who are generally feared and despised. The Socialists know they cannot seize property and power by "due process of law" unless they are politically popular, therefore, they try desperately to avoid the taint of the Communists and present their program so that it appears "moral," "demo-

cratic," "peaceful," and so "gradual" that the people will not resist it.

These are the exact words used by the Social Democrats in England in 1889 (*Fabian Essays on Socialism*, Doubleday & Co. New York, 1960, p. 51) when they were preparing to lay the foundation for the seizure of power which finally took place after World War I and again after World War II. They prepared a book called "*Fabian Essays on Socialism*." In the preface they said the book was being written by seven members of the executive council of the Fabian Society. They then said, "The writers are all Social Democrats." Nevertheless, they adopted the name of "Fabians" after the Roman General, Fabius, who won his battles by capturing or defeating the enemy a few at a time. This is what the Social Democrats call "gradualism." It is their intention to use this method in conquering their enemies which in this case happens to be free men.

Here is what these Fabians or Social Democrats said they were going to do:

With reference to private property they said: "... private property in land and capital will inevitably go the way of feudalism which it superseded." (*Fabian Essays on Socialism*, Doubleday & Co., New York, 1960, p. 82)

The Social Democrats also said they were going to work for "the ultimate and gradual extinction of the (property-owning) class." (*Fabian Essays on Socialism*, Doubleday & Co., New York, 1960, p. 82)

They said they were going to nationalize or collectivize the land. They described how they would set up collectivized farms. They would organize communes in each locality. They would get clothes from a community store, eat at a community table the food prepared in a community kitchen. They would nationalize the major industries and develop industrial communes for the smaller industries. (*Fabian Essays on Socialism*, Doubleday & Co., New York, 1960, especially pp. 184-185, 190-196.)

At this point some of you may wonder whether I am talking about Communism in Russia rather than the Social Democrats in England. But I have mentioned these things so that you can see that in their final form the two are identical.

The Fabians even recognize the problem of compulsory labor which might be necessary under their system. In fact, within one year after the British Fabians had seized power and socialized the major industries following World War II, they found it necessary to impose controlled or compulsory labor management on the workers.

But compulsion was nothing new in the thinking of Social Democrats. One of their original founders emphasized this when he said:

"I also made it quite clear that under Socialism you would not be allowed to be poor. You would be forcibly fed, clothed, lodged, taught and employed whether you liked it or not. If it were discovered that you had not character and industry enough to be worth all this trouble, you might possibly be executed in a kindly manner; but whilst you were permitted to live you would have to live well." (George B. Shaw, *Intelligent Woman's Guide to Socialism and Capitalism*, p. 470)

The Social Democrats even described the serf-like existence of the workers under their program. They pointed out that "the perfect fitting development of each individual is not necessarily the utmost and highest cultivation of his own personality, but the filling, in the best possible way, of his humble function in the great social machine." (*Fabian Essays on Socialism*, Doubleday & Co., New York, 1960, p. 79)

One final observation concerning the Socialist plan to seize power by "due process of law." During the gradual seizure of land and property there will still be some private industry operating. They describe how

they will gradually smother and destroy it. Here is what they say about this stage of their take-over:

"The private capitalist, however, will still be in business, producing and distributing on his own account in competition with the communal organization, which at present will have occupied only part of the industrial field. But . . . these private enterprises will be carried on under circumstances of ever-increasing difficulty."

They then describe how the government-owned industries, operating with government credit behind them, will begin to choke off private enterprise. They say, "After while the private producers will disappear, not because there will be any law against individualist production, but because they will not pay." (*Fabian Essays on Socialism*, Doubleday & Co., New York, 1960 p. 195)

All of this may begin to sound familiar to many American businessmen who have been watching similar influences of creeping socialism gradually using government regulations or government ownership to destroy the basic framework of economic freedom and private production in our own country.

We must ever keep in mind that collectivized socialism is part of the communist strategy. Communism is fundamentally socialism. We will never win our fight

against communism by making concessions to socialism. Communism and socialism, must be defeated on principle.

When socialism is understood, we will realize that many of the programs advocated, and some of those already adopted in the U. S., fall clearly within the category of socialism. What is socialism? It is simply governmental ownership and management of the essential means for the production and distribution of goods.

We must never forget that nations may sow the seeds of their own destruction while enjoying unprecedented prosperity.

The Socialistic Communist conspiracy to weaken the United States involves attacks on many fronts. To weaken the American free-enterprise economy which outproduced both its enemies and allies during World War II, is a high priority target of the Communist leaders. Their press and other propo-ganda media are therefore constantly selling the principles of centralized or federal control of farms, railroads, electric power, schools, steel, maritime shipping, and many other aspects of the economy — but always in the name of public welfare.

For thirty years we have aided the cause of atheistic, socialistic communism by permitting communists in high places in

government; by giving away vital military secrets; by squandering much of our material resources; by recklessly spending ourselves to near bankruptcy; by weakening our free enterprise system through adoption of socialistic policies; by wasteful bungling of our foreign affairs; by ever increasing confiscatory taxation and by permitting the insidious infiltration of communist agents and sympathizers into almost every segment of American life.

Many people have wondered if the Marxist concepts of the Fabian Social Democrats have deeply penetrated the United States. In truth they have. British Social Democrats came to the United States in 1888 for a long visit to train Fabian groups in several of the leading universities. Eventually their followers were organized into the Inter-collegiate Socialist Society in 1905. By 1916 this organization was becoming increasingly influential and its members were already climbing into the higher echelons of the government. After World War I the Society changed its name to the League for Industrial Democracy and continued to plant its most brilliant personalities in government, education, communications and policy making bodies. There they remain today, occupying some of the highest offices in the land. Their records will show that

they have consistently sponsored the basic ideas of the Social Democrats of Europe. Some of them have been exposed, as not only being sympathetic, and collaborating with their fellow Marxists of the USSR, but actually joining them.

This, then, brings me to my final point, namely, that the internal threat to the American way of life is in the secret alliance which exists between the more advanced Social Democrats and the hard-core Communist conspiracy. Occasionally this sympathetic alliance breaks out into the open, but most of the time it is maintained in the labyrinths of quiet secrecy. If you should wonder why Socialists in this and other countries have often played into the hands of world Communism you might consider these words from the top British Socialist, G. D. H. Cole who wrote the following words during World War II:

"I have never allowed my dislike of much that Stalin has done to blind me to the fact that the USSR remains fundamentally Socialist, or that the Soviet form of revolution and of government may be the only one that is capable of sweeping clean the stables of Eastern and Southern Europe, or of solving the basic economic problems of the unhappy peasants of these

impoverished States I am ready to go further. I would much sooner the Soviet Union, even with its policy unchanged, became dominant over all Europe, including Great Britain, than see an attempt to restore the pre-war States to their futile and uncreative independence and their petty economic nationalism under capitalistic domination. Much better be ruled by Stalin than by the restrictive and monopolistic cliques which dominate Western capitalism."

Mr. Cole concludes by saying, "For it would be much better to live within a system, however barbaric in some of its features, that has in it some creative force making for the liberation of mankind from class-oppression and primary poverty than to thrust back under the dead hand of decaying capitalism utterly incapable of fresh, creative effort." (G. D. H. Cole, *Europe, Russia and the Future*, MacMillan Co., New York, 1942, pp. 8-9)

It would appear to me that when a mind has been trained to hold such bitterness against capitalism; to believe so blindly in the illusions of Communism, it is no wonder that some of this same mentality have used their influence in scientific circles, in embassies and in governmental positions to betray the interests of their own countries and collaborate with what has turned out

to be the most formidable enemy free men have ever faced.

I believe J. Edgar Hoover and the investigating committees of Congress know whereof they speak when they warn us of a serious internal threat to the American way of life. I hear that some people and more particularly the Communists and the Social Democrats don't want us to examine this internal threat, but I believe we should. I think we should study Communism and study Socialism so we can recognize the influence of each. We can leave the spies to the FBI, but learning how our enemies are trying to subvert us is everybody's job. I also recognize that it is not popular in some circles to be called an anti-Communist, but I consider Communism a God-less political and economic disease. I do not believe an American citizen can be patriotic and loyal to his own country, and its God-inspired Constitution, of freedom, without being anti-Communist.

Now I know that Moscow has ordered that all anti-Communists are to be attacked and discredited in every way possible. I know the Communist Party of the United States has issued a similar mandate. This does not disturb me at all. It should be expected. Meanwhile we should pursue a calm and steady course. We should expose to the

light of public inquiry those forces which would destroy our country and our way of life. We should pay no attention to the recommendations of men who call the Constitution an 18th Century Agrarian document — who apologize for capitalism and free enterprise. We should refuse to follow their siren song of concentrating, increasingly, the powers of government in the Chief Executive, of delegating American sovereign authority to non-American institutions in the United Nations, and pretending that it will bring peace to the world by turning our armed forces over to a U.N. world-wide police force.

My own political and economic creed is a simple one. I commend it to you:

I am for freedom and against slavery.

I am for social progress and against Socialism.

I am for a dynamic economy and against waste.

I am for the private competitive market and against unnecessary government intervention.

I am for private ownership and against governmental ownership and control of the means of production and distribution.

I am for national security and against appeasement and capitulation to an obvious enemy.

This contest in which we are engaged is as old as man and as young as hope. The issue is over the God-given eternal principle of freedom—free agency, the right of choice. In this struggle it is not enough to be right — we must put strength and action back of that which is right.

In the conflict with Socialistic Communism we must have patience, courage, and wisdom. We must also have friends. Russia has hostages — we have friends — millions of them in temporary slavery back of the iron curtain, and millions more to be mobilized throughout the free world. In Russia people are unable to challenge the despotic Godless dogmas forced on the people. We must take greater risks for freedom. We must dramatize "American might and Soviet myth."

Let us awaken to our responsibilities — and to our opportunities. Again I quote Dr. Malik.

"The civilization which has been blessed and transformed by Christ, needs only a mighty hand to shake it out of its slumber. And, once shaken, once really awakened to the world responsibilities which it and it alone can shoulder, there is nothing it cannot dare and do."



Photo from the Trotskyite Communist *Militant* of March 13, 1970. The major supplier of these "peace checks" reports 6,000 banks use them.



A photo, from the front page of the Communist *Daily World*, features "peace" symbols on a set of pro-Vietcong petitions stacked near the House after Vietnam rally in Washington.

the inverted "Man-rune" — the figure encircled in the common sign which the communists tell us means "peace" — has for centuries been a favorite sign of Satanists.

Gerard Encausse explains the significance in *Traite de Science Occulte* (Seventh edition, Page 176). He notes that "when [Satanists] want to express their ideas in a symbolic sign, they formulate their ritualistic condemnations by destroying the money of the figure: they turn the cross upside down . . ." This ritual, involving the Christian crucifix or the "Man-rune" symbol, was designed to show defiance to God and faith in Satan.

While the inversion of the "Man-rune" signified infertility, the inversion of the cross was known as the sign of the Anti-Christ. These interpretations are still current.

Contemporary Satanist Anton LaVey explained in November 1968: "A Black Mass consists of such things as saying the Lord's Prayer backwards, — interspersed with obscene, trampling the cross under foot or hanging it upside down, desecration of the wafer host, and similar other forms of defilement or parodying of the sacred cows . . ."

An especially valuable source on this subject is Rudolf Koch's *The Book Of Signs* (Dover Publications, New York, 1955). Koch also cites the upright forkshaped figure "Man," and the inverted figure (used in the "peace" symbol) as "The man dies." On page 83, however, Dr. Koch describes the inverted figure as "The Crow's foot, or the foot," a symbol well-known in the Middle Ages as an insignia of Satan.*

*Confirmation of this appears in such rare but authoritative volumes as the *Grimorium Verum*, the *2 Grimorie*, and in a number of manuscripts attributed to Pope Honorius, a spreader of some Satanism in the Middle Ages. Scholars seeking further verification should look to *Sword Of Moses* (written by a Fourteenth Century German magician calling himself Abraham), the *Clavicule de Salomon*, and the *Malleus Maleficarum* (Jacob Sprenger and Henricus Institoris).

Bernard Koerner cites the inverted cross as the symbol of "*Drudenfuss*," or Devil's foot. Standard German dictionaries describe this as a five-pointed star with one point up and two down. That star-shaped figure, which corresponds to the fork-shaped runic figure, is known in ancient symbolism as a pentalfa. In his *Symbolism Of The The Degrees*, Oliver Day Street comments that "The Pentalfa with one of its points elevated, was a symbol of the pure and the virtuous and a harbinger of good, but with two of its points elevated it became the accursed *Goat of Mendes* which typifies Satan and foreboded evil and misfortune." One point (or finger) up, symbolized the monogram of Christ, while the inversion of the Pentalfa, or two points (two spread fingers) up, was the sign of Satan.

Referring once more to Koch's illustrated *Book Of Signs*, one notes that on Page 83 he devotes considerable space to the star-shaped figure and explains: "The Pentalfa has had several different significations at different times in the history of . . . The Pythagoreans called it the pentalfa, and the Celtic priests the witch's foot; it is also Solomon's seal, known in the Middle Ages as the goblin's cross . . . Amongst the druids it was the sign of Godhead, and to the Jews it signified the five Mosaic books. This sign was also popularly believed to be a protection against demons . . ." All these interpretations, of course, depended on the position of the pentalfa.

Still pursuing the intent of that "modern" Aldermaston "peace" seal designed by Lord Russell for use by contemporary radicals, we turned to Kollis Ahmed's *Complete Book Of Witchcraft* (Paperback Library, New York, 1936). Ahmed notes that "There was a deeply seated belief in the fascination or enchantment of shadow, so that the witch, or magician, could use them to either produce sickness and death or to inspire love . . . the shadow of the priest's fingers raised in blessing was considered



The "Reverend" Lyle Grosjean designed the "peace cross" worn above by a "now breed" nun. A sponsor of the Communist-controlled Spring Mobilization Committee, Grosjean is a leader of the "Guerrilla Academy of the Revolutionary Church" at Berkeley. In 1967 he gave the first of these medallions to the late Bishop James A. Pike, who had it blessed by the Red Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael Ramsey.



The centuries-old illustration at left, from Maurice Bazy's *Pictorial History Of Magic And The Supernatural*, depicts the ancient gesture of benediction, the shadow of which represents Satan. That shadow, according to Satanists, is the symbol of malediction. A modernized use of this sign appeared in the *Daily World* of October 18, 1959, as the insignia (above) of the Communist GIs & Vets for Peace.

Stewart Macdonald, Co-Chairman of Red's New Mobilization Committee, discusses plans for the Communists' "Fall Offensive" before official poster of "New Clubs." Photo was run in the Communist *Guardian* to promote the "V" insignia.



(L) Flashing the "V" sign at an Arab summit in Rabat, Communist guerrilla leader Yasser Arafat prepares "to map strategy." The red arm-bands of his terrorist P.L.P. bear the ancient "sign of the Broken Jew." (R) Combined fist, "V" and "peace" sign of *Berkeley Tribe*.



An ancient occult symbol of black magic, the Goat of Mendes (also Baphomet), is represented by the inverted pentagram with two of its fingers raised. This symbol is now used as the insignia of the "Church of Satan." The founder and "High Priest" of this cult (right) is Anton Sendero Luján [by Satanists] to have evil significance . . . A remarkable thing connected with the hand so lifted, is that its shadow resembles the head and horns of the Goat of Baphomet* [Mendes], the symbol of black magic. The use of the 'shadow of blessing' was regarded as the legitimate prerogative of the Pope, and was most terribly exercised during the Dark Ages and at the times of the Inquisition . . . Pictures representing the blessing were inscribed 'Benediction,' while upon the shadow appeared the word 'Maledictus.' "

Millions of American youths have been flashing that same "V" sign, thinking it a sign of "peace." The Leftists, radicals, and Satanists who have popularized that sign, and promoted it in the same manner in which they have promoted their "peace" symbol, know its ancient significance very well. In fact, that "V" sign is now used extensively by such Communist organizations as the Young Socialist Alliance, Vets for Peace in Vietnam, and the Students for a Democratic Society. In the S.L.S. publication, *Five Next Time*, the Comrades declare: "V signs and fists have replaced the traditional salute. But it is also unmistakably clear that GIs still have on the wrong uniform . . . Force them to turn their guns around . . ."

Although said to have been derived from the old Winston Churchill sign for victory, there is a sharp difference. As it is now used, the other three fingers are pulled tight against the hand as in the Communist clenched-fist salute. Incredibly enough, the "peace" cultists' "V" sign is now being pushed in illustrations in the new Cub Scout manuals, perverting their traditional salute of two closed fingers.

At this point, obviously, the prudent man asks whether the foregoing really proves an intended connection between the contemporary "peace" symbols and the Satanism.

*Rollo Ahmed notes in the *Complete Book Of Witchcraft* that: "From the earliest days, the Deity worshipped in black magic was the source and creator of evil, the rival of goodness. Various forms of the Egyptian god Set, the Persian Ahriman, the Python of the Greeks, the Jewish Serpent, Satanus, Balaam the Devil [derived from ancient Atlantis], and later Baphomet of the Templars, the Goat Deity of the witches' sabbath. In the ancient Kahala, Satan's name was that of Jehu, all reversed, and he was not actually a devil but the negation of light and truth." The Knights Templars of the Middle Ages, cults of which are reported to have practiced revolting ceremonies before their huge idol in the form of a goat, were originally founded to protect the Holy Sepulchre, but some are said by Ahmed to have developed into Satan worshippers.

to Middle Ages. Couldn't some of these similarities, striking as they are, be no more than a series of unhappy coincidences? Yes, they could be. But, I doubt that are.

In the fall of 1968 your correspondent attended a four-hour "acid rock" festival in a grand auditorium in downtown Seattle. Sprawled throughout the hall were more than three hundred young radicals, many on drugs and all bathed in the eerie and surreal patterns being flashed in stroboscopic colors on the curtain serving as a backdrop for the "entertainers." In the center of that curtain, upon which were displayed the faces of Ho Chi Minh, Che Guevara, and Mao Tse-tung, was a huge "peace" symbol.

When the performance ended at precisely midnight, the curtain parted to reveal a huge symbol of the Goat of Mendes. And there on that stage in Seattle, to the applause of hundreds of radical youths, a Black Mass was performed at the altar of Satan. It was positively Medieval.*

The Goat of Mendes, as you will observe by the reproduction on Page 53, offers some interesting symbolism of its own. At each of the five points of this Satanic pentagram, as you can see, there appears a strange marking, or letter. The *Zonderman Pictorial Bible Dictionary* carries a full page of "Ancient Semitic Alphabets" wherein these letters are identified. Checking each letter against the ten columns of semitic alphabets we are surprised to find that the sign at the point of the Goat's left ear corresponds to a symbol which appeared on Hebrew coins around the time of Christ. It was the upside-down broken cross. Such anti-Christian and anti-Jewish symbolism is



A famous painting of Christ, crucified upside-down, remained at Princeton for over six months.

to Satanists. Anton LaVey, the highly publicized High Priest of Satanism, is keeping a Nazi flag in his private chambers.

I admit that this business is weird. But it does explain the comments in the New York Times about a resurgence of Satanism, and the new proliferation of black blocs in areas where Leftist students and radicals gather. The revolutionaries are running this business like there's no tomorrow. And, these "peace symbols" are a part of their business.

In the Dark Ages, thousands of Europeans "dedicated their children to the Devil, and from age inaugurated them into the abominable ceremonies of sorcery . . . All over Europe of every grade of society flocked to the gathering of the witches' Sabbaths, there to give up to debauchery and cruelty . . ." (*Complete Handbook Of Witchcraft*, Page 72.) A Black Mass is described in graphic and perverted detail by the Marquis de Sade in his infamous *Justine*. De Sade was himself an adept Satanist.



The reproduction of the crude Fifth Century illustration at left depicts St. Peter as he was crucified upside-down in the Nero Gardens of Rome in 67 A.D. Designed by the Emperor Nero, that inverted crucifix was known for centuries thereafter as a "Nero Cross" and as the "sign of the Broken Jew." It was adopted by Satanists in the Middle Ages. In the late Fifties this sign was taken up by the anti-Christian Bertrand Russell as a "peace" symbol to be used in Communist demonstrations aimed at total American disarmament.

Sixteenth Century Scots reformer John Knox is credited with the woodcut of the bat-like Devil reproduced on Page 48. You will notice that the symbols representing the eyes of Satan correspond exactly with the "modern" Aldermaston symbol promoted by the Communists. In *Symbol Of The Anti-God*, the Marquis de Congressault, Sovereign Grand Chancellor of the Celtic Knights of the Holy Sepulchre, notes that "This same symbol can be found in many archives containing medieval manuscripts. The Museum of Witchcraft in Bayonne, France, has several woodcuts illustrating the Black Mass and Witch Sabbath with the symbol of the Anti-God [the "peace" symbol] adorning the altar as an 'unholy relic.'" (Britany Press, Nantes, 1969.)

But, the fact is that the actual origin of this Satanic symbol can be pinpointed — as Bertrand Russell and the Communists well knew. It goes back almost two thousand years to ancient Rome.

During the summer of 1866, an international team of archeologists, excavating a ruin of an ancient Roman villa overlooking the Mediterranean, uncovered a magnificent terrazzo floor covering an area of more than 1,300 square feet. Incorporated within the mosaic design was the "modern" symbol later attributed to Lord Russell. That symbol was not unfamiliar to archeologists even a hundred years ago as a Roman design dating

This design, incorporating the Christian symbol of the Holy Spirit (the Dove) and the Satanic "peace" symbol beneath a Communist clenched-fist salute, is now used nationwide by revolutionary Marxists. Former top Communist Bella Dodd, revealed in 1965 that the Christian dove was adopted for the use of the Comrades by the Spanish Communist Pablo Picasso, who used it in his original painting.



from the reign of the Emperor Nero (54-68 A.D.). Francesco Maria Guazzo referred to it in his *Compendium Maleficarum* (1608) as both a "Witch Foot" and a "Nero Cross."

The *Encyclopedia Britannica* says of Nero: "Hitherto the government had not clearly distinguished Christians from Jews . . . Nero initiated the later policy of . . . persecution and earned himself the reputation of *Antichrist* in the Christian tradition." The origin of the Nero Cross should be known to all Christians. On June 29, 67 A.D., after three years of incredible terror imposed on Jews and Christians by Nero, the Apostles Simon Peter and Paul of Tarsus were martyred for their Christian beliefs. While Paul was ceremoniously beheaded outside the walls of Rome at Aquae Salviae on the Ostian Way, Simon Peter was taken before the Emperor Nero who sentenced him to death by crucifixion.

Crucifixion was considered the most barbarous means of execution. Indeed, Cicero called it "the cruelist, the foulist of punishments." But, remembering how Jesus had met death with equanimity during the reign of the Emperor Tiberius, Peter requested of the Emperor Nero that he not be so *honored* as to be crucified in the same fashion as our Lord. Nero granted the condemned man his last wish. According to the voluminous records of Nestorius the Syrian, Patriarch of Constantinople (428-431 A.D.), the deranged Emperor is said to have designed and had constructed a cross, the arms of which were broken, upon which St. Peter was then crucified to death and burned — *upside down*. From that date, the "Nero Cross" (depicted in the Fifth Century Illustration on Page 55) was known as the "sign of the 'Broken Jew,'" or the "symbol of the 'anti-Christ.'"

Less than a year after the executions of the Apostles Peter and Paul, and after countless atrocities committed against other Christians and Jews who had been forced to flee to the Catacombs, the Emperor Nero committed suicide by cutting his throat. But the legacy of Nero lived on. In 70 A.D., Nero's signet of the anti-Christ was carried on the standards of the Legions of Titus when the Romans ravished and destroyed the Holy City of Jerusalem.

The "Nero Cross" was thus adopted as an appropriate sign by the Satanists of the Dark Ages, who sought to make a mockery and a travesty of the teachings of Christ. Wherever in the West evil has been practiced as a cult, the sign of the anti-Christ has been a part of it. "In the Twentieth Century," relates the learned Marquis de Concessault, "this same symbol was painted on the doors of churches closed by the Bolsheviks in Russia . . . It was branded on the bodies of Gypsies and Jews during the Spanish Civil War of 1936-39 just as they had been branded during the days of the Inquisition. This symbol is, in our own time, the symbol of the anti-God and those who wear it and use it must realize that the last crusade has not yet started . . ."

Thus, through the centuries, demonic "secret combinations" flaunting this standard have persecuted devout Christians and Jews alike. Indeed, such persecution continues to this day against Jews in the Middle East who are under attack by the Communist Palestine Liberation Front — upon whose red armbands is displayed the "sign of the Broken Jew" . . . the Communist "peace" symbol. Meanwhile, in America, as thousands of radicalized youths parade that same symbol, the heretics of the Christian Church have all but adopted the "sign of the anti-Christ" as their own. And you can be absolutely certain that the Communists planned it that way. — DAVID E. GUMBER

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THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
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EZRA TAFT BENSON

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The President
THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington, D. C.

Re: J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Mr. President:

I have noted with deep concern the reoccurring attacks on that truly great American, J. Edgar Hoover.


I am convinced that he is looked upon as a symbol of anti-Communism in America and that the attack on him has its origin in the international Communist conspiracy.

I know of no finer example of patriotism, devoted public service, and far-seeing imaginative management of our most vital agency, the FBI, than he has given. To me, he is a symbol of the best there is in America.

I hope he will continue to have your loyal support.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,



Ezra Taft Benson

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May 12, 1971

Dear Ezra:

You may be aware that a question about J. Edgar Hoover came up during a panel discussion at the recent meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors. I remarked then that we can be thankful that he has developed, in the FBI, an organization recognized throughout the world as the best law enforcement agency in the world. He has been non-political and non-partisan, despite circumstances and pressures which you, of course, understand so well. I know he must have appreciated your very thoughtful letter of May 4 as much as I did, and this is just a note to express my thanks to you.

Pat joins me in sending warmest regards to Flora and to you.

Sincerely,

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RN
(Richard Nixon)

Honorable Ezra Taft Benson
47 East South Temple Street
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Honorable Ezra Taft Benson
The Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter-Day Saints
47 East South Temple Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

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Dear Mr. Benson:

It was indeed thoughtful of you to forward the
article from the "Deseret News" with your letter which I
received on March 17th. Your kind sentiments and generous
comments are most encouraging to me. I am appreciative of
your support.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Mr. Benson is on the Special Correspondents List. He enclosed
a letter to the Editor entitled "Back Hoover" which was previously
acknowledged 3/11/71 by letter to Dr. Fort. By memorandum dated
3/23/71 a copy of incoming letter is being sent to the Attorney General.

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EZRA TAFT BENSON

12 March 1971

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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The attached 'letter to the Editor' which appeared in the DESERET NEWS, March 11, expresses my views exactly.

May the good Lord give you the courage to meet the onslaughts of the enemies of conservatism and freedom. Again it is a pleasure to commend you for your distinguished service to our great country.

Sincerely yours,

Ezra Taft Benson

cc: Dr. William E. Fort

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Back Hoover

I was little less than amazed to see an editorial in your paper which raised a question concerning Mr. J. Edgar Hoover after the attacks upon him by Senator McGovern.

While I agree that some investigation is necessary, it should be an investigation of those cheap politicians who attack him instead of Mr. Hoover. Mr. Hoover has established himself over the years as one of the truly great Americans of all times. He is now under vicious attack by the Communists, fellow travelers, and leftists in general. This attack has been going on for many years but has recently been stepped up to high gear. It would appear that there is no room in the editorial policy of a good American paper to do anything but support Mr. Hoover to the utmost. I, for one, would like to see a resolution supporting Mr. Hoover and condemning those who for political expediency would attack Americans who have proved themselves to the people of this country over the years.

Discipline is vitally necessary to an organization such as the FBI. Attacked on all sides, as it always is, by criminal and pro-Communist forces at every angle, the very survival of this finest of all intelligence agencies is dependent upon strict adherence to the director's orders. Without such obedience, the FBI would be destroyed quickly.

A so-called public official frantically waving in the air anonymous statements attacking Mr. Hoover in my opinion is not fit to be a Senator of the United States or to hold any responsible public office.

WILLIAM E. FORT JR.
Pleasant Grove

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 11-23-71

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: EZRA TAFT BENSON
FORMER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
REQUEST TO MEET DIRECTOR
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1971

By letter dated November 18, 1971, Mr. Benson advised that he would be in Washington for a weekend conference on December 4th and 5th, and inquired as to whether it would be possible for him to make an appointment with the Director for some time Monday morning, December 6th. He also enclosed a copy of two addresses which he made in connection with his association with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. By letter dated November 19, 1971, Mr. Benson spoke very favorably concerning the Director's remarks before the Washington Chapter of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, Inc., and requested either 50 copies of the address or permission to reproduce it. He also indicated that he wished that similar addresses could be given by Mr. Hoover on college campuses throughout the country and hoped that the Director might start with an address on the campus of Brigham Young University.

Mr. Benson is on the Special Correspondents List and was Secretary of Agriculture during the Eisenhower Administration. There is no indication that he has ever been photographed with the Director; however, he has received autographed copies of several of Mr. Hoover's books. On October 12, 1971, Mr. Benson's son, Reed Benson, who is the National Director of Public Relations for the John Birch Society with offices in Washington, D. C., contacted the Bureau in an effort to arrange an appointment for his father and him to meet the Director on October 18, 1971. The Director indicated at that time that he was booked solidly.

OBSERVATIONS:

It is not believed that the Director should take time from his busy schedule to meet with Mr. Benson, as it is very possible that he would bring his son Reed Benson with him for the meeting. With regard to his letter concerning the Director's remarks before the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, Inc., copies of the Director's comments are available and we can send him 50 copies.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter go forward to Mr. Benson in line with the above observations.

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TO : Mr. Bishop *TJB*

DATE: 10 13-71

FROM : M. A. Jones *M. A. Jones*

SUBJECT: EZRA TAFT BENSON
 FORMER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
 REQUEST TO MEET DIRECTOR
 MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1971

On 10-12-71, Mr. Reed Benson, the son of former Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson, telephonically contacted the Bureau and spoke with SA [redacted] of the Crime Research Section.

Mr. Benson advised that his father is presently in Iran and, on returning to the States, will be in Washington, D. C., Sunday and Monday, October 17 and 18, 1971. He indicated that his father had advised him that he would like very much to pay his respects to Mr. Hoover on Monday, October 18, 1971, preferably in the morning if the Director's schedule would possibly permit. Ezra Taft Benson was Secretary of Agriculture during the Eisenhower Administration and is on the Special Correspondents List. There is no indication that he has ever received an autographed photograph of the Director. However, he has received autographed copies of "The FBI Story," "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." Mr. Benson has expressed great admiration for the Director and the Bureau in the past and we have had considerable cordial correspondence with him. The most recent letter, dated June 13, 1971, thanked him for furnishing an article to the Director and also for his kind sentiments.

Mr. Reed Benson advised that in the event the Director was able to see his father, he, Reed Benson, would like to accompany his father if the Director had no objections. Mr. Reed Benson is also on the Special Correspondents List and we have had considerable cordial correspondence with him. By letter dated June 1, 1971, the Director thanked him for forwarding an article and the Director also expressed his appreciation for Mr. Reed's defense of Mr. Hoover's direction of the FBI against recent attacks. He is the National Director of Public Relations for the John Birch Society with offices in Washington, D. C.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Director may desire to indicate whether he desires to briefly meet with the Bensons on Monday, October 18, 1971, if his schedule would permit, and Mr. Reed Benson will be advised of the Director's desires telephonically at 278-8368.

- 1 - Mr. Felt *JFB*
 - 1 - Mr. Bishop *JFB*
 - 1 - Miss Gandy
 - 1 - Miss Holmes
 - 1 - M. A. Jones
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- I am booked solidly - [unclear] 10-17-71*
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November 24, 1971

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REC-12

Honorable Ezra Taft Benson
The Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter-Day Saints
47 East South Temple Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Dear Mr. Benson:

I have received your letter of November 18, 1971, with enclosures, and also your letter of November 19, 1971, and certainly appreciate your generous remarks concerning my address before the Washington Chapter of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI. In accordance with your request, I am sending you separately 50 copies of my remarks.

With regard to your visit to Washington during the early part of next month, I regret that my schedule is such that it is just not possible for me to arrange an appointment to see you on the morning of December 6th. Although I would like very much to speak on various campuses, particularly Brigham Young University, the pressure of official business precludes me from accepting additional speaking engagements at this time. I also wanted to let you know that I enjoyed reading your addresses which you enclosed with your letter of November 18th.

Sincerely yours,

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FBI

J. Edgar Hoover

- 1 - Mr. Bishop (detached)
- 1 - Miss Gandy (detached)
- 1 - Miss Holmes (detached)

NOTE: See M. A. Jones to Mr. Bishop Memo dated 11-23-71, captioned: "Ezra Taft Benson, Former Secretary of Agriculture, Request to Meet Director, Monday, December 6, 1971."

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To: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

Attached is a copy of an outgoing letter to Ezra Taft Benson dated 6/29/78.

The Director, in connection with his future visit to Salt Lake City and possible meeting with Mr. Benson, has requested that the attached article from "American Opinion" be reviewed and the major points be summarized and included in a memo.

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Inspector in Charge
Public Affairs Office

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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- 1 - Mr. W. O. Cregar
 - 1 - Mr. H. A. Boynton, Jr.
 - 1 - Mr. C. G. Sullivan
- DATE: 9/21/78
- 1 - Mr. E. C. Peterson
 - 1 - Mr. C. O. Parker

TO : Mr. [REDACTED]

FROM : [REDACTED] *b6*

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE FUTURE MEETING BETWEEN THE DIRECTOR AND MR. EZRA TAFT BENSON
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

PURPOSE:

To forward a classified and unclassified version of a point paper prepared concerning an article forwarded to the Director by Ezra Taft Benson which concerns Soviet Committee for State Security (KGB) influence in the United States.

ACTION:

None. For information.

APPROVED: _____

Director *WBY*

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DETAILS:

The point paper on an article by Alan Stang which appeared in the June, 1978, issue of American Opinion and entitled "The KGB: A Serpent in the House" was prepared in an unclassified version for use in any public statements the Director may wish to make as well as a classified version which will provide the overall response to the points brought up by the author of the article.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. O. Cregar
Re: Possible Future Meeting Between the
Director and Mr. Ezra Taft Benson

The article contains many charges that the KGB has been instrumental in influencing actions and policies of the intelligence community, the Congress as well as the President and his Staff. Since it lists several points that are topical and may be the subject of inquiries of the Director during his appearance before the annual meeting of the Salt Lake City Chamber of Commerce and/or the possible meeting with Mr. Ezra Taft Benson and a group of former FBI employees, the point paper was prepared in order to answer some of the charges.

October 15, 1979

Honorable Ezra Taft Benson
President
The Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter-Day Saints
47 East South Temple Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84150

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Dear President Benson:

I have read your recent letter and the material you enclosed. I was especially interested in an issue addressed in the editorial captioned "Don't expand the FBI into a U. S. police force" that appeared in the September 4, 1979, edition of the Deseret News. That editorial expressed concern that provisions of the proposed FBI charter granting authority to investigate patterns of terrorist activities in violation of state laws could lead to the FBI becoming a national police force.

I certainly agree that the FBI should never become a national police force, either in reality or in appearance. But I don't believe that the provisions in question present that danger. The charter would grant the FBI authority needed to deal more effectively with the threat of terrorism-- a matter in which there is a substantial Federal interest even when terrorist activities involve violations of state laws. Our experience indicates, however, that there would be very few such terrorist investigations conducted; thus there would be no appreciable expansion of the FBI's jurisdiction.

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- 1 - Mr. Boynton
- 1 - [Redacted]
- 1 - Mr. [Redacted]
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(Attn: Correspondence Unit)
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APPROVED:

Director *W.H.Y.*
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NOTE: This letter, being sent in response to President Benson's letter of September 4th, was prepared by the Public Affairs Office in conjunction with Mr. John Holtz.

William H. Webster
Director

Bill
Sincerely,

With warmest regards,

It is always a pleasure to discuss significant issues such as the FBI charter with you, and I hope to hear from you again in the near future.

The precedent for such investigations are found in the "Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations" (RICO) Statute (Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1961-68) which authorizes Federal prosecution of an enterprise engaged in a pattern of racketeering activities in violation of certain state laws. That statute has been most useful in our efforts against white-collar and organized crime but has not moved the FBI in the direction of becoming a national police force.

Mr. Ezra Tarr Benson

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 Mr. Boynton (Encs.)

William H. Webster
 Director

Sincerely,
 [Signature]

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Thank you for your recent note enclosing the "Parade" magazine article dealing with William C. Sullivan's book about his career with the FBI and his relationship with J. Edgar Hoover. I appreciate your concern over the inaccuracies raised in this article. Although there is criticism of certain aspects of Mr. Hoover's career, his commitment to public service and effective law enforcement need no defense.

I continue to believe that the most effective and appropriate way to reassure the American people about the role of the FBI is to emphasize the fine investigative work that is currently being done by the men and women of the Bureau. As you are well aware, I have spoken out in this respect, praising their professionalism, whenever I have had the opportunity.

I am appreciative of your continuing support of the FBI. Many best wishes,

Honorable Eric Tatt Benson
 President
 The Church of Jesus Christ
 of Latter-day Saints
 47 East North Temple Street
 Salt Lake City, Utah 84150

[Handwritten signature]

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October 18, 1979

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SUBJECT EZRA TAFT BENSON

FILE NUMBER 197-338



Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Date 12/23/77

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN: LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (197-1) (P)

SUBJECT: DOUGLAS A. WALLACE,
Plaintiff,
vs.

UNITED AIRLINES, an Illinois based domestic corporation, CORPORATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, a Utah State corporation sole, SPENCER W. KIMBALL, EZRA TAFT BENSON, WENDELL J. ASHTON, J. EARL JONES, CITY OF SALT LAKE, a municipal corporation of the State of Utah, TED WILSON, GLEN M. GREENER, EDGAR A. BRYAN, ELBERT A. WILLOUGHBY, W.D. YOUNG, JOHN STONER, GEORGE LEWIS, JULIAN BOND, individually and in his capacity as Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, BROCK ADAMS, individually and in his capacity as Secretary of the Department of Transportation of the United States, CLARK F. BROWN, CLARENCE KELLY, individually and in his former capacity as Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the United States, GRIFFIN B. BELL, individually and in his capacity as Attorney General of the United States, JOHN DOE I through JOHN DOE V, Defendants,

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SUBJECT (Cont.): FILED IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON
CIVIL NUMBER 77-964
CIVIL SUIT AGAINST SAC CLARK F. BROWN
SALT LAKE CITY DIVISION

Enclosed are three copies each of the summons and the complaint.

The summons and the complaint were sent by Certified Mail from U. S. Marshal's Office, Portland, Oregon, to SAC CLARK F. BROWN, FBI, Salt Lake City, Utah, and was received 12/14/77, at the FBI Office in Salt Lake City, Utah.

SAC BROWN, it is noted, will be retired as of 12/31/77, however, he will submit to the Bureau a letter to the U. S. Attorney General requesting he be represented in this matter by the Attorney General.

Submission of this airtel was delayed by illness of the principal legal instructor. An airtel regarding the secondary handling of this matter will be submitted promptly. Letter to the U. S. Attorney, Salt Lake City, Utah, submitted this date.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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DOUGLAS A. WALLACE, *et al 2, 4*
Plaintiff

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vs.

CIVIL No. 77-964

UNITED AIRLINES, an Illinois
based domestic corporation,
CORPORATION OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, a Utah State
corporation sole, SPENCER W.

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J. CASHTON, J. EARL JONES, CITY OF
SAINT LAKE, a municipal corporation
of the State of Utah, TED WILSON, *encl 3*
GLEN M. GREENER, EDGAR A. BRYAN, *encl 3*
ALBERT A. WILLOUGHBY, W. J. YOUNG, *encl 3*
JOHN STONER, GEORGE LEWIS, JULIAN

EARL JONES

*J.S.
P.S.*

SUMMONS

BOND, individually and in his capacity
as Administrator of the Federal
Aviation Administration, BROCK ADAMS,
individually and in his capacity as
Secretary of the Department of

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Transportation of the United States,

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CLARK P. BROWN, CLARENCE KELLY, ind-
ividually and in his former capacity
as Director of the Federal Bureau of
Investigation of the United States,
GRIFFIN B. BELL, individually and in

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his capacity as Attorney General of
the United States, JOHN DOE I through
JOHN DOE V,

Defendants.

To the above Named Defendants: Julian Bond, individually and in his
capacity as Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration,
Brock Adams, individually and in his capacity as Secretary of the
Department of Transportation of the United States, Clarence Kelly,
individually and in his capacity as Director of the Federal Bureau of
Investigation of the United States, Griffin B. Bell, individually and
in his capacity as Attorney General of the United State.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Douglas A. Wallace,
Plaintiff, pro se, whose address is P.O. Box 1671, Vancouver, Washington
98663, an answer to the complaint which is herewith served upon you,
within 60 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the
day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be
taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

ROBERT M. CHRIST
Clerk of Court

Date: DEC 8 1977

J. SHELTON
Deputy Clerk

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1 Douglas A. Wallace, Esq.
2 Plaintiff, pro se
3 P.O. Box 1671
4 Vancouver, Washington 98663
5 Telephone : (206) 573-5994

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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

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11 DOUGLAS A. WALLACE,)
12 Plaintiff,)
13 vs.)
14 UNITED AIRLINES, an Illinois)
15 based domestic corporation,)
16 CORPORATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF)
17 THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF)
18 LATTER-DAY SAINTS, a Utah State)
19 corporation sole, SPENCER W.)
20 KIMBALL, EZRA TAFT BENSON, WENDELL)
21 J. ASHTON, J.EARL JONES, CITY OF)
22 SALT LAKE, a municipal corporation)
23 of the State of Utah, TED WILSON,)
24 GLEN M. GREENER, EDGAR A BRYAN,)
25 ELBERT A. WILLOUGHBY, W.D.YOUNG,)
26 JOHN STONER, GEORGE LEWIS, JULIAN)
27 BOND, individually and in his)
28 capacity as administrator of the)
29 Federal Aviation Administration,)
30 BROCK ADAMS, individually and in)
31 his capacity as Secretary of the)
32 Department of Transportation of)
the United States, CLARK F.BROWN,)
CLARENCE KELLY, individually and)
in his former capacity as director)
of the Federal Bureau of Investig-)
ation of the United States,)
GRIFFIN B. BELL, individually and)
in his capacity as Attorney General)
of the United States, JOHN DOE I)
through JOHN DOE V,)
Defendants.)

Civil No. 77-964

COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES
FOR VIOLATION OF
CIVIL RIGHTS

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JURISDICTION

1. Jurisdiction of the Court is invoked pursuant to Title 42, USC § 1981, 1983 and 1985. This is an action at law for damages arising out of the conduct of the defendants in depriving the plaintiff of his FIRST, FOURTH and FOURTEENTH Amendment protected rights. Jurisdiction is also invoked by reason of diversity of citizenship of the parties and that the amount in controversy exceeds the sum of \$ 10,000.00

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VENUE

2. While the acts complained of herein are transitory in nature, the primary thrust as affecting the plaintiff occurred in the State of Oregon and within the District of Oregon. All of the defendants are subject to the jurisdiction of the Court by reason of Oregon's long arm statute, having minimum contacts therein.

III
PARTIES

3. The Plaintiff Douglas A. Wallace is a resident of the State of Washington. He is a citizen of the United States of America. The Plaintiff is a member of the unincorporated association known as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints more commonly called Mormon Church.

4. The Defendant United Airlines is a domestic corporation having principal offices in Chicago, Illinois. The Defendant is an air carrier regulated by the United States serving many principal cities in the State of Oregon including the City of Portland.

5. The defendant Corporation of the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints is a corporate sole created by the laws of the State of Utah with principal offices in Salt Lake City Utah. The defendant owns property and conducts business within the State of Oregon.

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1 6. The Defendant Spencer W. Kimball is a resident of
2 the State of Utah and currently is the person certified by the
3 Mormon Church as the president therefore allegedly qualified as
4 the Corporate sole in paragraph (5) above. The Defendant is also
5 the employer of Defendants, Benson, Ashton, Earl Jones and John
6 Does. As such he is responsible for the acts of the said defendants.

7 7. The Defendant Ezra Taft Benson is an employee of
8 the defendant corporation sole and of the Defendant Kimball and
9 has specific authority and responsibility to supervise the affairs
10 of the Department of Public Communications of the Unincorporated
11 association called the Mormon Church.

12 8. The Defendant Wendell J. Ashton is Director of
13 the Department of Public communications of the unincorporated
14 association above referred to. He is directly responsible to
15 Defendant Benson in the administration of illegal, covert, electronic
16 eavesdropping, surveillance and intelligence gathering activities
17 of the said association which spys upon it's own members as well
18 as citizens of the United States in Oregon and other States.

19 9. The Defendant J. Earl Jones is chief of security
20 for the defendant corporation of the President. He is charged
21 with the duty of providing protection for the person of the leaders
22 of the Mormon Church together with property owned by the defendant
23 corporation in the several states including Oregon.

24 10. The Defendant City of Salt Lake at all times
25 material hereto was acting through it's officers and agents in
26 geographical areas and in conduct beyond the scope of it's own
27 jurisdiction, namely in the States of Washington, Oregon, Idaho
28 and Utah.

29 11. The Defendants Ted Wilson, Glen M. Greener, Edgar
30 A. Bryon, Elbert A. Willoughby, W.D. Young and John Stoner are
31 officers of the City of Salt Lake and residents of the State of
32 Utah. The Defendants at all times material hereto were acting

1 both individually and under color of title of office in matters
2 beyond the jurisdiction of the City of Salt Lake.

3 12. The Defendant George Lewis is the Northwest
4 Regional Air Security officer for the Federal Aviation Administrat-
5 ion. He is stationed at Seattle, Washington and is a resident of
6 that State.

7 13. The Defendant Julian Bond is the Administrator of
8 the Federal Aviation Administration and is directly responsible
9 for the conduct of subordinate officers such as the Defendant
10 George Lewis.

11 14. The Defendant Brock Adams is the Secretary of the
12 United States Department of Transportation of which the Federal
13 Aviation Administration is a subdivision thereof. As such the
14 Defendant Adams is responsible for the acts and commissions of
15 the subordinate defendants Lewis and Bond.

16 15. The Defendant Clark F. Brown is the agent in
17 charge of the Salt Lake City office of the Federal Bureau of
18 Investigation (FBI). He is in that capacity responsible for the
19 conduct of the agents and the affairs of that office.

20 16. The Defendant Clarence Kelly, was at all times
21 material hereto the Director of the FBI and was responsible for the
22 actions his employees including Defendant Brown.

23 17. The Defendant Griffin B. Bell is the Administrator
24 of the United States Justice Department and is responsible for
25 the conduct of subordinate agents and officers of the Justice
26 Department and its sub-divisions such as Defendants Brown and
27 Kelly.

28 18. The Defendants John Doe I through John Doe V
29 ~~are employees of the Corporation of the President.~~ Defendant or
30 are associated by hierarchal church order with the Defendant
31 Kimball and whose identity is not presently known.
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FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

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2 1. The plaintiff was born and raised as a member of
3 the unincorporated association known as the Church of Jesus Christ
4 of Latter-Day Saints, more commonly called Mormon, an avowed
5 christian religious organization. In recent years the plaintiff
6 has come to recognize a politically subversive posture of the top
7 leadership of the said association . This subversive posture is
8 promoted by a semi-secret "Council of Fifty" of which the average
9 church member has no knowledge. The avowed aim of this council is
10 to promote the political and economic control of the united States
11 and other world governments by the Mormon church leadership. This
12 aforesaid council regards the Mormon church president or "prophet"
13 as the only legally authorized person upon the earth to whom God
14 has given a Divine right to govern the earth. Under this concept
15 the said semi-secret council has "crowned" each president of the
16 said Mormon church since the days of the church's founder, Joseph
17 Smith, Jr., as the earth "King".

18 2. This aforesaid council has as it's president the
19 Mormon church president defendant Spencer W. Kimball, with the
20 heir-apparent defendant Benson. This council manipulates the City
21 of Salt Lake, Utah and the legislature of the State of Utah. It
22 has further caused the infiltration of the Federal Government,
23 particularly the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central
24 Intelligence agency to utilize as an arm to promote the "prophecy"
25 of the church's founder, that the "elders of Israel" (The church
26 hierarchy) will " save" the U.S. Constitution when it will " hang
27 as if by a thread".

28 3. In addition to the above allegations, the Defendants
29 Kimball, Benson, The Corporation of the President and others not
30 named herein have created a secret intelligence gathering network
31 utilizing the lay priesthood of the said Mormon church to spy,
32 bug and gather information on church and political dissidents.

1 4. The Mormon church demands a pre-emption of loyalty
2 of it's membership upon threat of excommunication where a conflict
3 of interest arises between the position of the church and the
4 interests of the people of the United States at the local, state
5 or national level.

6 5. Persons affiliated with the church whether in public
7 or private life are expected to uphold the "prophet" of the church
8 as the ultimate earth authority. Under this programming a member of
9 the church who is a police officer or FBI agent or Mayor or what-
10 ever will respond to this ultimate "authority" even though it
11 means the derogation of democratic government. Your plaintiff
12 alleges that the city of Salt Lake Government including the Police
13 department are but an extension of the Mormon Church or rather,
14 "the Kingdom of God".

15 6. The so-called "Kingdom of God" or Mormon Church is
16 a "Holy" dictatorship depriving it's faithful laity of the right
17 to self direction and deliberately defrauding the membership in
18 representations of divine authority. The present involvement of
19 the Mormon church in the political and economic arenas of our soc-
20 iety if allowed to continue unabated will surely result in the
21 destruction of democratic form of government under the U.S. const-
22 itution.

23 7. The Plaintiff, in an attempt to expose the above
24 allegations and other errors of doctrine and procedure existing
25 within the said church association, properly and timely filed
26 charges against the top leadership of the said church including
27 defendants Kimball and Benson. Said charges called for an eccles-
28 iastical trial of the top fifteen church leaders. The complaint
29 filed on April 11, 1976 set the trial to be held on October 3, 1976.

30 8. Subsequently, The defendant Corporation of The
31 President wrongfully obtained a temporary restraining order from
32 the 3rd District Court of Utah unconstitutionally restraining the

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1 Plaintiff from the FIRST Amendment right of religion.

2 9. The plaintiff later rescheduled the trial to be held
3 on the 3rd of April, 1977 during the annual conference of the said
4 Mormon church at Salt Lake City. Such notice was widely published
5 in the media and was further claimed to be a protected right of
6 the plaintiff against interference by state or local government.
7 Notwithstanding, the Defendant Corporation again wrongfully used
8 the 3rd District court of the State of Utah to again improperly
9 issue a second temporary restraining order against the Plaintiff,
10 again barring his person from the so called Temple Square where
11 the Mormon church conference was held.

12 10. Knowing that the latter temporary restraining order
13 was unlawfully obtained and fearful of an open confrontation by
14 the Plaintiff, Defendants Kimball, Benson, Ashton, Wilson, Greener,
15 Bryan, Willoughby, Young, Stoner and Brown conspired to falsely
16 create justification to harass, intimidate, defame, slander and
17 prevent the Plaintiff from carrying out his plan to hold the
18 aforesated ecclesiastical trial.

19 11. The defendant Ashton as head of the Mormon Church's
20 spy network (Public Communications Dept) issued a false report to
21 the other defendants in a plan to involve the FBI, the FAA and
22 United Airlines in a scheme calculated to prevent the ecclesiastical
23 trial aforementioned.

24 12. The known false report alleged that the Plaintiff
25 would strap plastic explosives to his person prior to boarding a
26 commercial flight at Portland, Oregon enroute to Salt Lake City
27 where he would allegedly confront the top church leadership of the
28 said Mormon church in an attempt at assassination. The defendants
29 went to great lengths to justify this conspiracy by requesting the
30 U.S. military to furnish a bomb disposal squad from Hill AFB at
31 Ogden, Utah. The Plaintiff had no criminal record or record of
32 violence to justify this conduct. Further the defendants had

1 adequate resources to verify the falseness of the allegation which
2 they failed to utilize.

3 13. By creating the false information the defendants
4 Kimball, Benson, Ashton, Greener, Wilson, Bryan, Willoughby, Young,
5 Stoner and Brown proceeded to act under color of office to justify
6 the conspiracy to deny Plaintiff's protected constitutional rights.

7 14. On or about the 30th day of April, 1977 the defen-
8 dants named in paragraph 13 above arranged a meeting which was held
9 in Salt Lake City under the general heading of pre-conference
10 meeting to discuss security problems of the Mormon church conf-
11 erence. This meeting included defendants, Jones, Greener, Willoughby
12 Bryan, Young, Stoner and Brown. At this meeting the defendant
13 Brown, acting beyond the scope of authority approved a plan that
14 would allow defendants Young and Stoner to travel to Seattle,
15 Washington for the purpose of boarding United Airlines flight
16 no. 374 on Saturday April 2nd, 1977 carrying concealed weapons to
17 place the Plaintiff under surveillance during interstate flight.

18 15. Upon arriving at Seattle on the afternoon of April 1,
19 1977, defendants Young and Stoner, utilizing the illegal authority
20 granted them by defendant Brown and with the full co-operation of
21 defendant Brown and the Salt Lake City office of the Federal
22 Bureau of Investigation further implicated defendants Lewis and
23 United Airlines in the conspiracy by obtaining non-jurisdictional
24 authority to board United flight no 374 on the morning of April 2,
25 1977 at Seattle, with concealed weapons in violation of Federal
26 regulations.

27 16. Defendants Lewis and United Airlines knew or should
28 have known of the impropriety of the requested authority and as
29 such are liable to the Plaintiff for the subsequent conduct of the
30 other defendants.

31 17. On the morning of April 2, 1977 the Plaintiff board-
32 ed United flight 374 at Portland and was deliberately seated

1 by employees of defendant United Airlines through seat assignment
2 between defendants Young aft of the Plaintiff and Stoner Forward.
3 This conduct by defendant United Airlines deliberately put the
4 person of the Plaintiff in a position of unwarranted jeopardy to
5 the illegal, deadly force potential possessed by defendants Young
6 and Stoner.

7 18. Immediately thereafter, defendant John Doe I, under
8 the alias identity of O.C. Hunt boarded the said flight 374 walking
9 past the plaintiff in an apparent effort of confirming the identity
10 of the Plaintiff to defendants Young and Stoner. Subsequently, the
11 defendant John Doe I deplaned.

12 19. The Plaintiff believes or has cause to believe that
13 the said Defendant John Doe I as a part of the conspiracy notified
14 defendant Young that the Plaintiff had passed through security
15 without any indication of wearing metal explosives.

16 20. Thereafter, in order to maintain credibility for the
17 false information upon which the surveillance activity was struct-
18 ured, Defendants Young and Stoner alerted the pilot Captain of the
19 said flight 374 to initiate a bomb search of all baggage placed
20 aboard the aircraft at Portland. All passengers boarding at Port-
21 land were required to deplane and identify their baggage for an
22 inspection. The search resulted in a negative finding and caused
23 a two hour delay in departure.

24 21. During the flight from Portland to Boise and then
25 to Salt Lake City, the Plaintiff was kept under surveillance by
26 defendants Young and Stoner. Upon arriving at Salt Lake City the
27 Plaintiff was kept under 24 hour surveillance during which time
28 one Salt Lake City police officer accidentally shot and maimed
29 another officer in the course of a stake-out of the residence in
30 which the Plaintiff was staying. The said residence was in East
31 Salt Lake County, Utah outside the corporate limits of the City of
32 Salt lake. A total of six Salt Lake City officers were involved in

1 the stake-out of the Plaintiff at the same location and time. The
2 said Salt Lake City Police officers were outside jurisdiction and
3 were an extension of the Mormon church security division in vio-
4 lation of constitutional requirments of separation of church and
5 State.

6 22. From the moment the Plaintiff boarded the said
7 flight 374 at Portland until the conclusion of the Annual Mormon
8 Church conference on the evening of April 3,1977, the Plaintiff
9 was kept under surveillance by employees of the defendant City of
10 Salt Lake and defendants Corporation of the Church of Jesus Christ
11 of Latter-Day Saints and Spencer W. Kimball. The prescence of
12 trained police attack dogs intended to be used against the Plain-
13 tiff should he make any overet attempt to conduct the aforementioned
14 ecclesiastical trial would have resulted in the serious wounding
15 or death of the plaintiff by employees of the defendants named in
16 this paragraph.

17 23. As a result of the aforesaid conduct on the part of
18 the defendants, The Plaintiff was placed under a restraint designed
19 to prevent the free exercise of First Amendment Right of religion
20 under the United States Constitution.

21 24. The defendants Julian Bond, Brock Adams, Clarence
22 Kelly, and Griffin B. Bell are personally liable to the plaintiff
23 for the conduct and participation of defendants Lewis and Brown in
24 the damage to the Plaintiff resulting from the aforesaid conspiracy.

25 25. As a result of the aforesaid allegations, the
26 Plaintiff has been damaged in the amount of \$500,000.. The Plaintiff
27 should have judgement against the defendants jointly and severally
28 in that sum.

29 26. The conduct on the part of the defendants was
30 deliberate and maliciously calculated to deprive the Plaintiff of
31 First amendment rights and further to wrongfully interfer with
32 the matter of an ecclesiastical trial of Defendants, Kimball, Benson

1 and others. The Plaintiff should be awarded judgement against the
2 defendants jointly and severally as punitive damages in the sum of
3 \$5,000,000.

4 SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

5 1. Plaintiff realleges all material allegations of the
6 first cause of action and in addition thereto alleges that the
7 defendants have by the foregoing allegations, violated the Plain-
8 tiff's Fourth Amendment right to be secure in his person and his
9 right of privacy. Plaintiff alleges damage in the sum of \$50,000.
10 Plaintiff should be awarded judgement against the defendants
11 jointly and severally in that sum.

12 2. The conduct of the defendants was deliberate in the
13 violation of the Plaintiff's Fourth amendment right and the Plain-
14 tiff should be awarded judgement against the defendants jointly
15 and severally, in the sum of \$1,000. as punitive damages.

16 WHEREFORE PLAINTIFF PRAYS that the Court will render judgement
17 against the Defendants jointly and severally in the amounts and
18 sums above alleged. Plaintiff prays for such other and further
19 relief as to the court seems just and equitable in the premises.

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21 Dated this 28th Day of November, 1977

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23 Douglas A. Wallace
24 Plaintiff pro se

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VERIFICATION

State of Washington .
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County of Clark .

Douglas A. Wallace being first duly sworn upon oath deposes
says that I am the plaintiff in the above entitled action. That
I have read the above and foregoing complaint and that the
allegations contained therein are true as I verily believe.

DS
Douglas A. Wallace, Plaintiff

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me a notary public for the State
of Washington this 28th Day of November, 1977.

DS Douglas B. Leistwarte
Notary Public for Washington
Residing at Vancouver
My commission expires:
10-25-81

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

to *S*: Mr. Clarence M. Kelley
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: JAN 9 1978

FROM: Ms. Barbara Allen Babcock
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Division

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145-18-536
Telephone: 739-4671

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SUBJECT: *attach* Douglas A. Wallace v. United Airlines,
et al., USDC D. Oregon, Civil No. 77-964.

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In the captioned action, plaintiff, an attorney proceeding pro se alleges that his First and Fourth Amendment rights were infringed. A copy of the complaint is enclosed.

In order that we may defend this action, please send, as soon as possible, a report, in duplicate, setting forth the facts involved. Because many courts are reluctant to grant extensions of time to answer, we request that this report be given your preferred attention. If you cannot send us the necessary material within that time, please let us know promptly so that we can inform the court of the reason for the delay.

In preparing your report, please give citations to relevant statutes both to the Statutes at Large and the United States Code. Please give the Code of Federal Regulations and Federal Register citations for those regulations relevant to this litigation. Should such regulations not have been published, please include four copies of them with your report.

You should also include four sets (one of which should be certified) of relevant documents such as items of correspondence, and administrative rulings or orders.

In your report, please specify which of the plaintiff's allegations should be admitted and which should be denied together with the factual basis for each admission or denial. Your suggestions as to any affirmative allegations that may be asserted would be most helpful. A statement of your views on the legal issues which you consider involved in this action, and as to what legal defenses should be pleaded, with citations to supporting authorities will be welcomed.

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Please include a list of the names, official positions and addresses of persons who have personal knowledge of the facts involved, and a brief summary of the matters about which they can testify on behalf of the government.

You will note that the plaintiff herein is seeking relief in the form of money damages. We conclude from this that the named defendants are sued in both their official and individual capacities. The Department of Justice is responsible, by statute, for defending this action brought against the named defendants in their official capacities. Representation for defendants sued individually may be provided in those cases where the Department of Justice determines that the named defendants acted within the scope of their authority and that such representation is in the best interests of the United States. See 42 Fed. Reg. 5695-95 (January 31, 1977). Of course, each defendant has the right to retain private counsel at their own expense to advise or defend him on the individual aspects of this matter.

You should advise the named defendants that there is at present no statutory provision for indemnification of the individually-named defendants by the United States if a money judgment is entered against them in their individual capacity, nor does the provision of representation by the Department of Justice guarantee any such indemnification. Such relief can only be obtained by passage of a private bill in the Congress after a judgment is entered.

Should the individual defendants wish to be represented by the Department of Justice, they must make a specific written request for us to do so. The Attorney General's new guidelines, cited above, set forth (at 28 C.F.R. 50.15(a)) the procedure and information for submitting representation requests to the Civil Division. It is important that we receive the necessary requests for representation as soon as possible. Once they are received we will consider them and promptly notify you of our decision. If the defendants wish to retain private counsel to defend them on the individual aspects of this case, we should be apprised of that fact as soon as possible.

Your prompt and complete compliance with this request will enable us to represent your interests in this case most

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effectively. Should you have any questions, please contact
[REDACTED] of the General Litigation Section at
(202) 739-4671.

Enclosure

cc: United States Attorney
Portland, Oregon 97207

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
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FROM : SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (197-1) (P)

SUBJECT: DOUGLAS A. WALLACE, Plaintiff,
VERSUS UNITED AIRLINES;
ET AL, Defendants
CIVIL NUMBER 77-964

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and six copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination to the U. S. Department of Justice.

One copy of the above LHM has been disseminated to the U. S. Attorney at Portland, Oregon, and one to the U. S. Attorney, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Also enclosed for the Bureau are the original and six copies of an insert of SA [redacted] Also enclosed are the original and two copies of a request for representation by the Department by ex-SAC CLARK F. BROWN. One copy of this request for representation is being forwarded to the U. S. Attorney's offices at Portland and Salt Lake City.

Also being furnished to the U. S. Attorney's office in Portland, who has received no prior information in this matter, is a copy of Salt Lake City letter to U. S. Attorney RONALD L. BENCHER, Salt Lake City, Utah, and one copy of the Petitions and Complaint in this matter.

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cc of LHM to Room 7338

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For the information of the Bureau, Assistant U. S. Attorney (AUSA) STEVEN W. SNARR, Salt Lake City, was contacted on 12/19/77, and made the following observations:

1. He is of the opinion the Summons is defective to CLARK F. BROWN since no specific direction is given for BROWN to respond. This is under Rule 12B(2)(4)(5).

2. Jurisdiction is defective as the plaintiff asserts the Civil Rights Act, Title 42, U.S. Code, Section 1981, and there is no jurisdiction in this section. Section 1983 regards "color of state law," and this section is insufficient to invoke jurisdiction of a federal office.

3. Section 1985 concerns the sovereign and officers immunity and this section could be used to defend the suit.

4. The 14th Amendment applies only to state officials and not federal officials, so there is no jurisdiction under this Amendment.

5. Venue in Portland, Oregon, could be attacked if deemed desirable to do so, keeping in mind that U. S. District Court Judge WILLIS W. RITTER, is on the record accusing the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints of trying to influence RITTER's removal from office. Venue might also lie in Salt Lake City as most all witnesses and defendants are located in Salt Lake City.

6. Regarding the cause of action, many allegations are religious in nature and it is not appropriate for federal courts to litigate "ecclesiastical" differences.

7. He is of the opinion a motion to dismiss or a motion for summary judgment would be warranted on the bases of facts in this case.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Salt Lake City, Utah

January 11, 1978

DOUGLAS A. WALLACE, Plaintiff
Versus UNITED AIRLINES,
an Illinois based domestic corporation,
CORPORATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE
CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS,
a Utah State corporation sole,
SPENCER W. KIMBALL, EZRA TAFT BENSON,
WENDELL J. ASHTON, J. EARL JONES,
CITY OF SALT LAKE, a municipal corporation
of the State of Utah, TED WILSON,
GLEN M. GREENER, EDGAR A. BRYAN,
ELBERT A. WILLOUGHBY, W. D. YOUNG,
'JOHN STONER, GEORGE LEWIS, JULIAN BOND,
individually and in his capacity as
Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration,
BROCK ADAMS, individually and in his capacity
as Secretary of the Department of
Transportation of the United States,
CLARK F. BROWN, CLARENCE KELLEY,
individually and in his former capacity
as Director of the Federal Bureau of
Investigation of the United States,
GRIFFIN B. BELL, individually and in
his capacity as Attorney General of the United States,
JOHN DOE I through JOHN DOE V, Defendants.
CIVIL NUMBER 77-964

With regard to background information in this
matter, the Salt Lake City, Utah, Office of the Federal

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Bureau of Investigation furnished to Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters by communication dated April 20, 1977, captioned UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; OFFICERS OF THE SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, POLICE DEPARTMENT; [REDACTED] - VICTIM; DOUGLAS A. WALLACE - VICTIM, a letter written to the Salt Lake City Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to be forwarded by Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters to the Department of Justice requesting the Federal Bureau of Investigation to conduct a civil rights-type investigation of the Salt Lake City Police Department for investigation conducted by that Department of Wallace and [REDACTED]. The allegations in that letter constitute the factual basis for allegations in this suit. Additional material was furnished to Salt Lake City from Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters in a Headquarters letter to [REDACTED]

Utah 84117, acknowledging receipt of [REDACTED] letter at Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters pertaining to this same matter. Enclosures to Salt Lake City consisted of seven pages and was material regarding the captioned matter, which was also furnished to the United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, by Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters.

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In addition to the above, the Seattle, Washington, Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was the office of origin in a case captioned [REDACTED], DOUGLAS WALLACE, 1600 Northwest, Vancouver, Washington, - VICTIM. A communication to Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters dated October 28, 1976, furnished Salt Lake City with the same information furnished to Headquarters and requested Salt Lake City to check indices for any information regarding [REDACTED] or Wallace. Salt Lake City by letter to Seattle dated November 3, 1976, advised Salt Lake City records contained no information identifiable with [REDACTED] or Wallace.

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Regarding the First Cause of Action stated in the complaint in this matter, it is noted Clark F. Brown, ex-Special Agent in Charge of the Salt Lake City Federal Bureau of Investigation Office, is not a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, commonly known as the Mormon Church, and has no knowledge of their beliefs. Specifically, he has no knowledge of the alleged subversive posture of the Church promoted by a semi-secret "Council of 50." Mr. Brown has no knowledge of the alleged purpose of the Council to promote the political and economical control of the United States and other world governments by Mormon Church leadership.

Mr. Brown has no knowledge of any infiltration of the Federal Government, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to promote any Church policy of any kind. Applications for employment with the Federal Bureau of Investigation are accepted and appointments made on merit, regardless of religion, and includes members of all faiths.

Mr. Brown has no knowledge of any alleged secret intelligence gathering network of the Mormon Church to spy on anyone.

Mr. Brown denies any loyalty by himself to the Mormon Church, which would in any way pre-empt his duty to enforce laws over which the Federal Bureau of Investigation has jurisdiction.

Mr. Brown has no knowledge of the Mormon Church obtaining a temporary restraining order from the Third District Court in Salt Lake City restraining the plaintiff from any First Amendment right of religion except through newspaper accounts, and he does not recall any of the details so published. Neither Mr. Brown nor the FBI were involved in any way in the obtaining of the alleged restraining order.

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Mr. Brown is unaware of any details or any information concerning the allegations by the plaintiff regarding the scheduling or rescheduling of an alleged ecclesiastical trial of the top fifteen Mormon Church leaders by the plaintiff.

Mr. Brown was never involved in any plans or actions that either directly or indirectly involved the plaintiff and his "ecclesiastical trial." Mr. Brown has only a vague recollection from newspaper accounts that plaintiff was involved in an ecclesiastical trial against Mormon Church leaders. Mr. Brown denies any knowledge of any plan alleged by the plaintiff to falsely create justification to harass, intimidate, defame, slander or prevent plaintiff from carrying out plaintiff's plan to hold an ecclesiastical trial.

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Mr. Brown denies receiving any information from defendant [redacted] regarding any plan or scheme calculated to prevent an ecclesiastical trial by the plaintiff against Mormon Church leaders.

Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Salt Lake City Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Robert B. Davenport recalled receiving a telephone call from an unknown individual at the Salt Lake City Police Department on about April 1, 1977, regarding a meeting believed to involve various law enforcement organizations, including Mormon Church security personnel, concerning a possible bomb threat at the upcoming Mormon Church's semi-annual general conference.

Mr. Davenport requested Special Agent [redacted] to attend this meeting. When [redacted] returned from the meeting, Mr. Davenport learned police officials has received information that the plaintiff [redacted]

[redacted] in view of the fact no apparent Federal Bureau of Investigation jurisdiction was involved, and

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knowing Salt Lake City police officers were aware of the allegation, no further action was taken. Mr. Davenport does recall mentioning this development briefly to Mr. Brown, who concurred that no action was to be taken in the absence of Federal Bureau of Investigation jurisdiction.

[REDACTED] recalled that on about April 1, 1977, late in the afternoon he was directed by Mr. Davenport to attend a meeting at the Salt Lake City Police Department pertaining to an allegation by a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] did not know all of the individuals attending this meeting but recalled Chief of Police Willoughby, two Salt Lake City Police Department captains, and Detective [REDACTED] of the Salt Lake City Police Department.

[REDACTED] According to information from the Salt Lake City Police Department, they had information that the plaintiff had challenged President Kimball's leadership during a previous conference and had been restrained by court order from attending the last semi-annual conference of the Mormon Church. [REDACTED] of the Mormon Church Security Office furnished information at the meeting that the plaintiff by letter in 1976 written to President Kimball indicated if the plaintiff was unsuccessful in confronting and holding a

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trial of President Kimball and others, the plaintiff would take whatever means necessary to accomplish the confrontation.

A Salt Lake City Police Department Command Officer advised all in attendance that two Salt Lake City Police Department officers were on the way to Portland to determine if the [REDACTED]

b6 [REDACTED] the officers were to accompany the plaintiff to Salt Lake City and on the plaintiff's arrival at the Salt Lake City International Airport he would be served with a Salt Lake City Third District Court Order restraining him from attending the Mormon Church semi-annual general conference to be held approximately April 1-4, 1977.

[REDACTED] at the meeting explained Federal Bureau of Investigation jurisdiction regarding Crime Aboard an Aircraft and the elements of a ticketed passenger attempting to board or boarding an aircraft with any type of explosives. A Salt Lake City Police Department officer advised [REDACTED] the Federal Bureau of Investigation would be notified if the plaintiff was determined to be in violation of the Crime Aboard Aircraft Statute.

After completion of the meeting, [REDACTED] furnished the above information to Mr. Davenport. No written record was made of the above by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had no information as to the identity of the confidential source being defendant [REDACTED]

Mr. Brown vaguely recalls a discussion regarding the above. He recalls [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] he recalls no details of any itinerary or schedule of the plaintiff. No contact by Mr. Brown or any other Federal Bureau of Investigation employee was ever made with Hill Air Force Base at Ogden, Utah, in an effort to

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furnish a bomb disposal squad in connection with the

[REDACTED]
Mr. Brown, Mr. Davenport, and [REDACTED] deny taking any action to deny the plaintiff any of his Constitutional rights. b6

Mr. Brown recalled attending a meeting at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Headquarters on about March 29, 1977, not on April 30, 1977, regarding potential violence during the forthcoming semi-annual conference of the Mormon Church. At the meeting Mr. Brown gave a presentation of Federal Bureau of Investigation jurisdiction and any possible violation that might occur wherein the Federal Bureau of Investigation should be advised. Possible violations specifically discussed included extortion, kidnaping, bombing, and civil rights violations. Other individuals present from other law enforcement agencies gave similar presentations concerning their areas of jurisdiction. Mr. Brown does not recall details of other presentations. Mr. Brown gave no approval concerning any plans involving the security of the conference and specifically denies any plans were discussed concerning the plaintiff. Mr. Brown denies giving approval for anyone, including Young and Stoner, to travel to Portland to take any action regarding the plaintiff. Mr. Brown has attended similar conferences since his arrival in Salt Lake City and it has been customary for a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to attend similar conferences prior to Mr. Brown's arrival in Salt Lake City, which was in July, 1975.

Mr. Brown does not recall any contact with defendants Young, Stoner, Lewis, or anyone from United Airlines to discuss the plaintiff. He denies ever granting anyone any surveillance authority regarding the plaintiff as this would be beyond the scope of his authority.

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Special Agent [REDACTED] was aware that a local law enforcement meeting was held on or about April 1, 1977, relative to conduct of the plaintiff and his travel from Oregon to Salt Lake City to possibly disrupt the semi-annual conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. [REDACTED] recalled that the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] denies knowing anything about such a report being initiated by the defendant Ashton. The above information was given to [REDACTED] to the best of his recollection, by [REDACTED] who attended the meeting in which this information was developed.

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[REDACTED] did not attend on or about March 29, 1977, or April 30, 1977, any meeting of various law enforcement agencies relative to security problems of the upcoming semi-annual conference of the Mormon Church. He was not aware that Salt Lake City Police Department officers intended to have officers travel to Portland, Oregon, for any purpose pertaining to the plaintiff.

On Friday, April 1, 1977, Mr. Brown, according to the best of [REDACTED] recollection, asked [REDACTED] to make himself available to the Salt Lake City Police Department per their request as a resource to local authorities in the event of a hostage situation developing in connection with the semi-annual conference. [REDACTED] has been instrumental in training all major law enforcement agencies in the area of negotiation problems. [REDACTED] has as one of his investigative assignments the Salt Lake City International Airport. [REDACTED] was at the Salt Lake City International Airport when the plaintiff arrived there during the afternoon of April 2, 1977. [REDACTED] contacted Chief Willoughby of the Salt Lake City Police Department and indicated to him if any federal violation should occur or if a hostage situation developed, [REDACTED] would be available. [REDACTED] was aware that the plaintiff arrived at the airport, and when no incident occurred, no action was taken.

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[REDACTED] denies taking any action to deny the plaintiff of any of his Constitutional rights.

[REDACTED] Mr. Brown does not specifically recall asking [REDACTED] on April 1, 1977, to make himself available to the Salt Lake City Police Department as a consultant on any possible hostage situation developing or in connection with any other violation over which the Federal Bureau of Investigation has jurisdiction; however, it is possible he did so because of [REDACTED] special training in the area of hostage negotiation. Mr. Brown was of the opinion if [REDACTED] discussed this matter with him [REDACTED] would have been authorized to act as he did.

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Mr. Brown has no knowledge of any surveillance by the City of Salt Lake City other than from newspaper accounts, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Salt Lake City was not involved in any way in any surveillance of the plaintiff.

Mr. Brown was in no way involved in any restraint of the plaintiff to prevent him from exercising any rights under the First Amendment right of religion.

Mr. Brown acknowledges being responsible to defendants Clarence M. Kelley, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Griffin B. Bell, Attorney General of the United States, for his actions; however, Mr. Brown denies being involved in any conspiracy with other defendants or anyone else to deny the plaintiff his Constitutional rights.

Mr. Brown denies being responsible in any way for any damage to the plaintiff.

Mr. Brown denies any conduct on his part or the Federal Bureau of Investigation that would result in depriving the plaintiff of any First Amendment rights or in any way restrict the plaintiff's movements.

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With regard to the plaintiff's Second Cause of Action, Mr. Brown denies any action on his part or the Federal Bureau of Investigation that would violate the plaintiff's Fourth Amendment rights. Mr. Brown denies any conduct deliberate or otherwise that has any bearing on the plaintiff.

Regarding other allegations made by the plaintiff concerning Mr. Brown and the Federal Bureau of Investigation not commented on above, Mr. Brown denies any knowledge of them.

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b6 Agent [REDACTED] The following insert is furnished by Special Agent [REDACTED] of the Salt Lake City Division:

The following are suggested answers to allegations in the complaint captioned DOUGLAS A. WALLACE, PLAINTIFF, VERSUS UNITED AIRLINES; ET AL, DEFENDANTS, CIVIL NUMBER 77-964:

Concerning the First Cause of Action

1. Ex-Special Agent in Charge CLARK F. BROWN is not a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, commonly known as the Mormon Church, and has no knowledge of any concepts of the Mormon Church to promote the political and economic control of the United States and other world governments by church leadership.

2. Mr. BROWN has no knowledge of any infiltration by the Mormon Church of the government and specifically the FBI. Applications for employment with the FBI are accepted and appointments made on merit, regardless of religion, and includes members of all faiths.

3. Mr. BROWN has no knowledge of any secret intelligence gathering network of the Mormon Church.

4. Mr. BROWN has no knowledge of any allegations contained in this allegation.

5. Mr. BROWN has no knowledge of any allegations contained in this allegation.

6. Mr. BROWN has no knowledge of any allegations contained in this allegation.

7. Mr. BROWN has no knowledge of any allegations contained in this allegation.

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8. Mr. BROWN denies any knowledge of a temporary restraining order from the Third District Court of Utah except through newspaper accounts.

9 and 10. Mr. BROWN denies any knowledge of any trial alluded to, scheduled for April 3, 1977, and denies being involved in any plan or actions that either directly or indirectly involved the plaintiff and his ecclesiastical trial.

11. Mr. BROWN denies receiving any information from Defendant ASHTON. Mr. BROWN vaguely recalls a discussion regarding possible [REDACTED] he recalls no details of any itinerary or schedule regarding [REDACTED]

12. Special Agent [REDACTED] was furnished this information through the Salt Lake City Police Department, which came from an alleged confidential source of the Police Department. [REDACTED] had no reason to believe it was false information. No request of the FBI was ever made to Hill Air Force Base for a bomb disposal squad. No investigation was conducted to determine if allegations were true since no FBI jurisdiction was apparent.

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13. The only action taken by the FBI in connection with the information furnished by a confidential source regarding the plaintiff and explosives was that Special Agent [REDACTED] made himself available to the Salt Lake City Police Department as a possible resource for hostage negotiations and for taking any necessary action in connection with any violation over which the FBI had jurisdiction.

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14. No meeting was attended by Mr. BROWN or other FBI personnel on April 30, 1977. Mr. BROWN attended a meeting on March 29, 1977, and [REDACTED] attended a meeting on April 1, 1977. Mr. BROWN denies he or anyone from the FBI approved any plan allowing YOUNG and STONER or anyone else to travel to Seattle, Washington, or anywhere else, with concealed weapons for any purpose connected with the plaintiff. *ble*

15. Mr. BROWN denies any connection of himself or the FBI regarding allegations pertaining to Salt Lake City Police Department Detectives YOUNG and STONER.

16. Mr. BROWN does not know Defendant LEWIS and has had no contact with him.

17-22. Mr. BROWN has no knowledge of actions and is not responsible for Salt Lake City Police Department activity.

23. Mr. BROWN has no knowledge and is unaware of any restraint placed on the plaintiff to prevent him from a free exercise of his First Amendment right.

24. Mr. BROWN acknowledges responsibility to Defendants KELLEY and BELL for his actions but denies being involved in any conspiracy with the other defendants or anyone else to deny the plaintiff his Constitutional rights.

25. Mr. BROWN denies any conduct of any kind calculated to deprive the plaintiff of his First Amendment rights or any action resulting in damage to the plaintiff.

Concerning the Second Cause of Action

Mr. BROWN denies any action that would violate the plaintiff's Fourth Amendment rights and denies any conduct, deliberate or otherwise, that has any bearing on the plaintiff.

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Assistant Attorney General
Civil Division
Attention: [REDACTED]

March 2, 1978

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Reference is made to your memorandum to Mr. Clarence M. Kelley dated January 9, 1978, your reference, BAB:RJSher:acg, 145-18-536.

Enclosed is an original letter requesting representation by former Special Agent in Charge (SAC), Salt Lake City Division, Clark F. Brown, dated January 9, 1978. Also enclosed is a self-explanatory letterhead memorandum (LHM) which provides the factual data available to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) concerning the allegations in the Complaint.

A review of the facts as known to the Bureau indicates that all the actions of former SAC Brown were within the scope of his employment and at all times he was acting in good faith and reasonable belief that his actions were lawful. It is recommended that his request for legal representation be granted.

For your further information, on October 26, 1976, plaintiff made a complaint against [REDACTED] alleging that [REDACTED] transmitted a threat against him through the mails. The facts were presented to Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) John S. Ranson, District of Oregon, Portland, Oregon, who declined prosecution.

Plaintiff alleges a conspiracy to deprive him of certain Constitutional rights by virtue of a surveillance of him from the time he boarded a United Airlines flight at Seattle, Washington, on April 2, 1977, to the conclusion of the Mormon Church conference held on the evening of April 3, 1977, at Salt Lake City, Utah. With respect to the FBI defendants,

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the only factual allegation is that "defendant Brown, acting beyond the scope of authority, approved a plan that would allow defendants Young and Stone to travel to Seattle, Washington, for the purpose of boarding United Airlines flight No. 374 on Saturday, April 2, 1977, carrying concealed weapons to place the plaintiff under surveillance during interstate flight." (Complaint page 8, paragraph 14) (There are other paragraphs in the Complaint which name defendant Brown, but which are purely conclusory. See, page 7, paragraph 10 and page 8, paragraph 13).

The enclosed LHM details former SAC Brown's participation in a meeting not on April 30, 1977, as alleged, but on or about March 29, 1977. Mr. Brown advised the group which was meeting regarding potential violence during the forthcoming semi-annual conference of the Mormon Church of the FBI's investigative responsibilities. He specifically denies giving any approval for any security plans and denies knowledge of any plans being discussed regarding plaintiff.

Defendant Brown was not served personally as required by Rule 5, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, but by certified mail at the Salt Lake City office of the FBI, received on December 14, 1977. There is no record of any service on Director Kelley.

It should be pointed out that venue is improper in the United States District Court (USDC) for the District of Oregon as only the plaintiff resides there. [See, 28, USC, 1391(b). But see, 28, USC, 1391(e), if suit is deemed to have been brought against defendants Brown and Kelley in their official capacities.] In any event, the provisions of 28 USC, 1404, should be invoked to transfer this action to the USDC for the District of Utah for the convenience of the parties.

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The jurisdictional bases of this action are defective with respect to defendants Brown and Kelley. There is no allegation that plaintiff has been deprived of any right to make contracts, sue, or give evidence, therefore there is no factual pleading supporting a cause of action under 42, USC, 1981. Furthermore, it is well established that 42, USC, 1983, does not give rise to a cause of action against Federal officers.

Assuming arguendo that the gravamen of plaintiff's complaint is true, i.e., that defendant Brown approved a plan for the surveillance of plaintiff, he has stated no cause of action under 42, USC, 1985. In order to invoke 1985, a Constitutional right must have been violated and injury must have occurred. Although plaintiff alleges a police surveillance, there is no allegation that he was hindered in his movements, i.e., prevented from going to Salt Lake City, attending the Council meeting, or returning to his home. If any injury occurred, it was subjective in nature, (see Complaint page 10, paragraphs 22 and 23), and is therefore not actionable.

Assuming plaintiff's theory of this action is based on Bivens v. Six Unknown Agents of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics, 456 F. 2d, 1339 (2nd Cir., 1972), the jurisdiction for this type of suit must be based on 28, USC, 1331(a). (Plaintiff does not allege Federal question jurisdiction). This section requires a showing of \$10,000.00 in controversy. The claim must be dismissed where a court is convinced to a legal certainty that the necessary amount is not in controversy or that there is no present probability that an amount exceeding the minimum jurisdictional amount is at stake. As stated above, plaintiff has not factually alleged injury and therefore cannot claim damage in the required jurisdictional amount.

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It is noted that plaintiff identifies defendants Brown and Kelley as responsible for the actions of the personnel under their control, i.e., official capacity, (Complaint page 4, paragraphs 15 and 16). He seeks damages against Mr. Kelley personally for the actions of Brown (Complaint page 10, paragraph 24). He does not allege personal liability on the part of Brown. Inasmuch as a suit against a public official in his official capacity is construed as a suit against the Government, the suit should have been brought under the Federal Tort Claims Act, which is the exclusive remedy. We have no record of the filing of an administrative claim as required by the Federal Tort Claims Act.

Assuming Mr. Kelley is being sued in his personal capacity, there is no allegation in the Complaint which alleges any personal participation by him in the acts complained of.

It is suggested that failure to state a claim, lack of jurisdiction (subject matter and personal), and improper venue be raised in a motion to dismiss.

If an answer is to be filed, it is suggested that the allegations in the Complaint be answered as follows. With respect to the allegations in the First Cause of Action in the Complaint, it is requested that you specifically deny paragraphs 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 23, 24, 25, and 26 and aver insufficient information upon which to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the remaining paragraphs.

With respect to paragraph 1 of the Second Cause of Action, to the extent plaintiff realleges the paragraphs in the First Cause of Action, they are answered as stated above. Further, specifically deny the remainder of that paragraph. Paragraph 2 is denied.

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Please keep us advised of all pertinent developments in this case and provide us with copies of all documents filed with the Court. If any questions arise concerning this matter, please contact Special Agent [REDACTED] FBI Headquarters, Legal Counsel Division, at 324-4532. *bl*

Enclosures (2)

NOTE: Suit alleges personal liability on the part of former Director Kelley and for Salt Lake City SAC Clark Brown arising out of an alleged surveillance of plaintiff on 4/2-3/77. Instant memorandum responds to memorandum from AAG, CD, dated 1/9/78, requesting litigation report.

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

DOUGLAS A. WALLACE,
Plaintiff,
vs.
UNITED AIRLINES, et al
Defendants.

CIVIL NO. 77-964
JUDGMENT

Based on the record,
IT IS ORDERED this action is dismissed.
Dated this 26 day of April, 1978.

Robert M. Christ
Clerk, United States District Court

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

DOUGLAS A. WALLACE,
Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED AIRLINES, an Illinois
based domestic corporation,
CORPORATION OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
OF LATER-DAY SAINTS, a Utah
State corporation sole,
SPENCER W. KIMBALL, EZRA TAFT
BENSON, WENDELL J. ASHTON, J.
EARL JONES, CITY OF SALT LAKE,
a municipal corporation of the
State of Utah, TED WILSON,
GLEN M. GREENER, EDGAR A.
BRYAN, ELBERT A. WILLOUGHBY,
W.D. YOUNG, JOHN STONER, GEORGE
LEWIS, JULIAN BOND, individually
and in his capacity as administrator
of the Federal Aviation Ad-
ministration, BROCK ADAMS, in-
dividually and in his capacity as
Secretary of the Department of
Transportation of the United
States, CLARK F. BROWN, CLARENCE
KELLY, individually and in his
former capacity as director of
the Federal Bureau of Investigation
of the United States, GRIFFIN B.
BELL, individually and in his
capacity as Attorney General of the
United States, JOHN DOE I through
JOHN DOE V,

Defendants.

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ORDER

After review of the record and file in the
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Magistrate issued March 15, 1978, is approved.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all of defendants' motions to dismiss are granted and that the complaint is dismissed.

Dated this 21st day of April, 1978

James M. Burns
United States District Judge

I love America. I know you do. God and our children will judge us for what we do with our land and our liberties. As Theodore Roosevelt said over half a century ago, we "hold in our hands the hope of the world, the fate of the coming years, and shame and disgrace will be ours if in our eyes the light of high resolve is dimmed, if we trail in the dust the golden hopes of men."

With God's help the light of high resolve in the eyes of the American people must never be dimmed. Our freedom must – and will be preserved.

May God give us the wisdom to recognize the threat to our freedom and the strength to meet this danger courageously.

SAC Salt Lake

Director, FBI

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1 - Mr. Callahan/A. M. Newman **May 2, 1962**

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**"THE RED CARPET: SOCIALISM,
THE ROYAL ROAD TO COMMUNISM"
BY EZRA TAFT BENSON
PURCHASE OF BOOK
CENTRAL RESEARCH MATTER**

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Captioned book has recently come to the attention of the Bureau but is not available in the Washington, D. C. Area. There is no further publishing data available or price known at the present time. Please make discreet arrangements to obtain one copy of this book and forward expeditiously to the Bureau, attention of the Central Research Section.

NOTE: Section Chief R. W. Smith, Central Research Section, has requested one copy of this book for review after which it will be placed in the Bureau Library.

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Honorable Ezra Taft Benson
47 East South Temple Street
Salt Lake City 1, Utah

My dear Mr. Benson:

I very much appreciate receiving a copy of your book, "The Red Carpet," and I am looking forward to reading it. Thank you also for the personal inscription. Your generous comments certainly mean a great deal to me.

Sincerely yours,
L. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Mr. Benson is the former Secretary of Agriculture and is on the Special Correspondents' List. As indicated in the index of his book, the Director is mentioned a number of times. The majority of these references concern quotations from "Masters of Deceit" and are so identified. A few are other quotations of the Director's. None of these quotations appear particularly controversial or taken out of context. In the book, the Director refers to the Director as "my friend" and "distinguished American." A number in Salt Lake City taken from Special Correspondents' List.

Book will be reviewed by Central Research Section.

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April 18, 1962

The attached copy of "The Red Carpet," by Ezra Taft Benson, was sent to the Director by Mr. Benson, 206A, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 47 E. South Temple Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

The book contains the following inscription:

"To J. Edgar Hoover
Distinguished American patriot and
courageous defender of our freedom -
With all good wishes
Ezra Taft Benson"

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. Belmont _____
- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Callahan _____
- Mr. Conrad _____
- Mr. DeLoach _____
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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Sullivan

DATE: May 17, 1962

FROM : P. W. Smith

SUBJECT: "THE RED CARPET"
BY EZRA TAFT BENSON
CENTRAL RESEARCH MATTER

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A copy of the captioned book, autographed by Benson, former Secretary of Agriculture in the Eisenhower Administration, was forwarded to the Director and acknowledged by Bureau letter to Benson dated April 20, 1962. An additional copy was forwarded by the Salt Lake City Office by letter dated May 8, 1962, at the request of the Central Research Section for review.

The over-all theme of the book is that the American people in their search for economic security have gradually permitted the federal government to take away their individual freedoms. As a result, there has developed a type of creeping socialism, characterized by a concentration of power in the federal government, the welfare state, and unsound financial policies which encourage an ever increasing public debt and inflation. In Benson's view this situation is in effect "laying the Red Carpet, which permits creeping socialism to be America's 'royal road' to communism." (p. 83)

While Benson stresses the threat of internal communism (pp. 53-64), he also points out that "I do not fear the small, hard corps of subversives in America so much as I do those who do not see the danger to freedom that is inherent in more and more centralization of power in government." (p. 159) He calls for a reversal of the trend toward greater government control of industry, labor and agriculture and a strengthening of the moral and spiritual principles on which our Nation was founded. (pp. 283-298)

Benson, who is on the Special Correspondents' List, makes numerous favorable references to the Director and quotes extensively from "Masters of Deceit," as well as from articles and speeches by the Director. The book will be maintained in the Bureau library.

RECOMMENDATION:

None for information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: JUNE 17, 1962

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Page A4554. Congressman Rousselot, (R) California, pointed out that columnist George Todt discussed a recently published book by the Honorable

Ezra Taft Benson, Secretary of Agriculture of the Eisenhower administration, entitled "The Red Carpet." Mr. Todt's column appeared in the April 30, 1962, issue of the Los Angeles Herald Examiner. Mr. Rousselot stated "The thesis of the book is that Fabian socialism is the road to communism." Mr. Todt advised that "The remarkable book is in a class with Senator Barry Goldwater's 'Conscience of a Conservative,' J. Edgar Hoover's 'Masters of Deceit,' and W. Cleon Skousen's 'The Naked Communist.' All great works."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for JUNE 18, 1962 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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December 13, 1963

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This is a signal honor, a very great pleasure and a challenging responsibility. My gratitude for this opportunity is increased by the realization that it may be several months -- possibly years -- before I come to this lovely Cache Valley again. I love this Valley. Here I was born in a choice home and reared to manhood. Here in this very community I met, courted and won my choice companion who has been a constant inspiration and support to me. Yes, this is home country.

I am grateful for the call which has come to me again to preside over the European Mission, even though I leave my beloved country this time with greater anxiety for its future than ever before.

Because of the nature of the message I bring to you tonight I have committed most of it to writing. I shall speak to you frankly and honestly. Some of you may not agree with everything I say. Thank God in this blessed land we can still speak our convictions without fear. I have been in nations where this blessed privilege is no longer enjoyed.

These are my personal convictions borne out of an active life which has taken me into forty-five nations and brought me close to the insidious forces which would destroy our way of life.

I am not here to tickle your ears -- to entertain you. I will talk to you as one who loves this great nation. The message I bring is not a happy one but it is the truth, and time is always on the side of truth. "Truth must be repeated again and again because error is constantly being preached round about." (Goethe, 1749-1832 quoted in The Freeman, July, 1958.)

I realize that the bearer of bad news is always unpopular. As a people we love sweetness and light -- especially sweetness. We enjoy soft complacency. Ralph Waldo Emerson said that every mind must make a choice between truth and repose. Those who will learn nothing from history are condemned to repeat it. This we are doing in the Americas today.

George Washington stated, "Truth will ultimately prevail where there are pains taken to bring it to light." To bring the truth to light is our great challenge today. Lincoln said, "If danger ever reaches us it must spring up amongst us; it cannot come from abroad. If destruction be our lot, we must ourselves be its author and finisher. As a nation of free men, we must live through all time or die by suicide." Our real problem today is internal -- here at home.

J. Edgar Hoover in his sobering address, Communist Target -- Youth (p. 10-11) warns us that, "The menace of communism is not a simple forthright threat. Instead, it is a conspiracy which can be controlled only through full understanding of the true nature of the conspiracy and the ability to separate truth from propaganda. Only our apathy and laxity in the face of the threat which Communist infiltration efforts represent can cause such a failure. It is the duty of all Americans to fully understand the true import of this threat to our heritage, to expose it, and to combat it with every weapon at our command." (Communist Target--Youth, P. 10-11)

As probably the best informed man in America on the Communist Conspiracy Hoover further warns: "A tragedy of the past generation in the United States is that so many persons, including high-ranking statesmen, public officials, educators, ministers of the gospel, professional men, have been duped into helping communism. Communist leaders have proclaimed that communism must be partly built with non-communist hands, and this, to a large extent, is true." (Masters of Deceit, P. 93)

President David O. McKay has warned us time and time again that there is present in our own United States "influences the avowed object of which is to sow discord and contention among men with a view of undermining, weakening, if not entirely destroying, our constitutional form of government . . . It is the enemy from within" warns this great leader. "that is most menacing, especially when it threatens to disintegrate our established form of government." (Conf. Report 10/30-102)

~~For a quarter of a century I have seen, at close range, the insidious forward march of creeping socialism and its ruthless companion Godless communism. It is a shocking record of bluff, bluster, deception, intrigue, bondage and mass murder. Never in recorded history has any movement spread itself so far and so fast as has socialistic-communism in the past few years. The facts are not pleasant to review. Communist leaders are jubilant with their success. They are driving freedom back on almost every front.~~

Do you realize that the first Communist cell in our government, so far as we know, was organized in the United States Department of Agriculture in the 1930's. John Abt was there. Lee Pressman was there. Harry Dexter White was there. Yes, and Alger Hiss was there. In less than half a century this evil system has gained control over one-third of mankind, and it is steadily pursuing its vicious goal of control over all the rest of the world. Since World War II people have been brought under the communist yoke at the rate of more than 6,000 per hour, 144,000 per day, 52,000,000 per year.

But the Communist Party and its fellow travelers and sympathizers are "manifestly frightened by the possibility of the people of the U. S. becoming awakened. Communist success has always been achieved in an atmosphere of secrecy, deceit and confusion." (The Communist Attack on the John Birch Society, P. 12. Skousen) Therefore, courageous organizations and individuals that are successful in awakening the American people are marked for annihilation.

The smear seems to be the most widely used and effective tool of the Conspiracy to discredit and weaken any effective anti-communist effort. The smear of any individual or organization by the Communists, their dupes and fellow-travelers is certain evidence of effectiveness. If any of you are affiliated with patriotic organizations reportedly opposed to the Communist Conspiracy, which are not extensively smeared, you can rest assured your opposition is largely ineffective. You had best look for a more fruitful affiliation.

It seems almost unbelievable that 52 million liberty-loving people could be brought under Communist bondage each and every year since World War II. Why this shocking record? How could this happen? How can men, many of them in high places, who seem to be so strong for Christian principles and basic American concepts be so effectively used to serve the Communist Conspiracy? How can our own people be lulled away into a false security crying "All is well?"

I believe the answer is found in the fact that these Godless Communist Conspirators and their gullible fellow travelers are masters of deceit--who deceive the very elect.

Again I quote that great American, J. Edgar Hoover: "I would have no fears if more Americans possessed the zeal, the fervor, the persistence, and the industry to learn about this menace of Red fascism. I do fear for the liberal and progressive

who has been hoodwinked and duped into joining hands with the Communists. I confess to a real apprehension so long as Communists are able to secure ministers of the gospel to promote their evil work and espouse a cause that is alien to the religion of Christ and Judaism. I do fear so long as school boards and parents tolerate conditions whereby Communists and fellow travelers under the guise of academic freedom can teach our youth a way of life that eventually will destroy the sanctity of the home that undermines faith in God that causes them to scorn respect for constituted authority and sabotage our revered Constitution." (Menace of Communism, P. 11.) Our complacency as a nation is shocking. Yes, almost unbelievable.

* We are a prosperous nation. Our people have high-paying jobs. Our incomes are high. Our standard of living is at an unprecedented level. We do not like to be disturbed as we enjoy our comfortable complacency. We live in the soft present and feel the future is secure. We do not worry about history. We seem oblivious to the causes of the rise and fall of nations. We are blind to the hard fact that nations usually sow the seeds of their own destruction while enjoying unprecedented prosperity.

I say to you with all the fervor of my soul We are sowing the seeds of our own destruction in America and much of the free world today. It is my sober warning to you today that if the trends of the past thirty years--and especially the past three years--continue we will lose that which is as priceless as life itself--our freedom--our liberty--our right to act as free men. It can happen here. It is happening here.

Our greatest need in America today is to be alerted and informed. When we have become alerted and informed we will soberly sense the need for a reversal of the present trends. We will realize that the laws of economics are immutable. We will be convinced that we must return to a spirit of humility, faith in God and the basic concepts upon which this great Christian nation has been established under the direction of Divine Providence.

We must return to a realization of the source of our strength. Then and only then will we be able to see clearly American Might and Soviet Myth. Then will we realize the truth of what President George Albert Smith said that "The Constitution of the United States of America is just as much from my Heavenly Father as the Ten Commandments." (Conf. Report 4/48-182)

The sad and shocking story of what has happened in America in recent years must be told. Our people must have the facts. There is safety in an informed public. There is real danger in a complacent uninformed citizenry. This is our real danger today. Yes, the truth must be told even at the risk of destroying, in large measure, the influence of men who are widely respected and loved by the American people. The stakes are high. Freedom and survival is the issue.

Today we are at war. It is not enough to be against communism. We must shed our complacency and aggressively meet this challenge. . . . There can be no compromise with the Communists. They are at war with us--with the entire cause of freedom, and the sooner every American faces this hard fact the stronger our position will be. It is a real war. The lines are tightly drawn. The war is more insidious, more devious, more devastating and more satanical than any war in our history. Moral principles, once universally recognized are ignored. International law once respected is thrown to the wind.

The socialist-communist philosophy is devastatingly evil--destructive of all that is good, uplifting and beautiful. It strikes at the very foundation of all we hold dear. The communist "has convinced himself that nothing is evil which answers the call of expediency." This is a most damnable doctrine. People who truly accept such a philosophy have neither conscience nor honor. Force, trickery, lies, broken promises to them are wholly justified.

We believe in religion as a mode of life resulting from our faith in God. ~~Communism contends that all religion must be overthrown because it inhibits the spirit of world revolution.~~ Earl Browder a long-time leader of the Communist Party in the USA said, ". . . we communists do not distinguish between good and bad religions because we think they are all bad."

This atheistic degrading but militant philosophy is backed up with the strength and resources of a big country of 210 million people and a militaristic economy. In addition communism has built an empire of 700 million more slaves. Besides this it has agents in all free world countries whose ultimate aim is to overthrow the existing social order and bring these countries under the red flag. And yet in the face of all this we gullibly sign treaties and accept promises of these Godless murderers. When will we as a people awake to the awful threat which faces us? It must be soon or it will be too late. Already it is the eleventh hour.

The socialist-communist pattern and objective is being followed and achieved. The record is clear especially the fantastic and terrifying communist advance and conquest of the past 10 years. What will the world look like in another decade?

✓ / Lenin died in 1924. But before he died he had laid down for his followers the strategy for this conquest. It was we should readily admit, brilliant, farseeing, realistic and majestically simple. It has been paraphrased and summarized as follows "First, we will take Eastern Europe. Next, the masses of Asia. Then we shall encircle that last bastion of capitalism, the United States of America. We shall not have to attack, it will fall like overripe fruit into our hands."

As recent as ten years ago most Americans, even some who were fairly well informed, did not know and would not believe that there was any such thing as a socialist-communist conspiracy. Today some of these same people will solemnly argue as to whether we have five years or maybe ten years before we too are living as slaves in a Communist police state. They now realize it can happen here.

How did it all come about? Time will not permit details. However, the record of planned intrigue, deception and murder is available for all to see and read. The record is clear. Just a few highlights will suffice.

The first real great break for the Communist Conspiracy came in 1933. The United States formally recognized Stalin's Godless, murderous regime. We extended diplomatic relations to atheistic Russia. I believed it to be a mistake then and I am more convinced of it than ever today. Our recognition of Russia in 1933 tremendously increased their standing, prestige and credit, at home and with other nations. It saved them from financial collapse, and it enabled them greatly to increase their nests of spies and propaganda agents in this country and elsewhere in the world.

And we've been bailing them out of their difficulties and bolstering their slave economy ever since. They have repudiated the hundreds of millions owed to the U.S. before World War II and have deceptively withheld, even an expression of gratitude

for more than eleven billion dollars worth of food, supplies, war materials, etc., under lend-lease. And we're still at it. Now it's wheat. Soft on communism did someone say? No free nation has ever been more gullibly soft on this Godless Conspiracy than our own beloved but foolhardy nation.

Their second great break came with the beginning of World War II, which was largely brought on through the world-wide diplomatic conniving of Stalin's agents, making Russia a wartime ally of the Western nations, thereby providing the resulting opportunities for Communism through the chaos of war.

During the war and post-war period Communist agents kept the eyes and anger of the world focused on the crimes of Hitler. At the same time, Stalin, with his aim on Lenin's objectives carried out conquest and crime, continuously and successfully, that far outdid even Hitler's dreams. The record now began to be plain to see.

August, 1939, Poland was betrayed and the eastern portion seized. In 1940 Communism took over part of liberty-loving and America-loving Finland. Communism also swallowed up Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. Later at the Teheran Conference in 1943 with Alger Hiss, the Communist, as the principal advisor to President Franklin Roosevelt, it was made clear Stalin would be allowed to keep all and everything he had stolen.

Then a new series of conquests started. 1946: Albania, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Rumania, and Bulgaria. 1947: the mock elections in Poland formally completed the two years of incredibly cruel subjection of this traditional liberty-loving nation. Then in February, 1958, Czechoslovakia, created with the help of our own President Woodrow Wilson, fell. In October, 1950 Stalin's agents formalized their puppet state of East Germany. This finished the job as planned by Lenin 26 years earlier. The ruthless Communist Conspiracy now had Eastern Europe entire, and the first step of their infamous three-step program was complete.

Step two was Asia. The record clearly indicates that while achieving step one in Eastern Europe, the Communist masters were planning and working on step two to enslave Asia. The infiltration of China was already well advanced. Mao and the Chinese communists were already crushing their opposition. A prominent actor in this heart-rending drama was the great patriot, Chiang-Kai-Shek. General George Marshall also played a major but tragic role. His contribution was to help the communists. By 1950 the whole mainland of China was enslaved.

1951 saw Moscow's invaders seize Tibet. Then in the summer of 1953 the shameful action in Korea, so incredible in the light of past American history. Then in 1954 the better half of Indochina.

Then the blackout was temporarily slowed by Stalin's passing, but the Conspiracy continued forward towards ultimate total victory. We also witnessed the effective use of the so-called neutralists of which Sukarno, like Cuba's Castro is an example, and who, like Castro, a few years ago was referred to by American leaders as the George Washington of Indochina.

It is frightening to note the extent to which the goals announced by the Communist masters have been achieved and with American aid. Again I repeat their bold strategy:

"First, we will take Eastern Europe. Next, the masses of Asia. Then we will encircle that last bastion of capitalism, the United States of America. We shall not have to attack; it will fall like overripe fruit into our hands."

Coming to the Western Hemisphere what do we find? The Communist, Godless, insidious Conspiracy is moving forward at a shocking pace. There are very few remaining really anti-communist governments in Latin America. The growing communist infiltration and influence right inside our own continental borders has become alarming. It is particularly alarming to those who know the extent of the problem. And to the great majority of the American people--uninformed as they are--it is not believed. And therein lies the real danger.

Who would have believed in 1953, for instance, that in just ten years Cuba would be a slave state in the Communist empire--a military and political base for the continuing infiltration, subversion and attack of all of Latin America? Or that certain officials in our own government would have helped so effectively to betray Cuba into communist hands by following almost exactly the same pattern as that which was used in the earlier betrayal of China? And who would have believed ten years ago that the American people, only 90 miles away, would have been so conditioned by further years of pro-communist brainwashing that they would stand passively by accepting these developments without demanding appropriate drastic action.

Who would have believed that State Department officials and Presidents of the United States would refuse to confirm the historic and inspired Monroe Doctrine--the center of our foreign policy for 140 years? Who would have believed our own State Department would refer to a Godless, blustering dictator as the "great liberator of the Cuban people." Who would have believed that the American press would fall for the deceptive line of the Communist Conspiracy--even calling Castro the "George Washington of Cuba."

There is no greater evidence today of American complacency than this. Yes, we have been lulled away into a false security. We are busy making money, enjoying our abundance but oblivious to the gradual loss of our freedom which has made all of these blessings possible. As a nation we are affluent but foolish.

This nation needs a revival of patriotism, a return to basic concepts, an awakening to the most deadly peril ever to threaten our people. I say to you with all my heart that the danger is real and can be deadly. We must become alerted and informed.

With our national prestige at or near an all-time low, when will we act like men of courage? Why this continuing policy of softness toward communism? When will we begin to take positions based on what is right and then stand firm? The language and action of firmness will be respected and is the only safe course for our great nation to pursue. When will our national leaders mention at least, the Monroe Doctrine?

Grassroots thinking in America cries for strong, courageous leadership. Some American people are at long last becoming aroused in their hearts. They are far ahead of most Washington politicians. They oppose their leaders making concessions to Russia. They do not want to be lulled to sleep. The American people are convinced that a firm stand against the communist masters is the best protection against war. They want to know the truth without bluffing.

The American people are entitled to the facts. They will actively follow sound, courageous leadership. Our people know in their hearts that the opposite of victory is defeat, whether you call it "coexistence" or "compromise" with a godless tyranny.

We are at war and we must win the war. It's time to go on the offensive. Let's stop helping the enemy. Let's stop half-measures such as were used in Cuba. Let's be sure we're right and then mobilize sufficient strength to win. ~~For a change let's try victory!~~

I have great faith in the American people. When fully informed they will make wise decisions. They will stand up and be counted for what is right. This I know. I agree with sentiments expressed by one of our fine patriots, Tom Anderson, "As Americans we must stand up and be counted--else we'll be counted out. . . . The middle of the road between the extremes of good and evil is evil. When freedom is at stake, our silence is not golden, it's yellow. . . . Why change the American system which produced the greatest freedom for the greatest number of people in human history, along with the world's highest standard of living, for socialism. . . . Under any name socialism has been a miserable failure for 1,000 years. . . . A government big enough to give you everything you want is big enough to take everything you've got."

Ten years ago the American people did not dream that the communist advance was getting so near home as to threaten the very take over of central and South America. Yet today you can count on the fingers of one hand all the countries, in the whole continent and subcontinent together where the Communists do not exercise dominant influences in the governments. Does this concern us as U.S. citizens? Again I say it can happen here. And apparently some American people are ready to accept what ten years ago they would not have considered even possible. Yes, it can--it is happening here.

Who would have believed ten years ago that the Supreme Court of the U.S. would have wilfully and disastrously punched large ragged holes in our God-inspired Constitution? Who would have believed the Court would have handed down so many decisions favorable to the Communists and so weakening and destructive of our protection against them, that the communists themselves would openly declare certain of these decisions to be the greatest victory ever won by the communists in America.

Who would have believed 10 years ago that a great patriot and beloved spiritual leader would warn us that a recent decision of our Supreme Court is leading this nation down the road to atheism.

Who would have believed ten years ago that the Conference of Chief Justices of our state supreme courts would have been so disturbed by this usurption of power by the Supreme Court as to say things about the Warren-led Supreme Court as harsh as anything that has been said by even the so-called "extreme rightests", who in reality are real patriots in the spirit of Patrick Henry and the Founding Fathers.

Who would have believed that Washington politicians would be openly and brazenly sending American wealth in quantities of many billions to aid avowed communists. Or that the U.S. would be discouraging Soviet satellites from thinking of revolt and advising them to accept their status quo and make the best of their subservient relationship to Moscow without trying to change it.

Who would have believed ten years ago that the Presidents of the U.S. would be holding futile summit conferences with the murderous Lords of the Kremlin; fraternizing with and honoring as a guest of this nation our arch enemy and master murderer of all time, Nikita Khrushchev.

And who would have imagined that within ten years another President of the U.S. would support and get passed legislation making it the official policy of the U.S. to turn over our own armed forces into the hands of the United Nations, already visibly controlled by the communists and their dependencies. And yet that legislation has been on our statute books since September 1961. The only question now is how fast the Administration dares to implement it.

In view of all these and other facts one might well ask: America, what of the future?

And now a President of the United States has been assassinated by a communist within the borders of the United States. Will a nation in deep mourning rededicate itself to the fight against the Godless communist conspiracy. With cool heads and unwavering confidence and courage let us each do our part to become alerted and informed--to fight and defeat this Godless Conspiracy.

✓ What will the next ten years bring? Careful students of this problem, caused by the communist conspiracy conclude that at the present rate of communist progress, the struggle will in 10 years be over. Communist control, these authorities believe, will be visibly complete everywhere in the world except in North America and will actually be complete here in fact, if not in obvious form. Certainly, they say by 1973, unless Americans become alerted, informed and take effective anti-communist action, the full scourge of brutal communistic tyranny will be in effect all over the country. ✓ This, they say, will include military occupation, concentration camps, tortures, terror and all that is required to enable about 3% of the population to rule the other 97% as slaves. For achieving that "power and glory" throughout the world is, of course the real purpose of Communism. All else is mere pretense and deception on their part.

As, and if we move towards that condition there will be a gradual further loss of our freedom, an increase of the inducements for the acceptance of Communism, and a corresponding increase of the pressures to destroy or remove all opponents and all opposition to the communist advance.

There would be a further huge expansion of government and of its control over our economy, education, medical services, and every detail of our family and individual lives.

During such a period it is reasonable to expect--unless sufficient brakes are put on the present stampede to the left we will get exactly what the communist--socialist coalition is planning--the nationalization of insurance, transportation, communications, utilities, banks, farms, housing, hospitals and schools. To take over our schools the educational system will first have been federalized and then prostituted entirely to serving the propaganda needs of the state planners with absolutely no regard for truth, or scholarship or tradition.

Fantastic you say?

Impossible? Not so long ago I personally heard the people of Czechoslovakia, Cuba, Poland etc. express similar assurances, that the Communist Conspiracy would not take them over. But it did happen. Bondage did come. Freedom was lost.

No, I do not predict--nor do the experts--that all these tragic things must come to pass within ten years. I do say however, that such is clearly indicated ~~unless something is done to slow up, stop or reverse present communist progress in this hemisphere and particularly in the United States.~~

I expect to continue to pray, speak and act with all my energy, and I hope you do also, to prevent the tragedy in America which has come to many other once free lands. At present, unless we join with those small but determined and knowledgeable patriots dedicated to preserve our freedom, a cold calculation would show that we will not be able to change the course of the present ominous and shocking trends in our beloved country.

As I leave the shores of this choice land, it is my hope and prayer that the American people can be awakened sufficiently from their sleep of complacency--that they will become alerted and informed. It is also my hope and prayer that more will join forces with those who are opposing the conspiracy in an effective organization. Words will not stop the communists. We must be neither fatalists nor pessimists. We must be realists of high character and deep spirituality.

It has been carefully estimated that since August, 1945, the Communists have averaged taking over about seven thousand newly enslaved subjects every hour. And please remember that these people, whether in Indonesia or Iraq or Korea, have the same love for their families, think of concentration camps with the same despairing horror, and feel the same pain under torture, as do you and I.

So let me repeat that, Seven thousand more human beings just like you and me have been brought under the incredibly brutal rule of a Communist police state, every hour twenty-four hours of every day 365 days of every year for the past eighteen years. And not only is that process not being interrupted in any way. Today the rate of conquest and enslavement is actually increasing. The number of slave labor camps has increased under Khrushchev compared to Stalin. Yet some gullible, fuzzy heads are trying to tell us that the Communists are changing--becoming more co-operative. They might change their strategy but their objective is still to "bury us". Their deadly conspiracy remains the same.

"Now please note that the Communists have never made any of this immense progress by the direct use of force. They have beguiled Chinese into fighting Chinese. Koreans into fighting Koreans. Vietnamese into fighting the French and each other, the Israelis, British and French into fighting Egyptians, and the Algerians into fighting the French. They have even maneuvered Americans into fighting Chinese Communists in Korea, with the Americans' hands tied behind their backs. But not one Russian regiment has ever taken part in any of this imperialistic advance, except in the suppression of rebellion in already conquered territory as in Hungary. The Communists have put over these tremendous gains by bluff and bluster, lies and deception, murder, and above all--by treason within our governments and by diplomatic pressures based on all of these other means. And that lamp of experience certainly should guide us as to what they are up to today." (Blue Book J.R.S. P. 27)

There are three possible methods by which the Communists might take us over. One would be through a sufficient amount of infiltration and propaganda to disguise Communism as just another political party.

The second method would be by fomenting internal civil war in this country, and aiding the communists' side in that war with all necessary military might.

The third method would be by a slow insidious infiltration resulting in a take over without the American people realizing it.

The Soviets would not attempt military conquest of so powerful and so extensive a country as the United States without availing themselves of a sufficiently strong fifth column in our midst, a fifth column which would provide the sabotage, the false leadership, and the sudden seizures of power and of means of communication needed to convert the struggle from the very beginning into a civil war rather than clear-cut war with an external enemy.

We can foresee a possibility of the Kremlin taking this gamble in time. In fact, it is clear that the Communists long ago made plans to have this method available, in whole or in part to whatever extent it might be useful. The trouble in our southern states has been fomented almost entirely by the Communists for this purpose. It has been their plan, gradually carried out over a long period with meticulous cunning, to stir up such bitterness between the whites and blacks in the South that small flames of civil disorder would inevitably result. They could then fan and coalesce these little flames into one great conflagration of civil war, in time, if the need arose.

The whole slogan of "civil rights" as used to make trouble in the South today, is an exact parallel to the slogan of "Agrarian reform" which they used in China. The pending "civil rights" legislation is, I am convinced, about 10% civil rights and about 90% a further extension of socialistic Federal Controls. It is part of the pattern for the Communist take over of America. "The whole civil rights" program and slogan in America today is just as phony as were the "Agrarian reform" program and slogan of the Communists in China 20 years ago.

But the third method is far more in accordance with Lenin's long-range strategy. It is one which they are clearly relying on most heavily. And this is taking us over by a process so gradual and insidious that Soviet rule is slipped over so far on the American people before they ever realize it is happening, that they can no longer resist the Communist conspiracy as free citizens, but can resist the Communist tyranny only by themselves becoming conspirators against established government. The process in that direction is going on right now, gradually but surely and with ever-increasing spread and speed.

A part of that plan of course, is to induce the gradual surrender of American sovereignty, piece by piece and step by step to various international organizations.

Communism is not a political party, nor a military organization, nor an ideological crusade nor a rebirth of Russian imperialist ambition, though it comprises and uses all of these. Communism in its unmistakable reality, is wholly a conspiracy, a gigantic conspiracy to enslave mankind; an increasingly successful conspiracy controlled by determined, cunning and utterly ruthless gangsters, willing to use any means to achieve its end.

Today as never before, America has need for men and women who possess the moral strength and courage of our forefathers--modern-day patriots, with pride in our country and faith in freedom.

"What we desperately need today is patriotism founded on a real understanding of the American ideal--a dedicated belief in our principles of freedom and a determination to perpetuate America's heritage. . . . There must be in America a rebirth of the spirit of Valley Forge . . ." (J. Edgar Hoover)

✓ We are losing, rapidly losing a cold war in which our freedom, our country, and our very existence are at stake. And while we do not seem to know we are losing this war, you can be sure the Communists do. They realize it fully and they are jubilant with their success. There is just one thing--only one thing in the whole world--which the Communists fear today. It is that, despite their tremendous influence in our government and over all of our means of mass communication--they fear that the American people will wake up too soon to what has really been happening and what is now happening right under their very noses.

The only thing which can possibly stop the Communists is for the American people to learn the truth in time--to become alerted and informed.

There are some seven hundred million non-Russians, non-Communists now living daily lives of virtual slavery behind the Iron Curtain, some forty million of them in the actual slave labor camps of Russia and Red China. These good people only a dozen years ago, or much less, enjoyed practically the same personal freedoms as do you and I today. These people now say to each other but above all to themselves: "If I had only known! If I had only believed! If I had only been alert and informed!"

This is a world-wide battle, the first of its kind in history, between light and darkness; between freedom and slavery, between the spirit of Christianity and the spirit of anti-Christ for the souls and bodies of men. Let's win that battle by alertness, by determination, by courage, by an energizing realization of the danger, if we can; but let's win it even with our lives if the time comes when we must.

God grant that the United States of America may become alerted and informed and provide the courageous leadership so desperately needed in the world today. Then the enslaved people everywhere would start throwing off their shackles. And God grant that the restoration of freedom and honor and sanity to the conduct of human affairs will begin before the Godless Communist Conspiracy destroys our civilization.

What a glorious day it would be to see America, a land choice above all other lands, exert her power and leadership. America, the greatest nation under Heaven, is the hope of the free world, and the hope for the slaves of despotism. This nation is the only effective deterrent to total Communist slavery. We can prevent it. We can restore and preserve freedom.

Imagine the joy of mankind living in a free world once again, as brothers, as the God of Heaven would have us do. That it may again be realized in our day, is my humble prayer.



WHAT IS A "MORMON"?

by Richard L. Evans

Strictly speaking, there is no such thing as a "Mormon," and there is no "Mormon" Church. "Mormon" is merely a nickname for a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Are "Mormons" Christians?

Unequivocally yes—both as to the name of the Church and in unqualified acceptance and worship of Jesus Christ.

Are "Mormons" Protestants?

The answer is no. Latter-day Saints claim no authority by succession from any other church or sect. They testify that the Church of Jesus Christ was re-established in the early nineteenth century through divine revelation and authority given to its modern prophet-leader, Joseph Smith, Jr.

Do "Mormons" believe in the Holy Trinity?

Yes. The Latter-day Saint accepts the Godhead as three literal, distinct personalities: God, the Father; His Son, Jesus the Christ (who is one with the Father in purpose and in thought, but separate from Him in body); and the Holy Ghost, a Personage of Spirit (Acts 7:55, etc.).

What do "Mormons" believe about the Bible?

The Bible is basic to "Mormon" belief. It is accepted as "the word of God."

What is the Book of Mormon?

The Book of Mormon is part of a record, both

sacred and secular, of the prophets and peoples who (with some supplementary groups) were ancestors of the American "Indians." It covers principally the people of the period from about 600 B.C. to 421 A.D.

The book takes its title from a man whose name was Mormon, who was one of the later prophets of the thousand-year period, and witnesses that Jesus the Christ visited the inhabitants of the Western Hemisphere after His ascension.

How many "Mormons" are there?

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (with headquarters in Salt Lake City, Utah) numbers some two million, with 4,000 congregations throughout the world.

What is the "Mormon" attitude on liquor and tobacco?

A code of health and conduct given in 1833 and known as the "Word of Wisdom" disapproves the use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, and "hot drinks" (specifically tea and coffee).

What is the "Mormon" philosophy of freedom?

The "Mormon" loves freedom as he loves life. He believes that there is no principle more basic to the Gospel of Jesus Christ than the God-given free agency of every man. He believes that a war in heaven was fought for freedom, and that the right of choice is essential to the soul's salvation.

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The Honorable
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Word has come to be, not yet fully confirmed, that some of our liberal "soft-on-communist" groups are planning to put pressure on you to come out with a statement against the John Birch Society. Although not a member of J. B. S. I have had a close association with the organization and its leaders and have read much of their literature. I have no doubt but what you are well acquainted with the organization also, and its objectives aimed at greater personal responsibility, less government and a better world.

I am however, enclosing a few items of literature which you may find time to scan. It is my conviction that this organization is the most effective non-church group in America in the fight against creeping socialism and godless communism.

For the last fourteen months I have been directing the work of the "Mormon" Church in Europe and am leaving tomorrow for New York City to attend a Board Meeting of Corn Products Company. I have in mind trying to reach you by telephone but wanted to dictate this note to you before I left. If I do not reach you from New York, I hope it will be my pleasure to see you on my next visit home.

Assuring you of my admiration and loyalty and with prayerful good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

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[From the Salt Lake Tribune, Mar. 21, 1963]
BENSON CLARIFIES VIEWS ON BIRCH SOCIETY STAND

At least 1,000 persons have written headquarters of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints seeking the church's views on the John Birch Society, Ezra Taft Benson, member of the Council of Twelve Apostles, disclosed Wednesday.

Returning to Salt Lake City from a 2-day business trip to New York, the former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture said he is amazed at the number of persons making such inquiries.

"At least a thousand persons, either members of the society or just well informed on it have written President David O. McKay to learn the church's stand," Elder Benson said.

Mr. Benson said that although he is not a member of the society, he "strongly" believes in its principles. He added that by the same token, while he is not a member of the Farm Bureau, he believes in its efforts, too.

Mr. Benson said he is too busy with his church work to join many organizations he would like to support.

"I have stated, as my personal opinion only, that the John Birch Society is the most effective nonchurch organization in our fight against creeping socialism and godless communism."

"Obviously only one man, President David O. McKay, speaks for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) on matters of policy.

"In response to many inquiries, the office of President McKay has stated, 'that members of the church are free to join anti-Communist organizations if they desire and their membership in the church is not jeopardized by so doing.

"The church is not opposing the John Birch Society or any other organization of like nature; however, it is definitely opposed to anyone's using the church for the purpose of increasing membership for private organizations sponsoring these various ideologies."

Elder Benson, whose son, Reed, is Utah coordinator for the John Birch Society, said he is completely impressed by the people who are pushing the work of the society and praised the "honesty and integrity" of Robert Welch, the founder.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS,
Salt Lake City, Utah, August 1, 1963.

Mr. ROBERT W. LEE,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

DEAR BROTHER LEE: In your letter of July 27, 1963, you state that Senator WALLACE F. BENNETT will enter in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a copy of a letter which has been sent from this office to members of the church who have inquired whether or not the church objects to their joining the John Birch Society.

President McKay has instructed me to tell you that Senator BENNETT has his permission to have printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the letter in question as follows:

"Inasmuch as President McKay is under such a heavy schedule of duties and meetings associated with the general administration of the church, he has asked me to acknowledge for him your letters of January 25 and 28, 1963, wherein you make reference to a recent statement published by the first presidency setting forth the position of the church regarding partisan politics and other related matters.

"I have been directed to say that members of the church are free to join anti-Communist organizations if they desire and their membership in the church is not jeopardized by so doing. The church is not opposing the John Birch Society or any other organization of like nature; however, it is definitely opposed to anyone's using the church for the purpose of increasing membership for private organizations sponsoring these various ideologies.

"Sincerely yours,

CLARE MIDDLEMISS,

"Secretary to President David O. McKay."

With best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

CLARE MIDDLEMISS,

Secretary to President David O. McKay.

Church News

Week Ending March 16, 1963

Elder Benson Makes Statement

Elder Ezra Taft Benson of the Council of the Twelve issued the following statement this week in Sacramento after consultation with President David O. McKay:

"I have stated, as my personal opinion only, that the John Birch Society is 'the most effective non-church organization in our fight against creeping socialism and godless communism.'

"Obviously only one man, President David O. McKay, speaks for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on matters of policy. In response to many inquiries, the office of President McKay has stated 'that members of the Church are free to join anti-communist organizations if they desire and their membership in the Church is not jeopardized by so doing. The Church is not opposing the John Birch Society or any other organization of like nature; however, it is definitely opposed to anyone's using the Church for the purpose of increasing membership for private organizations sponsoring these various ideologies.'"

Elder Benson spoke Tuesday night in Fresno and Wednesday night in Sacramento on Community Forums sponsored by the McClatchy Newspapers on the theme "Threats to Our Freedom."

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Los Angeles Times

THURSDAY
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State Senate Probe Clears Birch Society

Organization Is Not Subversive, Committee Says

BY GENE BLAKE

The John Birch Society is not subversive, the State Senate Fact-Finding Subcommittee on Un-American Activities decided Wednesday after a two-year investigation.

No evidence was found that the society is secret, Fascist, anti-Semitic or un-American. The subcommittee described it as a "right, anti-Communist, fundamentalist organization."

Meetings Attended

The subcommittee said it sent representatives to Birch Society chapter meetings and obtained names of members without difficulty. Statements or affidavits

were received from many members and officers, whose names are listed in the report.

"We have found the average member to have been concerned about the advances of the world Communist movement and the advances of Communist subversion in this country," the subcommittee said.

"The John Birch Society has provided the only organization with a militant program of study and action through which the frustrations of these people can be released."

SACRAMENTO (AP) — The John Birch Society was described as dedicated but not dangerous by a legislative committee in a report Wednesday.

The committee found the society "a Right, anti-Communist, fundamentalist organization."

"We found no evidence of anti-Semitism. . . . We believe that the reason the John Birch Society has attracted so many members is that it simply appeared to them to be the most effective, indeed the only, organization through which they could join in a national movement to learn the truth about the Communist menace and then take some positive concerted action to prevent its spread."

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June 7, 1965

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AIRMAIL



EX-101

Honorable Ezra Taft Benson
European Mission
Bettinastrasse 55
6 Frankfurt/Main 9, German Federal Republic

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Dear Mr. Benson:

Thank you for your letter of May 28th and for your kind sentiments and generous remarks concerning my administration of the FBI.

It was indeed thoughtful of you to furnish me your views regarding the John Birch Society and its head and, while I have yet to receive the copy of "The Politician," I have taken note of your impressions.

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Sincerely yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is on the Special Correspondents' List. At the time of approval of this letter in the Correspondence and Tours Section, the copy of "The Politician" had yet to be received in the Bureau. In view of the deep-political implications involved in this matter, no further acknowledgement concerning "The Politician" is being anticipated.

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Mr. Benson in effect urges Mr. Hoover to read the revised version of "The Politician" as it perhaps represents a truer insight into the beliefs of Robert Welch. Benson implies very tactfully and diplomatic that perhaps Mr. Hoover was wrong in claiming he had little respect for head of the John Birch Society.

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May 28, 1965

TELEGRAM ADDRESS:
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Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
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The Honourable J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

For eight years as Secretary of Agriculture I had a close association with President Eisenhower. My gratitude for his support of my fight for a free agriculture was expressed in my book, CROSSFIRE. When my son Reed was making his year long investigation of the John Birch Society during which time I was making some investigation myself, Reed ask Mr. Welch to send me a copy of the yet unpublished confidential letter on Eisenhower. This he did and indicated that he would allow me to read the letter. I have read the letter a couple of times and have also read the published edition, now available in paperback and in book form, entitled THE POLITICIAN, which is fully documented with footnotes which were not a part of the original letter. Toward the close of the book Mr. Welch lists three alternatives which he feels might explain President Eisenhower's tragic dealings with the Communists. In essence he indicates that Mr. Eisenhower was either ignorant, a politician, or consciously aiding the communist conspiracy. Mr. Welch does not argue with anyone who might pick any of the three alternatives because he feels that they all come to the same end regardless of which one is chosen, namely tragedy. In other words, what difference does it make if your house is burned down by an ignorant man, a person who wants to get warm fast, or an arsonist.

Of course before the judgement bar of God there is a difference between ignorance and arson, but as far as one's home is concerned and even more important, as far as this Republic is concerned, there is little difference. Mr. Eisenhower, to his credit, backed me up over 90% of the time in my fight for a free agriculture. In other areas we had differences. I presume I will never know in this life why he did some of the things he did which gave help to the conspiracy. It is not my divine perogative to know the motives of man. It is easier however, to judge the consequences of man's actions.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
May 28, 1965
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In my study of the conspiracy which I am sure is weak compared with your own, the consequences of Mr. Eisenhower's actions in dealing with the Communists have been tragic. After having read the **POLITICIAN** the first time I inscribed these words on the flyleaf at the back of the copy.

"Note 3-25-63

Have just finished this shocking volume. About a year ago I read an earlier edition of the **POLITICIAN** without the prologue, the last chapter, Epilogue, Bibliography or Index. These have made the volume more compelling and useful.

While I do not agree with all or the extent of some of the author's conclusions, one must agree that the documented record makes the thesis of the book most convincing.

How can a man who seems to be so strong for Christian principles and basic American concepts be so effectively used as a tool to serve the communist conspiracy? I believe the answer is found in the fact that these God-less communist conspirators and their fellow travelers are masters of deceit-who deceive the very elect.

How our people need to be alerted and informed. To this end this book should be made available under paper cover at not to exceed \$1.00 for maximum distribution and also run serially in a national magazine such as "U. S. News & World Report." The story must be told even at the risk of destroying the influence of men who are widely respected and loved by the American people. The stakes are high. Freedom and survival are the issues.

/s/ E. T. B."

While I do not agree with Robert Welch in everything he says anymore than I could expect him to agree with all I say, none of us find perfection in mortal life. However, I have been amazed at the uncanny accuracy of Mr. Welch in calling the shots on the Communists, particularly among their international agents. In fact it appears to me that one of the things that disturbs the Liberals the most about Mr. Welch is that he has been too right too soon too often, as he was about Castro, Juan Bosch, Ben Bella, Betancourt, Sukarno, etc., etc. These were not guesses made by Mr. Welch. These were straight-thinking conclusions, made after he had compiled substantial incriminating evidence. I know you have expressed yourself, or so it was reported, regarding Mr. Welch recently at a news conference. While I can not agree with all of Mr Welch's own personal conclusions regarding certain men, it is difficult to argue with his facts.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
May 28, 1965
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I know of course that the Communists don't want us to organize and do anything to stop them until we can find the perfect organization led by the perfect individual with the perfect plan and perfect followers. Of course they figure that if people wait long enough they will have waited too long. The leadership program, the members and the accomplishments of the John Birch Society have been impressive to me. It has also been impressive that a number of former F. B. I. officials, counterspys, intelligence officers, and others who have associated in like occupations have either endorsed or joined the John Birch Society.

While Mr. Welch is the leader of the Society, his book, the *POLITICIAN*, is I understand his own private writing and is not a part of the official publications of the Society. The book has been printed privately by Mr. Welch. I know how very busy you must be, but I do hope you have the opportunity to read through this latest edition of the *POLITICIAN*, which I send you with my sincere compliments.

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I realize that only in the next life will we fully appreciate all you have done to preserve freedom in this country. I am most grateful for your exposure of the communist conspiracy and for the wonderful organization you have established in the F. B. I. I pray that your courage will continue and that your hand will be blessed and prospered in all that you do to preserve our Constitutional Republic.

You have my faith and prayers, confidence and gratitude, which are I am sure joined with those of thousands of Americans. As you probably recall the second phone call I made after I had been asked to serve as Secretary of Agriculture, was directly to you. I am most anxious to help in my small way to preserve our heritage, bequeathed to us by our founding fathers. If you have any counsel or suggestions for me at any time in our fight to preserve freedom, I hope you will feel free to make them.

God bless you.

Faithfully yours,



Ezra Taft Benson
President

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

June 16, 1965

- MR. TOLSON _____
- MR. BELMONT _____
- MR. MOHR _____
- MR. DELOACH _____
- MR. CASPER _____
- MR. CALLAHAN _____
- MR. CONRAD _____
- MR. FELT _____
- MR. GALE _____
- MR. ROSEN _____
- MR. SULLIVAN _____
- MR. TAVEL _____
- MR. TROTTER _____
- MR. JONES _____
- TELE. ROOM _____
- MISS HOLMES _____

By letter 5-28-65 Mr. Ezra Taft Benson, European Mission, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Frankfurt, Germany, advised he was sending with his compliments a copy of Robert Welch's book, "The Politician," which he hoped the Director would have a chance to read.

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Reference is made to the FBI on pages 16, 153, 226, 231, and 288; and to the Director on page 290.

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The book is autographed:

"To Hon. J. Edgar Hoover with admiration and best wishes
Ezra Taft Benson
JUN 22 1965

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May 26, 1965

AIRMAIL

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EX-101

Honorable Ezra Taft Benson
European Mission
Postfach 3106
55 Bettinastrasse
Frankfurt/Main 9, German Federal Republic

Dear Mr. Benson:

Your letter of May 17th, with enclosures, has been received, and I want to thank you for making the literature available to me.

It certainly was thoughtful of you to bring your observations to my attention and I do appreciate this.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Mr. Benson is on the Special Correspondents' List. The enclosures are leaflets containing articles on the John Birch Society and are reprints from the "Congressional Record," "Los Angeles Times" and "Church New The fourth enclosure is the booklet entitled "The Communist Attack on the John Birch Society" by W. Cleon Skousen, who EOD with the FBI as a cleric on 10-24-35 in which capacity he served until 6-17-40 when he became a Special Agent. He voluntarily resigned the latter position on 10-5-51.

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Honorable Ezra Taft Benson

Mr. Benson's son, Reed Benson, telephoned the Bureau on 5-17-65 to ascertain if the Director would visit with his father if he came to Washington on 5-19-65 or 5-20-65, at that time he was advised that the Director's schedule was such that he could not in that time visit.

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THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
 EUROPEAN MISSION
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 6 FRANKFURT/MAIN 9, GERMANY
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June 15, 1965

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- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. DeLoach _____
- Mr. Casper _____
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Personal
 The Honorable
 J. Edgar Hoover
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington, D. C.
 U. S. A.

(to be on your...)

Dear, Mr. Hoover:

Book

A few days ago I mailed you under separate cover a copy of the \$1.00 edition of THE POLITICIAN. I hope you find it of interest. To me it is a most significant and alarming volume.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Handwritten signature of Ezra Taft Benson

Ezra Taft Benson
President

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Honorable Ezra Taft Benson
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
47 East South Temple Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Dear Mr. Benson:

I have received your letter of December 20th,
with enclosures and the record albums. It was indeed
thoughtful of you to make these items available to me.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. Sullivan (sent with cover memo) 1 - Miss Holmes (sent with cover memo)

NOTE: See Jones to DeLoach memo, dated 12-28-65, and captioned
"Ezra Taft Benson."

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THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
47 EAST SOUTH TEMPLE STREET
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

EZRA TAFT BENSON

December 20, 1965

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Miss Gandy	_____

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I attach herewith, copy of a letter from Robert Welch transmitting to me a set of the TWELVE TRUMPETS, which is a recording of a three day seminar held near Chicago late last summer.

I have listened to these twenty-four recordings with a great deal of interest and satisfaction. I believe they represent the most comprehensive run down of the world-wide socialist-communist conspiracy that I know of.

My son, Reed A. Benson, will deliver a set of these recordings to you at your office with the compliments of himself and the author. I do hope that in your busy life you will find time to listen to the TWELVE TRUMPETS.

Wishing you a joyous Christmas season and the rich blessings of a kind Providence throughout the New Year, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Ezra Taft Benson
Ezra Taft Benson

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cc: Reed A. Benson
Suite 1004
1028 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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ROBERT WELCH
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

November 5, 1965

Dr. Ezra Taft Benson
47 East South Temple Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Dear Ezra:

You and I might disagree as to whether or not Eisenhower ever has looked where he was going, or whether Lyndon Johnson ever has gone where he was looking. But there can be no disagreement concerning certain basic facts of contemporary history.

(1) Since 1945 the Communists have made steady progress towards enslavement of the whole world -- including ourselves.

(2) The Communists have not made this progress through ideological victories, except as the movement to the left has created a climate more favorable for their conspiracy. Never once have the Communists persuaded any people to vote themselves, knowingly, into Communism.

(3) The Communists have not made any of this progress through military victories. Their pretended military might has been used only for prestige, bluff, and negotiations.

(4) The Communist advance has been entirely dependent on the cunning, cruelty, and ruthlessness of their conspiratorial activities. They have now taken over some forty countries, always by subversion and guerrilla activities from within, never by armed attack from without.

(5) Our country is directly in the path of that progress and that strategy. The internal subversion here is already far advanced. The guerrilla activities, which were conducted in China under the noble-sounding slogan of "agrarian reform," are to be carried out here under the noble-sounding slogan of "civil rights."

(6) The one thing that no conspiracy can withstand is the light of day on its activities. The only thing that the gigantic Communist conspiracy fears is exposure of its methods and of its working parts. This is why McCarthy was more dangerous to the Communists than Franco or Chiang Kai-shek, and why McCarthy simply had to be destroyed.

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Dr. Ezra Taft Benson

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November 5, 1965

Into this picture, seven years ago, entered The John Birch Society. Its thesis with regard to the Communist conspiracy was that if enough people knew what was happening, it wouldn't happen. This is why, from the beginning, the Society has devoted its total energy to the purpose set forth in the Blue Book, and emphasized on its last page: To create understanding. Even the projects we have initiated for specific action have all been designed to cause more people to study and understand what was taking place. Education has been our only strategy, and truth our only weapon.

The Communists grasped the point quite early that The John Birch Society thus constituted a new form of opposition, which they had not faced in any of the countries they had already subjugated. This is why the Communists have devoted more effort (and more space in both the Moscow and the American Communist press) to attacks on The John Birch Society than they have ever given to any other non-official opposition. Beguiling non-Communists, as always, into doing most of their work for them, the Communists have sought above all else to keep people from believing -- or even from listening to or learning about -- the facts and analyses we were bringing to light. They have been conducting an all-out drive to destroy The John Birch Society if possible; but, if not possible, then to smother it at all costs.

Of course the Communists have had some success in this continuous and growing campaign. The results have made it more difficult for our field staff to get the kind of prospects we wanted to come to our presentation meetings (we have had to keep right on growing despite that handicap). And -- which brings us at last to the reason for writing you this letter -- the more serious effect of the unceasing smear has been the reluctance of Conservatives of national prominence to come to my two-day or three-day seminars. Many would like to hear the comprehensive survey of the Communist background, methods, purposes, and progress which we are able to offer in these seminars, but are afraid of somehow being smeared themselves, with the tar used on Birchers, if they attend.

But getting the most influential Conservatives, in all divisions of our national life, to acquire more understanding of the Communist conspiracy is exactly what our country needs more than anything else today. Unless we can bring leaders like yourself to a very realistic awareness of what is really taking place, and soon, there is little chance of saving our own country from going the route of Czechoslovakia and China and Cuba and the Congo. And so, like Mohammed, we'll go to the mountains.

Dr. Ezra Taft Benson

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November 5, 1965

We have had the presentation at a recent three-day seminar recorded, edited, and made into records by one of America's ablest and most successful experts in this field. The result is twelve albums, each one containing two long-play records. We have called these twelve albums ONE DOZEN TRUMPETS, and the set bears a retail price of fifty dollars. We are sending you one such set entirely free, with our compliments.

The albums are, of course, numbered in series, and each one requires 1 1/2 hours for playing all four sides of the two records. This means that the total listening time required for the whole series is considerable -- eighteen hours, in fact. But the Communists have kept their long-range plots and short-time machinations so purposely involved and deceptive that a revealing and convincing exposition of their whole program requires great thoroughness. And thoroughness, in all that we undertake, has been a trademark of The John Birch Society since it was founded.

It is no part of our intention, through the use of these records, to try to get you to join the Society. All we are asking is that, for the sake of your country, your family, and yourself, you use whatever help even we can offer towards becoming as fully informed as you can concerning the immense and imminent danger that now threatens us all. And as simply one small bit of preliminary evidence that we do know what we are talking about, one of our recent pamphlets, "WILD STATEMENTS," is enclosed. We hope that you will read it, and will then be encouraged to give the necessary time over the next few weeks to hearing the ONE DOZEN TRUMPETS, in proper sequence from beginning to end. It is a very heavy demand on your time, we are certainly well aware; but we also believe, from the experience and reports of many other able men, that you will be glad by the time you have finished to have heard this whole story yourself -- and that you will feel it was well worth while.

Sincerely,

Ba

Robert Welch

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 12-28-65

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: EZRA TAFT BENSON

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The Director has received a letter dated 12-20-65 from former Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson. He encloses a copy of a letter he received from Robert Welch, the head of the John Birch Society in which Welch advises Benson that he is forwarding him a set of 12 record albums, each containing two long-playing records. The set bears the title "One Dozen Trumpets" and is a recording of a three-day seminar held near Chicago late last summer. According to Welch's letter to Benson, the playing time for the entire series of 24 records is 18 hours.

In his letter to the Director, Mr. Benson indicates that he has listened to these records "with a great deal of interest and satisfaction." He further indicates that he "believes they represent the most comprehensive run down of the world-wide socialist-communist conspiracy that I know of." Mr. Benson advises that his son Reed A. Benson will deliver a set of these recordings to the Director. They have been received and need not be returned.

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

Bufiles reflect no information identifiable with "One Dozen Trumpets." Reed A. Benson is in charge of the local John Birch Society office and he is on the Special Correspondents' List as is Ezra Taft Benson.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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1. That the attached letter of acknowledgement to Mr. Ezra Taft Benson be approved and sent.

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2. That the set of records "One Dozen Trumpets" be forwarded to the Domestic Intelligence Division for their information and destruction after 90 days.

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Enclosure sent 12-31-65
1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure
1 - Mr. Sullivan - Enclosure

1 - Miss Gandy - Enclosure
1 - Miss Holmes - Enclosure

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Wick

DATE: 4-13-66

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: EZRA TAFT BENSON
DESIRE TO PUBLISH DIRECTOR'S SPEECHES

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By letter 4-7-66, Mr. Benson, former Secretary of Agriculture, indicates that the Director is held in the highest esteem by the leadership of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and that no American is quoted more frequently by that leadership than the Director. Benson states that the Church operates a wholly owned Deseret Book Company with outlets in various parts of the nation, and that the [redacted] has discussed with him the possibility of publishing a compilation of the Director's addresses. The purpose of Benson's letter is to see if the Director would have any interest at all in such a project. Bufiles reflect no references identifiable with the Deseret Book Company or [redacted] Benson, of course, is on the Special Correspondents' List and we have had considerable correspondence with him.

While Benson's project has merit, it should be pointed out that much of our correspondence in the last couple years with Benson has concerned the John Birch Society. He has furnished the Director with numerous pamphlets, books and recordings concerning the Society and by letter 5-28-65, urged the Director to read the revised version of "The Politician," by Robert Welch, as it perhaps represents a truer insight to the beliefs of Welch. Benson implied very tactfully and diplomatically that perhaps Mr. Hoover was wrong in claiming he had little respect for the John Birch Society. In addition, Benson's son, Reed A. Benson, is in charge of the local John Birch Society office. Byltr 3-18-65, Senator Milton Young forwarded a copy of an article from "The Fargo Forum" of Fargo, North Dakota, 3-16, in which Reed Benson, an official of John Birch Society, states "...the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency have both said that the society is the only organization that is strictly anti-communist and the enemies its members make are those contrary to Americanism and the friends they make are those who believe in Americanism." Senator Young wanted to be advised if Benson quoted the Director correctly. Byltr 3-22-65, Director stated neither he nor any member of his staff has made statements in relation to the John

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RE: EZRA TAFT BENSON

Birch Society as indicated in this article, and pointed out that FBI being an investigative agency neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. The Director also advised Young FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society. It is conceivable, therefore, that if we were to go along with this project it could in some way be used by or to the advantage of the John Birch Society.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter be sent to Benson declining his proposal due to numerous similar requests and heavy pressure of work.

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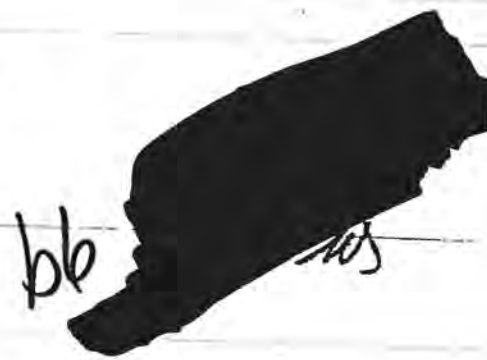
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February 14, 1967

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Honorable Ezra Taft Benson
47 East South Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Dear Mr. Benson:

I have received the copy of your speech
entitled "Aiding and Abetting the Enemy." It was
thoughtful of you to send it to me.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Mr. Benson is on the Special Correspondents' List. Much of our correspondence with Benson for the last several years has concerned the John Birch Society. He has urged the Director to read the revised version of "The Politician" by Robert Welch as it represents a true insight to the beliefs of Welch. The Director is quoted on page one of his speech. He refers to the Director as the "Best informed man in government on the Socialist-Communist Conspiracy." His speech is anti-administration and he offers his objections to such matters as trade with Russia and the Consular Treaty. He states the President and Government officials... must be dupes of the Communist masters. (page 14)

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February 9, 1967

The attached address was sent to the
Director from Ezra Taft Benson,
47 East South Temple, Salt Lake
City, Utah.

Mr. Benson quotes the Director on
page 1 of his address.

- MR. TOLSON
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- MR. CASPER
- MR. CALLAHAN
- MR. CONRAD
- MR. FELT
- MR. GALE
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ENCLOSURE

AIDING AND ABETTING THE ENEMY

an address given by

THE HONORABLE EZRA TAFT BENSON

at the

Freedom Club

First Congregational Church

Los Angeles, California

Tuesday, February 7, 1967

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ENCLOSURE

AIDING AND ABETTING THE ENEMY

This is a signal honor, a very great pleasure, and a challenging responsibility. Humbly and gratefully I stand before you. Grateful for citizens such as you--humbled by the magnitude of the task before us.

Because of the nature of the message I bring to you, I have committed most of it to writing. I shall speak to you frankly and honestly.

What I shall say are my personal convictions borne out of an active life which has taken me into forty-five nations and brought me close to the insidious forces that would destroy our way of life in this choice land. I express these convictions and warnings today because of my love for you, all humanity, and our beloved country.

The message I bring is not a happy one, but it is the truth and time is always on the side of truth.

I speak to you as a fellow citizen of the United States of America deeply concerned about the welfare of our beloved country.

Once again, with all the solemnity of my soul, I sound a voice of warning.

As Americans, lovers of freedom and high moral principles, we are face to face with the greatest evil in this world and the greatest threat to all we hold dear.

Consider the following shocking facts.

Since World War II the Communists have brought under bondage--enslaved--on the average approximately 6,000 persons per hour, 144,000 per day, 52,000,000 per year--every hour of every day of every year since 1945.

Since 1945 the Communists have murdered in one country alone enough people to wipe out the entire population of over fifteen of our states.

✓ J. Edgar Hoover, the best informed man in government on the Socialist-Communist Conspiracy stated: "...we must now face the harsh truth that the objectives of communism are being steadily advanced because many of us do not readily recognize the means used to advance them...No one who truly understands what it really is can be taken in by it. Yet the individual is handicapped by coming face to face with a conspiracy so monstrous he cannot believe it exists. The American mind simply has not come to a realization of the evil which has been introduced into our midst." (Prophets, Principles and National Survival. p. 273)

I have personally witnessed the heart-rending results of the loss of freedom. I have seen it with my own eyes. I have been close to the godless evil of the Socialist-Communist conspiracy on both sides of the Iron Curtain particularly during my years as European Mission President for my Church at the close of the war and today and also during my eight years in the Cabinet.

It may shock you to learn that the first communist cell in government, so far as we know, was organized in the U. S. Department of Agriculture in the early 1930's. John Abt was there. It was John Abt whom Oswald, the accused assassin of President Kennedy, requested for his attorney. Harry Dexter White was there. Lee Pressman was there. And Communist Alger Hiss, who was the principal architect and first Secretary of the United Nations organizing meeting was there also.

I have talked face-to-face with the Godless Communist leaders. It may surprise you to learn that I was host to Mr. Khrushchev for a half day when he visited the United States. Not that I'm proud of it--I opposed his coming then and I still feel it was a mistake to welcome this atheistic murderer as a state visitor. But according to President Eisenhower, Khrushchev had expressed a desire to learn something of American agriculture, and after seeing Russian agriculture I can understand why.

As we talked face-to-face he indicated that my grandchildren would live under Communism. After assuring him that I expected to do all in my power to assure that his and all other grandchildren will live under freedom, he arrogantly declared in substance:

You Americans are so gullible. No, you won't accept Communism outright, but we'll keep feeding you small doses of socialism until you'll finally wake up and find you already have communism. We won't have to fight you. We'll so weaken your economy until you'll fall like over-ripe fruit into our hands. And they are ahead of schedule in their devilish scheme.

I stood in Czechoslovakia in 1946 and witnessed the ebbing away of freedom resulting in the total loss of liberty. I visited among the liberty-loving Polish people and talked with their leaders as the insidious freedom destroying conspiracy moved in, imposing the chains of bondage on a Christian nation.

Ernst Tillich -- expert witness before the House Un-American Activities Committee declared:

"On the clock of survival the time is now five minutes before midnight. We have but this brief interval to choose between survival or extinction."

Wherever communism has come to power it has destroyed the indispensable conditions for the intellectual and moral existence of man. Communism is totalitarianism that encompasses every manifestation of man's moral, political, and economic life.

Too many Americans do not fully comprehend the true meaning of communism. They are thinking of a competing system of political and economic order that has won acceptance and loyalty with other civilized nations. After all, the nation of Tolstoi, Dostoevski, and Tchaikovsky commands an esteemed place in the family of Western nations. And the nation of Confucius, whose philosophy and system of ethics evokes peace and order in society and encourages a moral life, a nation with 4,000 years of distinct civilization, commands our respect and affection. Therefore, we must view their political and economic institutions with goodwill and compassion.

This opinion reflects our inability or unwillingness to comprehend the true nature of the conflict between communism and us. The antagonism is no old-fashioned diplomatic power struggle in which both sides maneuver for territorial possessions and spheres of influence. It is a collision of two irreconcilable systems: one that endeavors to preserve man's civilization and one that aims to destroy it. It is a war waged on many fronts over the moral, intellectual and economic conditions of human existence in the world.

Communism is totalitarianism in which government control has been extended to practically every phase of human life. Bearing little resemblance to the despotic regimes of the past, it is all-comprising, subjugating man's conscience and sacrificing to the State his faith in all that is right and humane. It is fervent atheism that derides the human soul.

Totalitarianism means the total politicalization of life without exception. The state encompasses society in all its spheres. There is no corner where man can hide from the State, no place without regimentation.

The world has had an opportunity to observe and reflect on the true meaning of totalitarianism. German Nazism, which was an affinitive offshoot from the communist prototype, was a truly revealing manifestation of totalitarianism. Nazism, which is the popular abbreviation of national socialism, imported from Soviet Russia the one-party system, the pre-eminence of the party, the position of the secret police, the concentration camps for dissidents, the methods of propaganda. Hitler was an excellent disciple of Lenin and Stalin, a perfect product of totalitarianism. The heinous Nazi crimes were the outcome of a consistent application of totalitarian principles.

Our mental and moral confusion towards communism could easily be avoided if we were ever mindful of the affinities of the two systems. After all, the inhumanities of communism differ little from the Nazi crimes against humanity. How can we possibly condemn the Nazi record, and condone the communistic inhumanities? How can we

blithely ignore the millions of victims of communism: the bourgeois, Kulaks, Poles, Baltic people, Georgians, Ukrainians, Kalmuks, Cossacks, East Germans, Hungarians, Chinese, Tibetans, Cubans and now Vietnamese?

Communism, in fact, is incomparably more dangerous to man's civilization than German Nazism whose doctrine of Aryan superiority prevented its dissemination to all mankind. Without this narrow racial limitation communism is capable of subjugating all that which is human.

In our dealings with communism let us ever be mindful of past experience. A policy of appeasement, reapproachment or even friendship towards communism is as offensive and suicidal as it was towards Nazi Germany. And the fellow travelers of communism are no less despicable as those of the Nazi tyrants. In fact, why should we not condemn more harshly the appeasers of communism and deem their blindness, incomparably more inexcusable after we experienced the barbarism of the Nazi totalitarianism?

And yet, our policies continue to be guided by intellectual confusion and moral lethargy. We deal and wheel with communist agents and officials as if they represent their peoples. We launch diplomatic maneuvers and countermoves as if we were engaged in an old-fashioned power struggle. We make treaties and agreements, accept promises and declarations as if we were dealing with Victorian England. We embark upon cultural exchanges as if the communists were receptive to cultural values. We trade with communist governments as if we were exchanging goods and services with merchants in London. In fact, our officials fraternize with communist officials in political, economic, social, and cultural matters while at that very moment thousands of individuals linger in communist prisons and concentration camps, or risk death trying to escape their tyrants.

Since our military involvement in Vietnam our dealing and wheeling with communist officials has assumed shameless and even treacherous proportions. While American soldiers are cut down by Russian arms and ammunition, U.S. Government officials, in fact, are encouraging trading with communist Russia and her allies. Every enemy plane that takes to the air, every missile that seeks American planes was manufactured in Russia and deployed by the Kremlin. And yet, we continue to curry the economic favors of the Kremlin masters.

How can the President of the United States claim, as reported by the Vice-President, that the so-called Cold War is over and predict that Congress will lower trade barriers with communist countries. How can he request Congress to ratify the consular convention with the Soviets who are pledged to bury us and enslave the world.

How can two American corporations, The International Basic Economy Corporation, a Rockefeller enterprise, and Tower International Inc., headed by the pro-communist tycoon Cyrus S. Eaton, Jr., have joined forces to promote trade between the communist countries and the United States, Canada and Latin America. By so doing they strengthen the hands of the enemies of all righteousness who are supporting the slaughter of America

boys and imposing slavery on millions of people throughout the world.

In recent months the official list of "non-strategic" items that may be sold to communist governments has lengthened continually. In 1966, for instance, the Soviet Union was encouraged to buy from American manufacturers airborne communications and navigation equipment and a tire cord factory. Licenses were issued permitting the Czechoslovakian Government to purchase ball and roller bearings, petroleum products, and a hydrogen plant. Airborne rader equipment and automotive replacement parts were approved for Red Rumania; for the Bulgarian regime pumps and compressors, for Poland more radio communication parts and various generators, for Hungary, electronic navigational aids and railway equipment, for Yugoslavia, aircraft parts and petroleum products, for East Germany, boring and drilling machines.

It is important to understand that our trade with communist countries constitutes no trade with the people of those countries, but merely with communist governments. An American merchant who sells navigation equipment to Russia must negotiate and deal exclusively with Kremlin agents. And for the Kremlin all goods are "strategic" for its military, psychological, or economic war on the West.

And yet, in his 1966 State of the Union message to Congress, re-affirmed by his 1967 message theme of "bridges to the East," the President urged an expansion of trade "between the United States and Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union." In September 1966, the State Department even published a pamphlet entitled Private Boycotts versus the National Interest, in which it openly denounced those Americans who criticize our trade with communist governments.

Does not the President understand the characteristics of a totalitarian regime that politicalizes every transaction? Everything is made a political transaction that concerns the destruction of the free world. Is our President blind to the fact that trade with communist officials first of all is political, and not business as usual? Shall we ascribe the President's attitude to moral cowardice, an amoral attitude toward the peoples entrapped by communism, or something worse?

This recognition also indicts gravely those American merchants and manufacturers who in the bureaus of the Kremlin seek profitable orders and favors from the communist tyrants. In fact, some businessmen who are either exceptionally unintelligent or extraordinarily unscrupulous are now proffering their merchandise and service to the Kremlin masters, who at this very moment are aiding and supporting our enemies in Vietnam. In the waiting rooms of the Kremlin, American businessmen dream of personal gains and profits while thousands of American boys in Vietnam are slain by communist bullets made in the U.S.S.R. A shameless spectacle that is indicative of our incredible confusion and moral decay!

American businessmen are lending their managerial ability and capital resources to the communist masters who are boasting of their economic achievements. We all are

familiar with their boastful slogan "in 1970 we shall surpass the U.S." This is conceivable only if we accomplish it for them. If we build their factories, supply them with our resources and technical know-how and if, at the same time, we cause our apparatus or production to deteriorate through confiscatory taxation and inflation, through bureaucratic controls and expropriations. Then, and only then, may the most unscrupulous regime surpass the other.

The late Wilhelm Roepke, eminent classical economist and social philosopher, summarized communist reality in a simple law. According to Roepke, "Wherever communism raises its head people tend to hasten away. When given the opportunity they escape from it, be it in Germany via Berlin or in China via Hong Kong and Viet Nam. But inversely, commodities flow only in the opposite direction either as alms or through lies and extortion. In short, communism bores a hole in men's souls from which they escape whenever possible. And it bores an economic hole which we strive to fill through pity or other less estimable reasons."

Dr. Werner Keller, author of the great book, The Bible as History, concluded his recent book, East Minus West = Zero, outlining Russia's debt to the west, with these words:

"All that the West stands for, all that it has achieved and is still achieving culturally, technically, and scientifically, has been done without a single important contribution from the Russians. If the Russians had never existed at all it would have made not an iota of difference to what the West has to offer all humanity.

"The present position of Russia, had she not been taught, helped and supported by the West, would be unthinkable. Even at this moment Russia can only keep up by the continuous theft and exploitation of every new development in the free world."

"There is only one way of dealing with a power like Russia, and that is the way of courage.", Karl Marx advised in the New York Tribune of 30th, December, 1853.

"Everything depends on whether the people of the West, of Europe and America are willing to stand fast and strike a hard bargain as Tsarist Russia and the Soviet Union have always done."

It is tragic indeed that our trade with communist governments is planned and promoted by our own officials who have made aid to the Soviet Union the official policy of the American Government. Wherever private businessmen still hesitate to proffer their aid and support, the U. S. Government itself backs up the Kremlin with special deals, credit guarantees and outright subsidies.

The 1963 wheat deal was an example in case. The Federal Government not only paved the way for the transaction but also guaranteed the Soviet credit and subsidized the communists to the tune of \$42 million. In addition, concessions were made on freight rates. When private bankers refused to extend credit to the grain exporters, the President had the Export-Import Bank, which is a government agency, guarantee the transaction.

The deal was also indicative of the Administration's concept of economic welfare, which is a primary objective of the Great Society. With tax money the Federal Government buys vast supplies of grain and other foodstuffs and thus raises their prices. The taxes reduce the people's disposable income which is then further reduced through higher food prices. And finally, more tax money is used to finance and subsidize the sale of government stock to the Kremlin, which in turn is either reaping huge profits on its resales to the Russian people or scoring political victories through aid to its communist allies. And the American people are supposed to believe that these Great Society policies improve their economic welfare and generate political benefits in foreign affairs!

In many cases our economic aid to the enemy is channeled through the United Nations Organization. We pay at least 32% of all U. N. operations which cost more than \$500 million in 1966. Many special programs are financed by voluntary contributions of the member governments among whom our government is usually the most generous. We contributed at least 40% of the expenses of the International Development Association and the Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development which "provide systematic assistance in fields essential to technical, economic, and social development of less-developed countries." As all communist countries can be classified as "less-developed", a great deal of U. N. assistance is channeled towards communist governments. Through the Special Fund, for instance, we covered 40% of the costs of an agricultural experimental station in Communist Cuba. And through the United Nations Economic and Social Council we subsidize the University of Havana, which every year is graduating thousands of young communists.

Our intellectual confusion and moral lethargy also shapes our attitude and policy towards the communist satellites. Poland, for instance, has received no less than \$548 million in U. S. aid, while Yugoslavia garnered some \$2.4 billion.

The rationale of this aid springs from our hope to divide the communist camp and, in particular, achieve satellite independence from Moscow. But all available evidence indicates that our aid merely serves to consolidate and fortify the position of the Kremlin and its foreign henchmen. Communist Tito has stated repeatedly that he will stand firmly with Moscow in any rift with the United States. According to him, our military operations in Vietnam are "aggressive acts by reactionary forces," are "shameful" and "dangerous to world peace." This attitude is hardly suited to create confidence in our aid to communists. After all, communism is a barbaric system wherever it raises its ugly head, in Moscow and Peking, Warsaw and Belgrade, Prague and Havana. Aiding and supporting the communists is offensive and suicidal not only in Moscow, but anywhere in the world.

And it is inexcusable no matter who does it. Of course, we would hope that our own government, whose example is so important in world affairs, would point the way out of this confusion and blindness. But unfortunately the New Frontier and Great Society Administrations not only shattered this hope, but also, to our greatest dismay, often led the way into darkness. But this confusion of ours does not in the least exculpate--clear from fault or blame--other free world governments who are guilty of the same failure.

It is a new and strange chapter of history that the enemies of the United States receive aid and support from our allies. A British Government agency, for instance, has agreed to supply credit guarantees for the sale of a \$28 million fertilizer factory to the Castro government. Two years ago Socialist Britain sold 950 buses on credit to Castro. While the U. S. government gives all-out support to the British effort to bring down the white-minority government of Rhodesia, the British Labor Government supports Castro's Cuba with both credit and trade.

Red China's biggest trade partner is Japan. British Hong Kong is the biggest source of hard currency for Red China, and Canada sells her vast quantities of grain. Western Europe supplies chemical fertilizer. She gets steel from West Germany, France, Belgium and Japan; airplanes from Britain; ships from France and Netherlands; Diesel locomotives from France.

Even the North Vietnam Government does brisk business with allies of the U. S. Japan buys anthracite and sells industrial goods which are carried to North Vietnam on communist-flag freighters.

A dozen ships flying the flags of Britain, Cyprus and Malta deliver European goods to Haiphong, and ships from Hong Kong probably deliver American goods.

The economic significance of this aid to our enemies is overshadowed by far by its moral meaning. Our actions and policies towards communism reflect the extent of subversion within our own government, our incredible confusion, indecision, and even cowardice. We tremendously overrate the productivity of Communism and lack faith in the values we defend. We are weak intellectually and morally. In our confusion we are betraying the intellectual and moral heritage of the West.

I quote from Review of the News of January 25, 1967:

"The President of the United States apparently wants to join in a greater partnership with the Communists. In the State of the Union message he said with a straight face:

"I ask and urge the Congress to help our foreign and commercial trade policies by passing an East-West Trade Bill and approving our consular convention with the Soviet Union."

This proves "beyond a shadow of a doubt that the war in Vietnam is, for all practical purposes, a war between the United States and the Soviet bloc, for it is the Soviet bloc which contributes the vast amount of military equipment which makes it possible for the primitive economy of North Vietnam to wage this war against us. No amount of semantic trickery on the part of the President can change this fact of reality. That is why the war is costing us billions, and Lyndon Johnson knows it. There are others who know it also, policy makers like McNamara, Rusk, Rostow, and the rest of the clique.

"Of course, the liberalization of East-West trade is one of the major goals of the world-government power clique, in the center of which sit the Rockefellers with their billions. While former Rockefeller Foundation president, Dean Rusk, is fighting the bad Communists in Vietnam, the Rockefeller brothers themselves are doing business with the good Communists. The latest news on that is an almost incredible story which appeared in the New York Times of January 16, 1967, headlined: 'Eaton Joins Rockefellers To Spur Trade With Reds.'

"Frankly, we never thought that the Rockefeller power clique would so openly and brazenly show its pro-Communist hand while a half million American soldiers are actually 'fighting Communism' in Southeast Asia." (The Review of the News; Vol. 3; No. 4, p. 21)

There seems to be no limit to our follies--our essentially treasonable policies. On June 1, 1964, the present Administration and the Kremlin signed the Consular Convention which provides for the reciprocal establishment of consulates in all major cities of the U. S. and U.S.S.R. At the present, Soviet diplomatic personnel are stationed only at their Washington embassy and with the U.N. in New York. In fact, there are no Soviet consulates anywhere in the Western Hemisphere. If the U. S. Government now sets the precedent by opening our country to many thousands of Kremlin agents, how can our Latin-American neighbors resist to similar Soviet demands?

A consul is a public officer who is authorized to protect the interests and to foster the commercial affairs of its subjects in a foreign country. As consuls have no representative character like ambassadors they cannot claim general immunity and extra-territoriality attached to diplomatic representatives. But under the terms of the Johnson-Kremlin convention, consular officers and employees would be completely immune from criminal prosecution, even in the case of felonies.

How blind! We grant consular rights to the Kremlin communists, oppressors of their own nation. The communist agents then are "to foster the commercial affairs of their subjects," who are forbidden to trade abroad under the penalty of death. The communist agents are "to protect the interests of their citizens", who are imprisoned by the Iron Curtain. There are no emigrants from Soviet Russia only refugees. When they manage to escape, risking death at the border, they are often haunted, blackmailed or even murdered by communist agents abroad. And finally, we offer diplomatic immunity to such agents!

How bent we are on our own destruction! We now promote "cultural exchange" which in the service of mutual understanding and peace is to provide contact between the communist nations and us. We exchange athletes, scientists, singers, pianists, and other artists, supposedly, in order to mend the break in communications and thus end amicably the Cold War.

We readily admit that the Russian people are very much like the American people. But we are not confronted by the Russian people who themselves are extremely regimented and whose lives are totally politicalized by the communist regime. We are confronted by a communist conspiracy that does not "exchange" in good faith, but uses every transaction for its sinister ends. American tourists who visit Russia are shown exactly what the communist agents want them to see. But Soviet nationals who visit the United States are either communist functionaries or individuals under their vigilant control with family hostages left behind the Iron Curtain. The communists make every professor, every dancer, pianist, and athlete their political agents. Every sporting match, artistic performance, and speech is made a political action. We are confronted by a monolithic totalitarianism that differs radically from our own system of individuality, the many-sided, libertarian, pluralistic nature of the West.

Again and again we are inclined to accept communist promises and declarations at Western face value. We ignore Communist standards of morality that, according to Lenin, makes deceit a duty and virtue. This is why disarmament agreements, treaties, and negotiations with the communists are surely suicidal.

And yet, we are eager to make such agreements, and have, in fact, made the first steps towards disarmament. In 1963 the Kennedy Administration entered the Moscow Treaty which was to stop testing nuclear explosives above ground and under water. The test ban was signed by Great Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union in August and satisfied by the United States in September. France and Communist China which too have nuclear devices disdained from agreement.

The Treaty was hailed by the Administration as the first joint East-West move towards disarmament of any kind since World War II. It was signed five years after the negotiations had begun and two years after the Soviets had broken a voluntary accord against testing. The new agreement is so loose that it requires no international inspection and permits any of the three nations to repudiate it in time of danger. There is nothing to prevent clandestine tests but the honor and integrity of the participating parties. And yet, we are dealing with murderers who have neither honor nor integrity. The record is clear. How can we, leaders of the greatest nation in the world, be so gullibly deceived.

In the West inspection is superfluous because in our individualistic open society all secrets come out anyway. But to rely on truth, integrity, and honor in communism entails unbearable risks of our security and survival. The treaty prevents our full develo

ment of any new weapons requiring the use of nuclear warheads. It prevents us from testing our intercontinental ballistic missiles on which our strategic defenses greatly depend. It prevents us from developing an effective anti-missile defense system on which our survival may depend. And finally, it prevents us from developing tactical atomic weapons that would give us invincibility on the battlefield. In short, the Moscow Treaty neutralized our major military advantage over the communists and delivered us to the Soviet might in conventional forces and their proficiency in subversion, guerrilla warfare and internal revolution. The war in Vietnam is an example in case.

"Acceptance of any precipitate program of disarmament" a report of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee warn us, "would constitute for the West a strategic defeat of enormous magnitude, leaving an irresolute Western world only the recourse of seeking accommodation with an aggressive movement which is dedicated to achieving mastery of the globe."

But our weakness is not primarily strategic and military, it is intellectual and moral. In a bipolar world of enormous tensions and conflicts we have lost our sense of direction and the will to survive.

We must ever remember that we are at war with a clever, ruthless, unprincipled enemy. And we are losing the war. Yes, and we will continue to lose unless we the American people become alerted and informed. Unless we stand up to the enemy of all we hold dear.

Why do we bow and yield to their unreasonable and dangerous demands. When will we act like men of courage and faith. The language of courage is the only language they respect. Let's be sure we're right and stand firm. If we do so they will back down every time.

Some timid souls speak fearfully of war. The communist economy would not support a major war. They can't even feed their own people.

It is time for the citizens of this nation to vigorously question and oppose programs and policies which threaten our very existence.

"The record is clear," declares P. A. Williams, Command USN (Retired) "Since World War II, we have dealt with, appeased, begged, pleaded, bought off and otherwise conducted business with Communists only to see the threat grow larger and more imposing than ever. It cannot be proved that the Communists have in any way deviated from their chosen course of world revolution. This reality must be squarely faced by all free peoples before any real positive anti-communist actions can be taken that will begin the demise of an ideology that reduces man to a pawn in the hands of an all-powerful state."

Why does our President condemn in word communist aggression and then seek to bolster their economies through aid and trade "when the Moscow government is supplying MIG's to the North Vietnamese to kill American boys?" (David Lawrence)

Why fight the communists in Vietnam and help them everywhere else? Why does the Administration move heaven and earth to increase trade with the enemy?

Why does the Administration send wheat to feed those who are making the guns and bullets to kill our American boys in Vietnam?

"Why", as a prominent agricultural publisher has asked, "is the main plank of our foreign policy predicated on friendship with Russia? Only one word can adequately answer that question. The word is treason. We -- 'our' State Department -- made Russia. Ever since Roosevelt, we have exported factories, food, equipment, and American know-how to Russia and her satellites. Russia is the enemy. Treason is 'giving aid and comfort to the enemy.'

"In 1967 let us resolve to win in Vietnam and in Cuba and China. In 1967 and every year let us dedicate ourselves to making the criminal Communist conspiracy fail everywhere; and to freeing the enslaved of the world." (Tom Anderson)

This contest in which we are engaged is as old as man and as young as hope. The issue is over the God-given eternal principle of freedom--free agency, the right of choice. In this struggle it is not enough to be right--we must put strength and action back of that which is right.

In the conflict with socialistic communism we must have patience, courage and wisdom. We must also have friends. Russia has hostages--we have friends--millions of them in temporary slavery back of the Iron Curtain, and millions more to be mobilized throughout the free world. In Russia people are unable to challenge the despotic godless dogmas forced on the people. We must take greater risks for freedom. We must dramatize "American might and Soviet myth."

For two decades "our government has been paying the Soviet blackmailers with one concession after another." How long will we continue this dangerous and diabolical surrender of our legitimate rights?

When will we proclaim the truth--as we did in 1776--that we may be free? When will we stand up to the greatest evil in this world--the greatest enemy of our God-given freedom? The hour is late.

No greater error was ever made by an American President than when Franklin D. Roosevelt extended diplomatic recognition to the Godless Soviet Conspiracy--after each of four American Presidents in succession had refused to do so.

Without this tragic action in 1933, by an American President, apparently insensitive to the dangers of Socialism and Communism, Soviet Communism would have collapsed in ruins. Why do we continue to keep alive by indefensible action this evil, freedom-destroying system?

Dean Clarence E. Manion, statesman-patriot, with a son in Vietnam, put it this way:

"The truth is that there is no such thing as a legitimate Communist government anywhere on earth. The truth is that what our State Department calls the 'closed societies' of Communism are iron-ringed jails from which the inmates may attempt to escape only at the risk of their lives. The truth is that conditions in these Communist jails are so horrible that hundreds of people risk and often lose their lives in attempts to escape from them. The truth is that the hundreds of millions of helpless people who are held in this monstrous Red captivity are scandalized by the calloused indifference of our government to their cruel fate as expressed in a foreign policy which is deliberately calculated to 'help stabilize tottering Communist regimes, as in East Germany.'

"The truth is that without our positive and active help, all of these 'tottering Communist regimes' would fall of their own weight within six months after our help was withdrawn.

"The truth is that if we withdrew our official prohibition against an invasion of the Red Chinese mainland by the Nationalist Chinese Army on Formosa that invasion would take place immediately, and 90 per cent of the enslaved Chinese on the mainland would join the attack against their Red Chinese jailers.

"This would solve our problem in South Vietnam and Laos where the Red forces are being supplied and supervised by the Red Chinese government. The collapse of Communism in China would start a chain reaction of anti-Communist revolution which would sweep across Europe to the eastern boundary of West Germany.

"The consequences of an official proclamation of the truth about Communists and Communist governments by the government of the United States would open the door to the destruction of Communism by its own oppressed victims without international war and without the use of American military forces.

"The truth that made us free will restore our freedom now and lift the hearts and hopes of millions whom our present policy of retreat and surrender has doomed to perpetual slavery.

"This will not be a signal for international nuclear war but for successful anti-Communist revolution which will melt down the Iron Curtain from the inside. This is the high road of moral principle that leads to peace with freedom for America and for mankind (The Conservative American; pp. 200, 201, 202)

Senator Barry Goldwater put it courageously and simply when he said:

"We should declare the world Communist movement an outlaw in the community of civilized nations. Accordingly, we should withdraw diplomatic recognition from all Communist governments, including that of the Soviet Union, thereby serving notice on the world that we regard such governments as neither legitimate nor permanent."
(The Conscience of a Conservative; p. 120)

Let the Government send a questionnaire to every Serviceman presently stationed in Vietnam, asking if they support trade with any Communist country.

The aggression of atheistic Communist countries, with the treason-like support of our own government and some misguided American businessmen, led to the killing of over five thousand American soldiers last year.

This is the result of the so-called "building bridges of friendship" by increasing trade with the Communists who are supplying Asian hordes with the material to kill our boys in Vietnam."

My fellow citizens--normally, I am slow to anger. It is my nature to seek to find the good in what every man does and to give him the benefit of any reasonable doubt. I strive to follow the admonition to be forgiving. It becomes increasingly difficult for me the last while to restrain my wrath at what I consider to be not only a lack of support, but an ACTUAL BETRAYAL of our valiant fighting men and our allies. A betrayal of the suffering, loneliness and sacrifices of the mothers, wives and children of our fighting men.

Ladies and gentlemen, fellow Americans, I refer to what appears to be a deliberate and determined effort to provide our enemies with the means to kill our sons.

It is perhaps not just anger that I feel at this betrayal of our fighting men, their families and this nation, by trading with the enemy. Deep within my soul is a feeling of sickness and revulsion and a feeling in part of hopelessness at the seeming injustice of it all. Of bitter disappointment in the attitude of a few of my fellow Americans.

In spite of the blackness of the picture, I cannot make myself believe that our President, or any government official, would deliberately act in this way. They must be dupes of the Communist masters. Neither can I accept as a fact of our new morality that any serious American businessman or labor union could value their profits or wages higher than American lives or higher than honor, integrity and loyalty to this choice land and our fighting men. I know the American farmer, and will never believe that he is willing to knowingly sell his produce to the enemy that is destroying our men and seeking to destroy our way of life for the sake of a profit.

It seems entirely improbable to me that any government official knowing as we all do, the long and unbroken line of broken promises by Russia and her cohort nations, would believe that the goods would be used, even if promised, other than to fight us. Or that they would believe that the evil designs of that great liberty-destroying conspiracy would change simply because of the receipt of a few American goods.

~~This situation must not be allowed to continue. If it does continue, if we as a nation do not assert our rights as citizens to insist that it stop, I fear that dishonor may become our national heritage.~~

Thomas Jefferson is quoted as follows:

"A departure from principle in one instance becomes a precedent for a second; that second for a third; and so on, till the bulk of the society is reduced to mere automats of misery, to have no sensibilities left but for sin and suffering." (Thomas Jefferson, Works 7:14)

Do not misunderstand me, my fellow Americans. If I thought for a moment, if I could even hope, that by trading with the atheistic enemy we could change them, dissuade them, discourage them, and if I could be convinced that our trading was not directly replenishing the arsenals of North Vietnam--if I thought that this action would deter the constantly reaffirmed Communist avowal to destroy us--I would be comforted --I would forgive--I would try to understand.

As it is, Ladies and Gentlemen, I am not mollified--rather I am angered and hurt. Hurt that my nation, with a spiritual foundation, which I love so dearly, could act with such great dishonor in respect to its own fighting men. Hurt, that our leaders are so gullible as to believe we can win by trading with a nation which denies the very existence of God.

A challenge would seem to be in order. Without right, perhaps, to issue it, I do so!

I challenge those great challengers of hypocrisy, our youth, to adopt as a part of their innermost feelings and desires and to issue as their cry:

"Keep faith with our fighting men! No aid or comfort to the enemy!"

I challenge, with reverence almost, the mothers and wives of our servicemen--not to distract and concern their heroes by complaining to them--but to make their Congressmen, Senators and all government officials aware of our united concern. Let our plea, and our prayers be:

"Keep faith with our sons. Don't provide our enemy any means to destroy our boys. Stop all trade with the enemy. Let our valiant men return to us in honor having won an honorable victorious fight for freedom."

~~I challenge the fathers and husbands of this Nation. Gentlemen, who is to restore honor, honesty, virtue, integrity, and loyalty to our way of life except you? Except us? We, as fathers and husbands, are the real leaders of our civilization--of our nation. We are responsible if the blight on its glory is not removed. Gentlemen, let our cry be:~~

"I shall become and remain a man of principle. I shall lead my family, my friends, my community and my nation also in the way of principle and not of expediency. I will defend my freedom and the freedom of my fellow men. I will raise my head high and look every man in the eye unashamed of my defense of that which is good. I shall be able to look every man returning from Vietnam squarely in the eye, knowing that I did not betray his faith."

I challenge us all to advocate, desire, teach and live God fearing lives of righteousness. Truly American lives. There is no other way of honor--no other way to save our great nation and the God-given freedom we cherish.

That we may heed the sacred call--before it is too late--is my humble prayer.

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MEETING NOTICE

WHAT: Public Meeting
WHEN: March 2, 1970 - Monday Night
WHERE: Holiday Inn - Fulton, Kentucky
TIME: Dutch Supper - 7:00 P.M.
Speaking - 8:15 P.M.

It is a pleasure to announce that we are having a Citizens Council meeting to try to build or get new members. We ask all old members to come and bring new prospective members.

This is a white organization that believes in States Rights Racial Integrity, Law and Order and the original constitution of the United States of America.

Enclosed is a leaflet on "Why I Should Belong To The Citizens Council." Please read this and pass it on to someone else that thi like this.

We will have as our featured speaker on tape Ezra Taft Bens from Utah.

Please consider this letter as an invitation to be present Monday night at 7:00 P.M., March 2, 1970. Bring the entire family to hear this patriotic speaker.

Please return the enclosed card so we may know how many to expect for the Dutch Supper. If for any reason you can't come for supper at 7:00 come at 8:15 for the meeting.

Sincerely,

N. W. Burnette
N. W. Burnette, President

Pleas Fields
Pleas Fields, Vice-President

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Tyburn Kentucky,
March 3, 1970

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,

Dear Mr. Hoover, This letter is of Concern to me as a citizen
of the United States of America. This paper was found by me, and have reason
to believe that these people connected with the TLU - TLU - TLU Organization
of Tyburn Kentucky, this is a TLU Citizens Organization, as they call them
selves. I think these people are trying to influence with the Governor and
the Civil Rights Act of 1964. I think this Organization is trying to influence
local people to become a part of this Organization and this way of thinking.
Leaflets were sent out to the people in the area. I have reason to
believe that Eric Toft Benson is a trouble maker and Communist. I send
these papers so that you might study them. I sincerely hope you people will
get the main office and Branch of this Organization. Sir I realize you are
a busy man, but I believe you are a just and fair man, and nothing is too
small for you to check into. I think it best I don't give my name.

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a concern Citizen.

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November 10, 1970

Honorable Ezra Taft Benson
The Church of Jesus Christ of
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47 East South Temple Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

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Dear Mr. Benson:

I received the copy of the article regarding
"peace symbols" on November 6th. The interest which
prompted you to furnish this to me is indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is on the Special Correspondents List. He
enclosed one of his business cards and an article from the June,
1970, issue of the American Opinion magazine concerning the
communist association of the modern "peace symbols."

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PEACE SYMBOLS

The Truth About Those Strange Designs

IN ALL of their public commentaries the Communists employ what they call "Aesopian language," enabling them to communicate freely with one another without alarming the target population in whose midst they operate. It is this coded Marxist jargon with which the Communist leadership lays down the ever-changing vagaries of the Party Line.

The technique dates from the early days of the Russian Revolution. *International Affairs*, an official publication of the Communist Party, U.S.A., quotes Vladimir Lenin as referring to "that cursed 'Aesopian' language - to which Tsarism forced revolutionaries to have recourse whenever they took up their pens in order to undertake a 'legal' work . . ." Joseph Stalin noted: "A legally published newspaper could not call openly for the overthrow . . . It had to resort to hints, which, however, the class-conscious workers [Communists] understood very well, and which they explained to the masses."

In *Language As A Communist Weapon*, Professor Stefan Possony explains how the Communists code their revolutionary terms to deceive gullible non-Communists. He correctly observes that "The deception of the non-Communist world is, of course, a main objective of their language manipulations . . . Non-Communists are easily deceived, because they rarely bother to get full Communist quotes, usually misunderstand their context, and hardly ever master the Communist jargon."

Professor James D. Bales explains in his valuable *Dictionary Of Communist English* that, as early as the Seventh World Congress of the Comintern (Communist International) at Moscow, special attention was given to avoiding the use of "sectarian language." The object, says Dr. Bales, was to create a jargon for revolutionaries which would be pleasing to non-Communist ears while at the same time conveying revolutionary commands to the Communists. As Dr. Possony notes: "Every Communist communication must convey an orthodox, that is, revolutionary activating message to the Party and its followers. This same communication must convey a different, i.e., soothing, pacifying, and paralyzing message to the opponent of Communism."

Symbols, too, are a part of this "Aesopian" code. The Communists know, as Arnold Whittick comments in *Symbols, Signs And Their Meaning*, that "Communication depends on the symbolism of language, and thus man becomes aware of another's thoughts by means of symbols . . . All social and economic activities are carried on by means of symbols; the various offshoots and adjuncts of language, like numbers and money, make this apparent. Religious worship and government, too, are dependent on them. A.N. Whitehead, in his valuable book (*Symbolism: Its Meaning And Effect*) shows that society is held together by acceptance of, and reverence for, its symbols."

The reverse of this is also true. A society can be attacked by the undermining or

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perversion or destruction of its symbols. An obvious example is the public burning of American flags by the revolutionary Marxists who flaunt the tri-colored banners of the Communist Vietcong. Several years ago, you will recall, members of a team of saboteurs belonging to the Communist Revolutionary Action Movement were arrested when they moved to dynamite such symbols of our American heritage as the Statue of Liberty, the Old North Bridge, and the Liberty Bell.

The Communists seek to replace traditional American symbols with those of their own design. Which is why they employ symbolism as a part of their "Aesopian" code.



Protesters gathered at Washington to burn an American flag and replace it with their own symbol — the flag of the Communist Vietcong.

in various religions from Western Europe to India and China. It was an ancient symbol of revival and prosperity. In Sanskrit it means 'well being.' Hitler referred to the swastika as that symbol of resurrection, of the revival of national life."

Clearly, the socialist Herr Hitler sought to capitalize on an ancient insignia known throughout the world as a positive symbol.

Yet another socialist movement of this period was that of Benito Mussolini and his followers in Italy. You will remember that the symbol he chose for his socialist Party was the fasces — the Roman symbol of authority — from which the Fascists derived their name. It was a symbol so common that it was for years used on the reverse of America's Mercury-head dime.

The Fascists, Nazis, and Communists have all used such symbolism in their propaganda. As socialists, they have much in common. Even as late as February 5, 1941, Adolf Hitler boasted in a speech that, "basically, National Social-

Thus Communist symbols exhibit both exoteric and esoteric meanings. That sounds a little heady, let's break it down more simply. *Webster's Third New International Dictionary* defines *exoteric* as "suitable to be imparted to the public; readily comprehensible; publicly known." That which is *esoteric*, says *Webster's*, is "designed for or understood by the specially initiated alone... confined or limited to a small circle."

Socialist conspirators have long made a habit of using ostensibly innocent, and previously positive, symbols as a part of their trappings. An obvious example is the use of the swastika by Adolf Hitler's National Socialist Party. Hateful as this insignia now is in the West, H.T. Morgan writes in *Chinese Symbols And Superstitions* that traditionally "The Swastika... is considered an efficacious charm." Arnold Whittick notes that "The importance of the swastika in the history of symbolism is second to none. In ancient times it was employed in most countries

ism and Communism are the same."*

We have touched on only a few of the socialist symbols. There are many others. In its issue for October 10, 1969, *Life* magazine published a thirteen-page article on "Revolution." Little more than radical propaganda, the piece was preceded by a foldout of a red flag, long a symbol of revolutionary socialism. Tracing socialist incendiarism from the French Revolution of 1789 to the Bolshevik takeover of Russia in 1917, *Life* comments that at Paris in 1871, thousands of revolutionaries "repudiated the settlement and the new government itself, unfurled the red flag of socialism† over city hall and proclaimed an independent Commune... The most practical among them were socialists from Karl Marx's International..."



Photo from front page of Communist *Daily World* pushes "peace" sign as a religious model.

Arnold Whittick says in *Symbols, Signs And Their Meaning* that "Red, of course, is the color of anarchy and the left wing in politics. The Red flag was used as a slogan of battle, and there is a reference to it in this sense in the *London Gazette* of 1666. This significance is clearly derived from blood..."

The hammer and sickle on the red flag of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics are also important symbols. Whereas Hitler chose an ancient symbol meaning "well being" for his red flag, the Communists chose symbols with a sinister connotation. In Oliver Day Street's *Symbolism Of The Three Degrees* (George H. Doran Company, New York, 1922) the hammer is described "as a symbol of destruction from prehistoric times." And in *Mackey's Encyclopedia* it is noted that the scythe "In ancient symbolism... was one of the attributes of Saturn [or Cronus]... the god of Time... the symbol of the power that severs the slender thread and puts an end to our existence."

Another esoteric symbol of the international socialist movement is the "joined" or "clasped" hands — the ancient sign of the god Fides. *Mackey's Symbolism* says this design has been used historically to denote fidelity. It is now used by the Freemasons, the A.F.L.-C.I.O., and is frequently reproduced in the Communist *Daily World* to indicate union between Comrades. This insignia is the official symbol of the Communist-controlled Student "Nonviolent" Coordinating Committee, and serves as the logo for the Trotskyite Communists' *Workers World*.

But surely the most omnipresent symbol used currently by the international socialists is the one which we are told is a sign of "peace." The Communists love

*The Nazi high command was, of course, riddled with Communist agents. See Walter Goerli's, *History Of The German General Staff*, Praeger Inc., New York, 1953.

†After glossing over the butchery by the Communards of 25,000 Parisians, *Life* tells us that "in 1964, when Russia lofted three cosmonauts into space, the three talismans they took along were Marx's portrait, Lenin's portrait, and a ribbon from a Communist flag."



ECOLOGY NOW!

Earth Day (Lenin's birthday) symbol desecrates American flag. This mutant is also insignia of the subversive Women Strike for Peace.

Nuclear Disarmament. The meaning of the symbol has broadened as other groups (Committee for Non-Violent Action, Student Peace Union, American Friends Service Committee, etc.) have used it"

A less guarded commentary on the origin and meaning of this symbol appeared in *Win* magazine, an official publication of the subversive War Resisters League. On Page twenty-seven of *Win* for October 1, 1969, we read that the "Nuclear Disarmament symbol" was "adopted immediately by Hugh Brock and Pat Arrowsmith on behalf of the Direct Action Committee Against Nuclear War (London) who initiated and organized the first Aldermaston March at Easter of that year [1958]." According to the authoritative *Intelligence Digest*, both Brock and Arrowsmith have for years been affiliated with Communist enterprises in Europe.

Elaborating on this theme, *Win* explains that in creating the initial design:

The first mark on paper was a white circle against a black square. This was followed by various versions of Christian crosses drawn within the white "sphere" [sic] on a black background and these in turn gave way to the final ND form

Immediately following the "First March" (there had been previous small scale Aldermaston demonstrations) an ND badge version of the Symbol was devised and made by Eric Austen. Eric's researches into the origins of symbolism confirmed that the "gesture of despair" motif has been associated through ancient history with the "death of man," and the circle with the "unborn child"

Apparently the "N" and "D" were an afterthought. That explanation came later. The design is a product of careful research of ancient symbolism — especially various

"peace." You will remember that Lenin declared more than forty years ago in *The Tasks Of The Youth League* that: "As an ultimate objective, 'peace' simply means Communist world control." And the Communists are campaigning for precisely that sort of "peace." Their symbol is a part of the trappings of this scheme. Resembling a chicken track enclosed in a circle, or a swept-wing bomber in vertical flight, the "peace" insignia — like the other symbols of the international socialists — reflects what Lenin called "that cursed 'Aesopian' language."

According to the radical World Without War Council: "The Peace Action Symbol was designed on February 21, 1958 for use in the first Aldermaston Easter Peace Walk in England. The symbol is the composite semaphore signal for the letters 'N' and 'D' standing for

forms of the Christian cross. But, what these propagandists of the War Resisters League* do *not* say is that the design was adopted from one created by the infamous Bertrand Russell.

The Catholic *Denver Register* was less reticent. It says that the symbol "was designed by the English philosopher Bertrand Russell as an attempt to depict the universal convergence of peoples in an upward movement of cooperation" That view is repeated in the *Pasadena Star-News* of October 24, 1968, which reports: "As a peace symbol it was first used by marchers in England, led by Lord Bertrand Russell in the late 1950s."



Communist Militant emphasizes Red symbols. This photograph was also featured prominently in the Communist Daily World and Guardian.

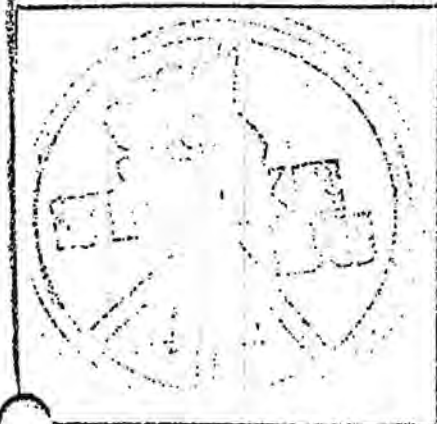
On Pages 2574-2575 of Hearing before the Special Preparedness Subcommittee of the Committee on Armed Services of the U.S. Senate (*Military Policy, War Education And Special Review Policies*, Part 6, 1962) it is established that Bertrand Russell "encouraged the show of force [at Aldermaston] by thousands of British students against NATO defense and for rapprochement with Communism." Senator Strom Thurmond, a member of that Subcommittee, notes that "The program was manipulated by pro-Communists whose objective it was to involve British students in something they do not fully comprehend." It was for this program that Lord Bertrand Russell designed the "peace" symbol.

But why would Lord Russell choose a perversion of the Christian cross as a symbol for the radicalization of British youth? Why indeed?

Current Biography provides the important facts that Russell was an active anti-Christian and that both "he and his wife were members of the Fabian Society" — a secret fellowship of wealthy Marxists bound to work for the ultimate victory of international socialism. George Bernard Shaw, one of the founders of the Fabian Society, revealed that this goal was to be achieved by "stealth, intrigue, subversion, and the deception of never calling Socialism by its right name." Fabian official John Strachey, typical of this group, admitted to the *New York Times* that "Like all Socialists, I believe that the Socialist Society evolves in time into the Communist society."

It is not at all surprising that the Communists would turn to Russell to design their "peace" sign. A Marxist from his earliest youth, he greeted the Russian Revolution

* During Hearings before the House Special Committee on Un-American Activities in 1953 (the Dies Committee) it was established in the sworn testimony of Walter Steele that "The War Resisters International is called a Communist organization . . . [its purpose is] to bring about a new social order through revolutionary uprisings."



Left: Red's fist salute and "peace" sign.

with the declaration: "The world is damnable. Lenin and Trotsky are the only bright spots . . . The world grows more full of hope every day. The Bolsheviks delight me . . ." It is also typical of him that Bertrand Russell was a member of the infamous *Clarté*, the International of Socialist Intellectuals founded at Paris in 1919, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient of France. (See *Builders Of Peace*, Mrs. H.W. Swanwick, Page 130.) The *Clarté* soon joined with the French Communist Party, and in 1924 went underground.

In 1929, while Russell was Vice President of the Communist Teachers' Labor League of England, that organization declared itself to be "affiliated to the Educational Workers' International of Paris," which in turn was connected with the Third International at Moscow. The *Daily Worker*, official newspaper of the Communist Party, U.S.A., quoted Russell on October 26, 1931, as declaring: "There is no hope in anything but the Soviet way." At the time, he headed the English section of the Communist Anti-Imperialist League and followed the Communist Line so completely that during the period of the Hitler-Stalin Pact he actually claimed to be a great admirer of Adolf Hitler.

By the mid-fifties, Bertrand Russell was serving as Chairman of the British Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. During an interview with columnist Joseph Alsop on February 19, 1958, he explained why. "Unilateral disarmament," he told Alsop, "is likely to mean, for a while, Communist domination of this world of ours. . . If the alternatives are the eventual extinction of mankind and a temporary Communist conquest, I prefer the latter."

Yes, Russell was an ideal figure to devise a "peace" symbol for the Communists. As a noted philologist, mathematician, and dabbler in philosophy, he was thoroughly familiar with classical symbology. As an equally active anti-Christian, he knew that he had chosen a classical anti-Christian design long associated with Satanism. He hated the very thought of God. "I am a dissenter from all known religions," he wrote in *The Will to Doubt*, "and I hope that every kind of religious belief will die." Bertrand Russell's sign fits that philosophy perfectly.

In Bernard Koerner's *Handbuch der Herald Kunst* (four volumes, Gorlitz Schlef, 1909), the "peace" symbol later adopted for the Comrades by Russell appears both right-side up and upside-down as a feature of pre-Christian alphabets. The Germanic peoples who used it attributed strange and mystical properties to the sign. Such a "rune" said to have been used by "black magicians" in pagan incantations and ceremonies. In Volume One of the Koerner book (Pp. 248-261) the upright use of the fork symbol was identified as representing "Man." Inverted (as it is in the Russell sign) it meant "die gesturzte Man-Rune" — the fallen-man rune, or the dead-man rune. To this very day the inverted broken cross — identical to the socialists' "peace"

symbol — is known in Germany as a "toderrune," or death rune. Not only was it ordered by Hitler's National Socialists that it must appear on German death notices, but it was a part of the official inscription prescribed for the gravestones of Nazi officers of the dread SS. The symbol suited Nazi emphasis on pagan mysticism.

Far from being a "modern" design, the symbol which Russell adopted as the Communists' insignia for "peace" dates back many centuries in the history of anti-Christian activity. In 711 A.D., for instance, when the Saracen hordes crossed into Spain to establish their Moorish kingdom, the shields of the invaders were decorated with that inverted broken cross. In 1099 A.D., the Saracens fought the Crusaders under that same symbol.

Koerner's *Handbuch* emphasizes that an upward broken cross was a positive sign. Opposite Page 248 a reproduction of a Fifteenth Century print shows Gregory the Great wearing on his vestment an upright cross, the arms of which slant skyward at a forty-five-degree angle. Opposite Page 250, another illustration shows the armorial robe of Saint Thomas à Becket, also wearing the upright "Man-rune." Germanic



(L.) Satanic Medieval symbol shown on Page 83 of the authoritative *Book Of Signs* by Rudolf Koch. (Center) Bertrand Russell, the radical and atheist who adopted Satanic symbol for use by the Reds. (R.) A Nazi badge. Inverted, this insignia was used by Hitler's SS on death notices and tombstones.

scholars Bruno Scher and Martha Bringemeier note that these upright *Gabelkreuze* (fork crosses) are common in Westphalia and certain areas of Austria and Italy,* where each is adorned with a Christ-like figure with arms spread on the upward struts of the cross. In that position, we learn, the "fork crosses" (without the Christ figure) were considered of good omen. In many cultures they symbolized fertility.†

Upside down, on the other hand, such signs were a portent of evil and death. In

*Bruno Scher and Martha Bringemeier, *Vollstammte Kreuzverehrung in Westfalen von den Anfängen bis zum Bruch der mittel-älteren Glaubenseinheit*, Aschendorffsche Verlagsbuchhandlung, Münster, 1960.

†Dr. O.A. Wall's *Sex And Sex Worship* (C.V. Mosby Company, St. Louis, 1919), Figure 269 on Page 467 shows a "Man-rune" erected in a field in Mexico "to invoke the blessings of fertility or fruitfulness for the seeds that were sown . . ." That symbol is almost identical to the one depicted on the garments of Saint Thomas à Becket. On the following page is a reproduction of the same symbol with the explanation that: "In precisely the same manner and for the same purpose this sign is used by the Hindus in India . . . and by the Zunis in New Mexico." It was also used by the ancient Aztecs in South America. Dr. Wall expresses his belief that this "fertility" symbol was derived from the outline of a virgin *mons veneris*.



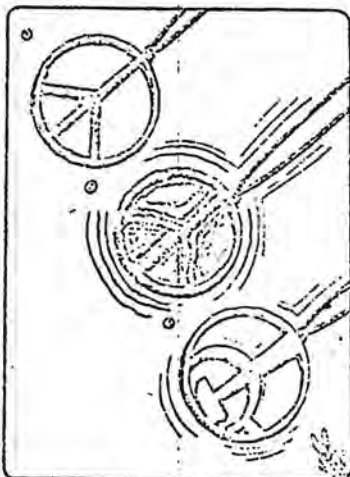
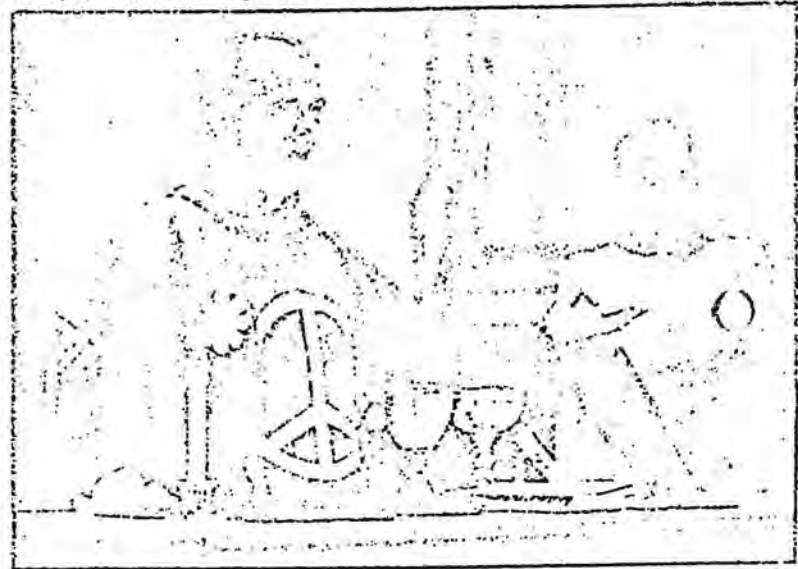
The original of this Sixteenth Century woodcut of the hated Satan by John Knox, founder of Scot Presbyterianism, is in the Museum of Witchcraft at Bayonne, France. The symbols representing the eyes of the Demon are exactly like the "peace" symbol being promoted by the Reds. Used in the Black Mass of Satanists during the Middle Ages, this sign was cited by Knox as "the mark of the beast."



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Remember November 17.
Wear a unity pin.

A Communist *Guardian* announcement of the Reds' "Fall Offensive" uses two of their favorite insignias.

Father Grubb, weekly "folk Mass" while dressed in vestments decorated with the Satanic "peace" symbol and the hippy "flower power" emblem. His garment was designed for him by a young student at nearby St. Ambrose College, one of an odd group Father Grubb calls "Foots for Christ."



Cartoon by Robert Murphy, reprinted from the *Manchester Union Leader*.

A mockery of the American flag being paraded by Marxist revolutionaries in Los Angeles. They call it their "peace flag."

Communist "peace" symbol and clenched-fist salute are combined at Red rally for Communist Black Panthers. In this case, the Communist fist shown rising out of the sign of the anti-Christ is entirely appropriate.

