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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

February 8, 1936.

Feb 12:03 P.M.

MEMORANDUM

RE: Call from [redacted] relative
to tour of Bureau by Mr. and
Mrs. Sinclair Lewis and [redacted]

[redacted] telephoned and stated that Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair Lewis and [redacted] would like to go through the Bureau and inquired if it could be arranged to have them go through after lunch on Monday. I told [redacted] that arrangements could be made, but that I would probably be before the Appropriations Committee on Monday around 2:00 P.M. or maybe a little earlier. [redacted] inquired if I would be here on Tuesday and I stated that I was almost certain that I would be here. [redacted] stated that he would try to make the arrangements to have them here on Tuesday afternoon.

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Baughman	✓
Chief Clerk	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Edwards	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Foxworth	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Joseph	✓
Mr. Keith	✓
Mr. Lester	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Schilder	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Carson	✓
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Mr. Harbo	✓
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Mr. Schilder	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Carson	✓

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Mr. Quinn
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Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Joseph
Mr. Keith
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Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

February 10, 1936

TDQ:A

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	✓
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Mr. Egan	
Mr. Foxworth	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Joseph	
Mr. Keith	
Mr. Lester	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Schilder	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

Concerning the Director's memorandum dated February 8, 1936, relative to his conversation with [redacted] concerning the [redacted] of the Bureau by Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair Lewis and [redacted] this is to advise that I communicated with [redacted] this morning and ascertained that he made arrangements for this party to be shown through the Bureau at 3 p.m. tomorrow, February 11th.

Respectfully,

T. D. QUINN.

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Record of Telephone Call of Visitor.

Feb. 11, 1936.

Time 2:55 P. M.

Name [redacted] tele b7C

Referred to

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Stated that Mr. & Mrs. Sinclair Lewis would not be able to keep the appointment to go through the Bureau today. [redacted] stated that if he did not call to the contrary, [redacted] would not be in also. [redacted] also advised that the Lewis party would try to come in tomorrow or the next day and that he, [redacted] would advise the Director accordingly. rhb

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October 26, 1939

Mr. Sinclair Lewis
c/o Curtis Brown, Ltd.
347 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Lewis:

I regret very much that I was not in the city on the occasion of your visit to the headquarters of the FBI last Tuesday. I do hope that you enjoyed seeing at first-hand our facilities and the work which we are trying to do here.

I wanted you to know that the fingerprint impressions of your niece, Miss Marcella Powers, and also your fingerprint impressions have been placed in the civil files of the Bureau, and I am enclosing two copies of the photograph which was taken and which I thought you might like to have as a memento of the occasion.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

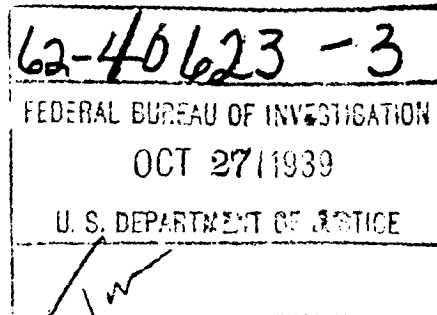
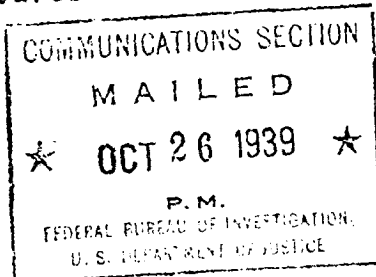
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

In accordance with previous arrangements, the writer escorted Mr. SINCLAIR LEWIS, and his niece, Miss MARCELLA POWERS, on a special tour of the Bureau on October 24th. Mr. Lewis was very enthusiastic throughout the day. He started out at 11 O'clock in the morning by stating that he could spend only an hour or an hour and a half - the tour was concluded at 3:30 in the afternoon. He stated he expected to find a fine organization but that his expectations were far exceeded by what he had actually seen. Mr. Lewis commented at length upon the changed public attitude and stated that Mr. Hoover would make a great fictional character for a novel depicting what can be done through the application of intelligence, training, and science. He stated that he had long contemplated writing a novel based upon a policeman. I expressed the hope that it wouldn't be another "Elmer Gantry."

He expressed the thought on several occasions that Miss Dorothy Thompson, his wife, who resides at 88 Central Park West, telephone Trafalgar 4-4121, would be extremely interested in visiting the Bureau; as a matter of fact, he asked the writer to get in touch with the Director and have him call Miss Thompson on the telephone and invite her to visit the Bureau next week when she comes to Washington to debate "Fathead" Johnson; the characterization of Mr. Johnson is, of course, Mr. Lewis.

In passing, it should be pointed out that he does not reside with his wife but, on the other hand, lives at the Hotel Lombardy. He stated that Miss Thompson has spoken about the Bureau favorably. I told him that I recalled a couple of remarks which she had made which were not so favorable, whereupon he stated that she got off the reservation at times but she did not mean anything by it. He stated if Miss Thompson should ever visit the Bureau that in greeting her she should be told by the person who is designated to see her that he enjoys reading her writings, admires her, that her columns are thought-provoking, even though he does not believe everything she writes, and then "proceed to give Hitler hell," whereupon she would get her peeve against Hitler out of her system and would then settle down and enjoy herself for the day.

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Mr. Lewis pointed out that he had always classed himself as a Liberal but that there was a line between Liberalism and Communism, and while he had always believed "to live and let live" nevertheless two years ago, following his novel, "Prodigal Son," which characterized a Communistic family, his eyes were opened by what some of the Communists had done; and now he feels badly if they do not castigate him in the Daily Worker at least once a week.

He referred to [REDACTED] b1

He also stated that [REDACTED] b6

Throughout the course of the tour, he was very enthusiastic and very commendatory about the Director. He was very much interested in the Director's views on Civil Liberties, which the writer related in some detail, pointing out the policies which the Director had inaugurated in the Bureau immediately after his appointment as Director in 1924 of how third degree and unethical tactics had absolutely been prohibited; how the Director had urged law enforcement generally to respect the rights of others and to place law enforcement upon a scientific, practical, and professional basis. He stated that this was what the country had needed for a long time. He inquired as to the Director's age and when he was informed, with a flick of his hand stated, "He is a mere infant. His best years are ahead of him."

Mr. Lewis became very enthusiastic about fingerprinting and while going through the Identification Division specifically asked that we take his fingerprints. I told him we would be glad to do this and would then place them in our civil file. At the conclusion of the tour his fingerprints and those of his niece, Miss Powers, were taken; likewise, a photograph was taken of Mr. Lewis being fingerprinted. It is significant to note in this connection that Mr. Lewis made the comment that a lot of Liberals are against fingerprinting but that he has been wondering whether or not those who have been shouting the loudest don't have something to cover up. Mr. Lewis is on his way to Mexico City for a vacation with his niece. I told him I felt sure the Director would want to send him the photographs to serve as a memento and he asked that they be sent to his publishers, who, in turn, would forward them to him in Mexico. A letter is attached.

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Mr. Lewis had been to Mount Vernon years ago and expressed the desire to take his niece there while he was in Washington. I pointed out that I felt sure the Director if he were here would want him to go down in one of our cars and, accordingly, arrangements were made for a car to take him down. He expressed his appreciation.

Respectfully

LBN
L. B. Nichols
LBN

c/o Curtis Brown, Ltd.,
427 Madison Avenue,
New York.

November 3, 1939

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you very much for sending me the
two photographs of the finger-printing. They
are magnificent.

We were extremely sorry to miss you in Washing-
ton, but no one could have been kinder or more
helpful and interesting than Mr. Nichols, and
we hope earnestly that we are some day going to
see both of you again.

Yours sincerely,

Sinclair Lewis

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

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Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Foxworth	✓
Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Hendon	✓
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DIRECTOR

REGARDING TELEPHONIC CONVERSATION WITH MR. ROSEN THIS DATE.

SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED] ASCERTAINED FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ^{LEWIS} THAT SINCLAIR ^{LEWIS} LEFT TOWN LAST NIGHT. ^{LEWIS} MADE REMARKS AT AN OPEN FORUM HELD AT JEWISH TEMPLE, JACKSONVILLE LAST NIGHT, THEN PROCEEDED TO WINDSOR HOTEL THAT CITY, REMAINED SEVERAL HOURS THEN CHECKED OUT, APPARENTLY LEAVING CITY. INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT AND NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT THAT ^{LEWIS} YESTERDAY AFTERNOON VISITED NASSAU TAVERN ABOUT EIGHT MILES NORTH OF JACKSONVILLE, A NOTORIOUS JOINT ON THE JACKSONVILLE-SAVANNAH HIGHWAY WHERE HE ENGAGED IN A GAMBLING GAME. THIS JOINT IS IN NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA. AT TWO P.M. ^{LEWIS} REPORTED TO JACKSONVILLE POLICE APPARENTLY UNDER INFLUENCE OF LIQUOR AND TOLD OFFICERS ABOUT THE GAMBLING GAME. HE HAD APPARENTLY FOLLOWED THE MAN INTO THE CITY WHO WON HIS MONEY AMOUNTING TO APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY DOLLARS. JACKSONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT ARRESTED THIS MAN, [REDACTED] ON ^{LEWIS} COMPLAINT AND WHEN SEARCHED [REDACTED] HAD MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS ON HIS PERSON. ^{LEWIS} DEMANDED TO KNOW OF POLICE WHAT

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COULD BE DONE ABOUT THE MATTER BUT DID NOT FURNISH THEM WITH
FULL DETAILS, LATER STATING THAT HE WAS TOO BUSY TO TESTIFY
AGAINST THE MAN ARRESTED. [REDACTED] APPEARED IN THE MUNICIPAL b7C
COURT JACKSONVILLE THIES MORNING AS A VAGRANT AND AS NO CRIMINAL
EVIDENCE PRESENTED AGAINST HIM HE WAS RELEASED. NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS
FROM JACKSONVILLE PAPER BEING FORWARDED.

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cc [REDACTED] b7C

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

1300 Biscayne Building
Miami, Florida

February 5, 1941

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the telephone conversation between Mr. ROSEN and Special Agent [REDACTED] of this Office on February 1, 1941, and the teletype to the Bureau from this Office of the same date, regarding the difficulties encountered by SINCLAIR LEWIS, the noted author, in the vicinity of Jacksonville, Florida, on January 31, 1941. b7C

For the Bureau's information, there are submitted herewith clippings from the Jacksonville Journal, issue of February 1, 1941, relative to LEWIS' remarks at the Jewish Temple in Jacksonville, and concerning the flimflam game worked on him in Nassau County, Florida.

Very truly yours,

PERCY WILY, II
Special Agent in Charge

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It CAN Happen Here

Sinclair Lewis Flimflammed By Some Main Street Babbits



LEWIS

—Staff photo by Leo Witt
HURLBERT

Sinclair Lewis, noted author, was just another flim-flam victim to County Detective Sid Hurlbert yesterday. Lewis, who was taken for \$160 in a Nassau county jook joint, is pictured as he explained the details to Hurlbert.

Sinclair Lewis came zipping into Jacksonville at high speed yesterday afternoon. But not in the role of novelist and Nobel prize winner. He came as a detective in hot pursuit of a man who, he said, had flim-flammed him out of \$160 in a roadside tavern, north of Jacksonville.

Arriving at Main and Adams streets, he called a policeman and had the man put in jail.

Author of Main Street, Elmer Gantry, Arrowsmith, Dodsworth, etc., then came by The Journal to tell his experience.

"I don't mind the money," he said. "Often I invite some friends in for dinner and it costs that much—and they turn out to be pretty dull guests."

Lewis stopped at the tavern on his way to New York. There he met a dejected gentleman at the bar who had no funds to go South on. Lewis' gentler impulses got the best of him and he staked his new-found acquaintance at a gambling device where said acquaintance said he had already gone broke.

After the first take, about \$100 was gone, Lewis loaned him more. When that was gone, Lewis staked him for the trip southward.

After Lewis had gone he began to reflect on the incident, and turned around and drove back to the tavern. Dejected looking friend, who had bidden him good-bye and supposedly started south, was dejected-looking again at the same old stand.

Dejected friend ejected himself from the tavern and jumped in his car with a foreign license and scooted toward Jacksonville, with Lewis in pursuit.

But Lewis didn't appear in court this morning. Dejected friend was happy when dismissed. There was really no evidence against him.

When Lewis left last night he had \$160 less of the \$46,000 he got from the Nobel prize fund.

He is on his way north to go to work in a new novel, he said. Asked why he didn't write in Miami, where he has been staying, he said, "It's too easy to relax down here."

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Sinclair Lewis Lends Zest to Forum Meeting

Round-Table Discussion on War and Effects Staged at Jewish Temple.

A great American novelist tarried here last night to lend impetus and zest to a round-table discussion which was staged by several prominent local citizens from the platform of the Jacksonville Jewish Temple.

Sinclair Lewis, author of "Main Street," and the Nobel prize-winning "Arrowsmith," touched the conversation off with his remark that there is not enough love of loyalty and decency in America today, and then turned the discussion over to the local leaders who carried it to an end without ever allowing the audience to experience a moment of tedium.

Mr. Lewis came to the meeting as a friend of Gilchrist B. Stockton, who was formerly minister to Austria for the United States, while the author was sojourning in Vienna as a newspaperman. He took occasion to praise Stockton for his work in behalf of American students while he was at his post abroad.

The forum discussion was opened by Rabbi Israel L. Kaplan who pointed out that he was undertaking the program as a part of the Jewish tradition that the synagogue should be a "house of prayer; a house of study and a house of assembly."

He turned the discussion over to Harold Cohn, local newspaper man, who introduced the chief participants. They were: Mr. Lewis, John Love Wilkes, president of the Jacksonville Terminal Company, representing business; Dr. Albert J. Kissling, pastor of the Riverside Presbyterian Church, representing religion, and Mr. Stockton, representing diplomacy.

The discussion was developed through an exchange of questions and responses among the participants. Mr. Wilkes served as the interlocutor, injecting at times some of his reflections into the conversation.

He touched off the heated discussion when he asked Sinclair Lewis what he thought of America lending aid to Great Britain. Wilkes is chairman of the local branch of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding Great Britain. From Mr. Lewis' expression of opposition to the plan for lending aid to Britain, the series of questions and answers began.

Mr. Stockton, who said that he lived with the German army for six months during the World War, declared that he had no complaint against the Germans as such. He declared, however, that it was his belief that England is waging a battle for liberty, tolerance and free speech.

He made it plain that he was in favor of extending aid to England, even at the risk of war. "It is futile," he added, "to manufacture armaments and then dump them in the Atlantic Ocean."

Further along in the discussion, he maintained that ideals have not been successful in this world without the support of force. "The Germans are great fighters when they are winning," he added, "but they can't face defeat."

Leading in the opposing view was Dr. Kissling, who, from the outset, declared that he "hated Hitlerism and all it stands for in Germany." He declared, however, "Hitlerism is a disease; it is not limited to Germany." He contended that if Hitlerism is smashed in Czechoslovakia and the other countries which have been invaded they would be laid wide open to the Russian Bear.

Finding Sinclair Lewis was supporting him 100 per cent in some of his remarks, Dr. Kissling continued: "Furnishing guns to two fellows shooting at each other is not the way to bring peace and unity into this world."

"Great Britain is not fighting our war, except incidentally," he remarked.

Dr. Kissling maintained that there are inherent forces in Hitlerism that will destroy the Nazi leader.

These are but some of the remarks that were evolved from the discussion, which was so free and uninhibited that Mr. Wilkes was prompted to remark that a conference such as the one in progress in the Jewish Temple last night—hardly possible anywhere else in the world—was "one of the things worth fighting for."

Present at the meeting last night and joining in the discussion from the floor was Carl A. Ross, retired attorney of Albion, Mich., who will appear here at 3 P. M. Sunday as the Open Forum speaker in the Jewish Temple.

Prior to the round-table discussion, the traditional Sabbath eve service of the Jewish congregation was held in the Temple.

Search for Local Color Is Expensive For Sinclair Lewis

Sinclair Lewis, noted author, lost \$150 in an alleged gambling game in Nassau County yesterday morning. It became known here when he effected the arrest of one man on a charge of "suspicion of card shark and vagrancy."

Lewis, who was on his way North after spending some time in Florida, intimated to police that his gambling venture was entered into in search of additional "local color."

He stopped at a tavern in Nassau County for refreshment, he told police, and then was induced to participate in an alleged gambling game.

After paying his losses, Lewis informed police here that he followed the man who won the money to Jacksonville and had a policeman arrest him at Main and Adams Streets about 2 P. M.

Lewis told police that he did not mind losing the money, describing it as "a good experience," but explained that his motive in reporting it was to prevent other tourists from losing money in a similar manner who might possibly not be able to afford it.

The author continued North and whether or not charges against the man arrested will be pushed will be determined today by State's Attorney William A. Hallows III.

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MADERA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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208 WEST SIXTH STREET

MADERA, CALIFORNIA

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
WASHINGTON, D. C.

PERSONAL

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Through my very good friend [redacted] who has been one of your students, I have learned a great deal about you, needless to say, however, I have known of only splendid things about you, and it is for this reason that I am calling your attention to the most incendiary book since the days of "Uncle Tom's Cabin", its title is, "Kingblood Royal", by Sinclair Lewis, and published by Random House, New York.

In "Kingblood Royal" Sinclair Lewis discusses the negro question in a manner which is intended to inflame negroes against whites and is undoubtedly propaganda for the white man's acceptance of the negro as a social equal.

"Kingblood Royal" is more insidious than was "Uncle Tom's Cabin". Of course you know Sinclair Lewis's background of radical thinking as well as I do, and better I know.

"Kingblood Royal" has not yet been published. I happened to have obtained an advance copy.

I am passing this information on to you knowing your extreme interest in all things American. I will appreciate hearing from you.

With expressions of esteem, I am

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Sincerely yours,

[redacted]:ed b7C

N.B. For your information, I think [redacted] is doing a very fine job here and is making you a very able [redacted] I am very proud of [redacted] and what he has accomplished, and I was prouder to be one of his endorsers when he made application to attend the F.B.I. School originally.

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208 West Sixth Street
Madera, California

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 1, 1947, has been received and I want you
to know that I appreciate your forwarding this information.

Your letter has been referred to Assistant Attorney General
Theron L. Caudle, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, for consideration.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MADERA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

208 WEST SIXTH STREET

MADERA, CALIFORNIA

APRIL 15th, 1947

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
WASHINGTON, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Please find enclosed copy of a letter received
from [REDACTED] on April 14th. The letter explains itself.

I sincerely hope that I am not annoying you by
sending you various and sundry material on Sinclair Lewis's
book, "Kingsblood Royal".

For your information [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and their opinion of a book I long have considered
worthwhile.

Very truly yours,

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Mr. Nease.....

[REDACTED] b7c
Chicago 1, Illinois

April 11th, 1947

[REDACTED] b7c
Madera County Health Department
208 West Sixth Street
Madera, California

Dear [REDACTED] b7c

Thank you for sending me your masterful criticism of the new Sinclair Lewis book, KINGSBLOOD ROYAL.

I agree with you fully that this is a dangerous book and that its publication is very liable to cause more dissension throughout our country.

I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of your letter to Haddon House, the publishers of the book, with the suggestion that they send a copy to Mr. Lewis.

Mother and Dad have told me how much they enjoyed seeing you again in California and it was a pleasure to read your letter.

Sincerely yours,
[REDACTED] b7c
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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
Madera County Health Department
208 West Sixth Street
Madera, California

Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter dated April 15, 1947, with enclosure, has been received and I do want to thank you for writing as you did. Please do not hesitate to communicate with me whenever you feel you have information of possible interest to this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MADERA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

208 WEST SIXTH STREET

MADERA, CALIFORNIA

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Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
WASHINGTON, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing copy of a review of my personal feeling toward Sinclair Lewis's new book "Kings Blood Royal".

[REDACTED] gave me the advance copy that I have and asked me to read it and let him have my opinion of it.

The book will not be on the book shelves until about May 20th. I am enclosing, also, a copy of my letter to [REDACTED]

In order that I might get a reaction from one of your students, I loaned my copy of "Kings Blood Royal" to [REDACTED] who is a graduate of the FBI school, and who recently spent a few weeks in Washington attending a short school which you and your excellent staff held. I have [REDACTED] permission to state to you that he is very heartily in agreement with every statement I have made in my comment on "Kings Blood Royal". In other words, he thinks the book just as dangerous as I do.

If you have not been able to obtain a copy of "Kings Blood Royal", which is published by Random House, I will be very glad to loan you my copy. I am sure, however, that if you will write Random House, that they will send you a copy of the book.

You will recall I know, a recent letter which I wrote you immediately following my reading of the book.

For your information I have, for many years, due to my connection with Military Intelligence, had the opportunity to render, in my small way, support to your men in the field. I am a veteran of the Spanish American War, as well as World War I, and during World War II, I did quite a bit of intelligence work which was passed on to your representatives for them to do with as they saw fit. I am telling you this little story in order that you may know something of my background. Incidentally, I have been in Public Health work, both the Army and the U. S. Public Health Service, and other agencies, for a matter of 45 years.

I will be most interested to have your reaction after you have read "Kings Blood Royal", and also your reaction to my review of the book.

With expressions of esteem, I am

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Madera, California
April 7, 1947

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[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, California

My dear [REDACTED]

C O P Y

When you gave me Sinclair Lewis's new book, "Kings Blood Royal", to read you asked me to express my opinion after I had finished it.

In what I am about to write I have no doubt but that you will disagree with me most violently.

You told me that [REDACTED] wrote you that "the book stinks". With his statement I am in hearty accord. b7C

"Kings Blood Royal", is a very dangerous book to put into the hands of people whose minds are already in a state of flux, a state of unrest, a state of insecurity, and finally but not the least of the above statements, the people of the world are hysterical. Hysterical to a point where even a mildly inflammatory statement made by some one in whose opinion many persons placed faith might set off already anxious nations or even a single nation to do violence again as they did during the tragic years from 1938 to 1946.

Sinclair Lewis has many followers. His books have had a world wide circulation. He never has put a line on paper except that he was mad at some cause or at some group or even at one individual. He dips his pen in vitriol and writes accordingly.

Until "Kings Blood Royal", I never have felt that in attacking whatever he saw fit to attack under the guise of writing fiction that he did much harm. He made some people angry,

others admired him for the bite he put into his writing. The motive behind his latest book was premeditatedly vicious. In "Kings Blood Royal" he definitely has written a book that is intentionally incendiary. His purpose in writing it was to incite the herd minded masses to more and greater intolerance than had appeared on the surface before they read his book.

"Kings Blood Royal" is more dangerous than was Uncle Tom's Cabin. Like Harriett Beecher Stowe, Lewis has no knowledge of the subject about which he has written, namely the negro question. His hero is a tawdry melodramatic cad without one single redeeming quality. A self pitying son-of-a-bitch who was devoid of the fine feeling of a gentleman and was bent only on destroying those around him who were his by blood ties and who loved him and placed trust in his ability to make his way in the world and to act toward them as a loved one should. That he failed in his obligation to his family and to society Lewis tries to justify by having him consort with all types of negroes both good and bad, mostly bad. In other words his hero is an extrovert suffering from persecutory illusions about the race he tries to adopt without the race wanting to adopt him.

No author has the right to discuss subjects about which he has only a bad second hand knowledge.

His language and his argument are both trite and "corny". The arguments he has come from the mouths of his characters are those same arguments that have been used for nearly a century or even longer. His present attempt in the field of sociology shows how little he knows about the subject matter he has

under discussion. His ignorance of the problem between the white man and the negro is abysmal.

There is no doubt whatsoever in my mind but that some day some one somewhere in America will write a book filled with wisdom about solutions for racial differences. Such a book should be written by a wise man or by a group of wise men and women of races now being discriminated against with white men collaborating.

I have no doubt but that "Kings Blood Royal" will enjoy a large sale because Sinclair Lewis wrote it; on the other hand, however, controversies over it will arise that may lead to violence. I feel certain that this was what Lewis hoped in his heart would happen.

Sinclair Lewis has been "left" in his thinking for years. He has been an inciter of revolution. His reasoning is not democratic but as I already have said is incendiary.

All over the United States people are kneeling and praying for a lasting peace. "Kings Blood Royal" is the type of book that may destroy peace and bring in its stead greater and more bitter racial feeling between whites and negroes which in turn may lead to race riots that might become nation wide in their scope. "Kings Blood Royal" is a type of book which might well light the torch of revolution.

When Mr. Lewis finished his book he must have gained great satisfaction in the knowledge that he had turned the force of his venom on a people already weary of dissention

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and of strife but in whose hearts still burned the knowledge that once a great and bloody Civil War had been fought over the very cause he now seeks to espouse.

"Kings Blood Royal" is a cheap and tawdry book. It reflects no credit on Sinclair Lewis's intelligence. The book is designed to inflame. It is bitter and full of the acid of racial prejudice. It is even unkempt in that it does not take into consideration those common decencies of polite behavior so necessary to furthering the ethics a proper study of the humanities demand should be observed.

I pray with all my heart and soul that the purpose Sinclair Lewis had in mind when writing this, his latest and most dangerous book, will not come to pass.

Haven't all of us all over the world had enough to do with propagandists?

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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April 16, 1947

[REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED] b7D
Madera County Health Department
208 West Sixth Street
Madera, California

RECORDED: 62-11187-16

Dear [REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED] b7D

EX-1

Your letter dated April 8, 1947, with enclosure, has been received and I do want to thank you for bringing to my attention the book upon which you comment. The motives which prompted your communication are indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED] b7C

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: This correspondent communicated with the Bureau in 1942, furnishing some copies of a magazine which he suspected might be subversive. His present communication deals with Sinclair Lewis' new book "Kings Blood Royal," which he considers very inflammatory due to its references to the question of Negro and White relations.

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Mr. Harbo
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Assistant Attorney General
Theron L. Caudle
Director, FBI

May 8, 1947

BOOK ENTITLED "KINGSBLOOD ROYAL"
BY SINCLAIR LEWIS

[REDACTED] of Madera,
California, has advised this Bureau that he has had occasion
to review an advance copy of the book, "Kingsblood Royal" by
Sinclair Lewis, published by Random House, New York. [REDACTED]
advised that this book may be of an "incendiary" nature,
inasmuch as Lewis discusses the negro question in a manner which,
according to [REDACTED], is intended to inflame negroes against
whites. The book was stated to be "propaganda for the white
man's acceptance of the negro as a social equal".

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The foregoing is called to your attention for your
information and such consideration as you deem appropriate.

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Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Carson	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Hendon	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. FLETCHER *b7c*

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: SINCLAIR LEWIS

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Mr. Gurnea _____
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Mr. Pennington _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Holmes _____
Miss Gandy _____

Attached hereto is a request for a record check received from the Office of the Secretary of Defense. That agency has requested a check of our investigative files on the above captioned individual who is a well known author and Pulitzer Prize winner.

In April 1940, the Philadelphia office received information from one [REDACTED]

The Bureau issued instructions in May 1940, that no further investigation was to be conducted on the basis of the foregoing facts inasmuch as the original informant failed to indicate any espionage activities on the part of the subject. (65-10644-2, 3)

[REDACTED] of Madera, California, wrote to the Director on April 8, 1947, calling attention to a new book written by Sinclair Lewis entitled "Kingsblood Royal". [REDACTED] advised that this book may be of an "incendiary" nature, inasmuch as Lewis discusses the negro question in a manner which, according to [REDACTED] is intended to inflame negroes against whites. The book was stated to be "propaganda for the white man's acceptance of the negro as a social equal." (62-40623-10, 11)

The contents of [REDACTED] letter were summarized in a memorandum from the Director to Assistant Attorney General Theron L. Caudle, dated May 8, 1947.

Action:

The foregoing information does not appear to be such as would effect clearance for access to highly classified material. Accordingly, it is recommended that the form requesting the name check be stamped, "No Investigation conducted by FBI pertinent to your inquiry". Should this procedure meet with your approval it is requested that the attached form be returned to 7633 for reply.

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DATE: 7/16/67
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*Form stamped
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returned to OSD.
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May 25, 1951

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To:

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

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Attention: Chief, Intelligence Division

From:

John Edgar Hoover - Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: THE RICHARD SORCE CASE
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- Harbo
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- Belmont
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- Tele. Room

CORRELATION SUMMARY

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Main file No. 62-40623

Date: 8/22/51

Subject: Sinclair Lewis

Date Searched
6/18/51

Found As:

S. Lewis
Sinclair^o Lewis
Sinclaire Lewis

Also searched as:

Saint Clair Lewis

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Date of Review ...5/28/92...
5/28/82

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WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.

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This summary includes material obtained from a review of all "See" references identified with the subject. All references which are identical or probably identical have been included with the exception of those listed at the end of this summary. The number appearing in parenthesis beneath each source block is the search slip page number where that reference is found.

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Main Files Summary

There are two main files on Sinclair Lewis, ie., 62-40623 and 65-10644. A review of these files fails to reflect that the Bureau has ever conducted any investigation on Lewis.

One of these files (62-40623) was opened on 2-8-36 as a result of a telephone call from [REDACTED] (not further identified) to the Director inquiring if arrangements could be made to show Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair Lewis and [REDACTED] (not identified) through the Bureau. Although arrangements were made for a tour of the Bureau on 2-11-36 the appointment was not fulfilled by them. b6

On October 24, 1939 Sinclair Lewis and his niece Miss Marcella Powers were escorted on a special tour of the Bureau by Mr. L. B. Nichols.

The remainder of this file contains miscellaneous correspondence regarding Lewis, comments on his books, but nothing derogatory. b7C

The other main file (65-10644) indicates that [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED]

The above complaint resulted in a complete investigation of [REDACTED]. However, Sinclair Lewis's name was dropped from the file after the initial complaint and no investigation was conducted regarding him.

Correlator's Note: During the preparation of instant memorandum it was discovered that Sinclair Lewis's wife was the well-known columnist, Dorothy Thompson. [REDACTED] failed to reflect any derogatory [REDACTED] b7

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Since there is no background information in the Bureau's files on Sinclair Lewis, the following was taken from "Who's Who in America, 1950-1951."

"Lewis, Sinclair, author; b. Sauk Centre, Minn., February 7, 1885; s. Edwin J. (M. D.) and Emma (Kermott) Lewis; A.B., Yale University, 1907, Litt. D., 1933; married Grace Livingstone Hegger, April 15, 1914; 1 son, Wells (killed in World War II); married 2d, Dorothy Thompson, May 14, 1928; 1 son, Michael. Formerly a reporter, New Haven Journal and Courier, San Francisco Bulletin, Associated Press, etc.; successively asst. editor or editor Transatlantic Tales, Volta Review, Frederick A. Stokes Co., Adventure, Publishers' Newspaper Syndicate and editor George H. Doran Co., to 1916. Mem. Am. Acad. of Arts and Letters. Author: (novels) Our Mr. Wrenn, 1914; The Trail of the Hawk, 1915; The Job, 1917; the Innocents, 1917; Free Air, 1919; Main Street, 1920; Babbitt, 1922; Arrowsmith, 1925; Mantrap, 1926; Elmer Gantry, 1927; The Man Who Knew Coolidge, 1928; Dodsworth, 1929; Ann Vickers, 1933; Work of Art, 1934, It Can't Happen Here, 1935; Ancestral Voices, 1938; Bethel Merriday, 1940; Gideon Planish, 1943; Cess Timberlane, 1945; Kingsblood Royal, 1947; plays, Hobohemia, N.Y. 1919; Jayhawker (with Lloyd Lewis) N.Y., 1934; It Can't Happen Here (in collaboration), produced Federal Theatre, with twenty-one companies, 1936; Angela Is Twenty-two (in collaboration with Fay Wray, prod. on the road, 1938-39, with author playing star role for a time). Plays in bookform: Jayhawker, and Dodsworth (with Sidney Howard), 1935; It Can't Happen Here, 1938. Contrib. short stories to mags. Nobel prize in literature, 1930. Address: care Random House, 457 Madison Ave., New York 22, N. Y."

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Sinclair Lewis is not mentioned in the text of the letter.

Document No. 6 page 11
Attachment to an unrecorded
Memorandum dated 6/14/51
from A.H. Belmont to
Supervisors in the Security
Division.
Re: "Sinclair Lewis
Security Matter - C"

Note: The G-2 documents mentioned above were furnished on a confidential basis by the McCarran Committee. In communications to the field this information should be credited to a highly confidential source of known reliability and no reference should be made to the McCarran Committee nor should there be any indication that the documents emanated from G-2.

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The Penguin Club was originally organized as a literary and artists club. Sinclair Lewis was one of the original organizers.

No source given
Washington, D. C. report
dated 4/30/23
Re: "The Penguin Club
Offices and Activities"
61-3844-1
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On May 14, 1928, Dorothy Thompson (a well known columnist) married Sinclair Lewis, whom she later (date not indicated) divorced. They had one son, Michael.

Undated Summary Memo

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An article appeared in the "Washington Star" for 8/9/1928 datelined at Atlantic City, New Jersey, entitled, "Ban Labor School as Communistic-American Federation of Labor Asks Union to Withdraw Support of Brookwood College." This article listed authors, editors and publicists including Sinclair Lewis, who were endorsers of Brookwood College.

Officers of the Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy (a branch of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy) included Sinclair Lewis as a member of the National Committee. No source given.

Sponsors of the Motion Picture Artists (Spanish Aid) Committee, affiliated with the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy included Sinclair Lewis. No source given.

Report of Special Committee on
UN-American Activities, House
of Representatives, 75th Congress.
Printed 1938.

61-7582-1298 p. 566, 569

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SI D.C. - [REDACTED] Volume 1

pages 262, 265, 399

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SI 61-9218-13

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SI 61-7582-1380 p. 262

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This serial is an undated (probably December, 1928) announcement by the Viking Press, New York City of the publication of "The Letters of Sacco and Vanzetti." The book is described as containing a complete record of the case of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, the shoemaker and the fish-peddler who were executed. The circular states that the above volume is sponsored by an "International Committee" of which Sinclair Lewis was a member.

Original source not indicated

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Francis Ralston Welsh, 20 South 15th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, [REDACTED] b7

[REDACTED] on March 30, 1929, published a bulletin setting out all of the officers and committees of the American Society for Cultural Relations with Russia. Sinclair Lewis' name appeared on this list as a member of the book committee.

Chicago report 2/1/41
Re: "American Society for Cultural relations with Russia-IC-3"
61-6211-34, p. 12

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SI source not given
Los Angeles report dated 4/5/41
carries Lewis as member of various unnamed committees of [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]

61-6211-102, p. 5

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SI-C-178

Washington, D.C. report dated 4/5/51

Re: "American Society for Cultural Relations with Russia, IC-3"

61-6211-110, p. 4

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SI source unknown

Original printed bulletin dated 3/30/29 captioned: American Society for Cultural Relations with Russia (U.S.S.R.)

published by Francis Ralston Welsh

61-6211-240

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SI source obtained [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] by [REDACTED] b7
Memo from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] date 10/2/42

Re: "National Civic Federation"

62-997-47

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A pamphlet entitled, "Cheap and Contented Labor" ^{was} written by Sinclair Lewis, copyright, 1929, Published by United Textile Workers of America and Women's Trade Union League, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

In this pamphlet Lewis depicts the struggle in 1929 between labor and management in the cotton mills at Marion, North Carolina when an attempt was made to unionize the mills.

Lewis quoted from a pamphlet issued by the Kiwanis Club of Marion in which there was set forth the advantages and opportunities to be gained by residents of Marion.

He considered the foregoing an open declaration by Marion business men that they would assist capital to choke labor, and that there could be only one answer on the part of workers--a militant and universal organization of trade unions.

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The Labor News of May 3, 1930, published by the Federated Press, 112 East Nineteenth Street, New York City, listed Sinclair Lewis as a member and correspondent of the Federated Press.

Taken from Exhibit No. 26
submitted by Walter S.
Steele, Editor of National
Republic magazine, before a
Special Committee to In-
vestigate Communistic
Activities in the U. S.,
House of Representatives
71st Congress, Second Session.
11-25-30
62-23170-159, p. 295.
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The Birth Control Review of June, 1930, listed Mr. Sinclair Lewis as a member of the National Council of the American Birth Control League (Inc.), 152 Madison Avenue, New York City.

Information taken from
Exhibit No. 13, submitted by
Walter S. Steele, Editor of
National Republic magazine
before a Special Committee
to Investigate Communist
Activities in the United States,
House of Representatives, 71st
Congress, Second Session, November
25, 1930.
62-23170-159 p. 269.
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On June 18, 19, 1930, Walter S. Steele, General Manager, National Republic Magazine, submitted the following information before a Special Committee for the Investigation of Communist Activities in the United States, House of Representatives, 71st Congress, Second Session.

"THE WORKERS LIBRARY--BOOKS FOR WORKERS"

The Workers Library Publishers

"The Workers Library Publishers exists for one purpose only--to serve the working class by publishing in pamphlet form, or in cheap paper-covered editions, the literature most essential to the class-conscious, militant worker in his task of awakening, organizing, and leading the masses in their struggles against the bosses, against the misleaders of labor, and against the system that is at the root of exploitation, oppression, and war.

"In this catalogue we have listed our own publications, as well as selected publications of the International Publishers, the Vanguard Press, Chas. H. Kerr, and other firms."

On this list under the sub-heading "Fiction, literature, etc," were the following books by Sinclair Lewis:

"Elmer Gantry," Sinclair Lewis, \$1.
"Main Street," Sinclair Lewis, 75¢
"Babbitt," Sinclair Lewis, 75¢
"Arrowsmith," Sinclair Lewis, 75¢

The above information was taken from
Exhibit #7, submitted by Steele.

Fish Committee Report, Volume 2,
Part 1, page 26.
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An article entitled "Bourgeois Intellectuals and Communism" by H. M. Wicks, contained in the 1930 issue of the Fish Committee report, reflects that "In a recent issue of 'The Workers' (date not stated) Comrade Michael Gold sets forth observations of his own on the subject of American Intellectuals and Communism, and seems to resent the fact that Communists are not 'admitted to full membership' in the circles of petty bourgeois intellectuals who contribute to the so-called liberal magazines." Among these intellectuals named by Gold were Sinclair Lewis, Theodore Dreiser, Waldo Frank, Sherwood Anderson and H. L. Mencken. Gold asserts that "These solitary artists and intellectual rebels are unconscious revolutionists; the communist is a conscious one, however, and the difference is like that of adolescence and maturity in an individual."

The article further states that "By what sort of tortuous reasoning the conclusion is reached that Anderson, Frank, Lewis, or any of the lesser lights of this school of bourgeois moralists and sex anarchists have approached even the adolescent stage of the revolution is beyond the comprehension of a Marxist".

Hearings before a Special
Committee To Investigate
Communist Activities in the
U.S., of the House of
Representatives, 71st-
Congress, Second Session
6-17-30
62-23170-149, p. 367
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Information contained in the Los Angeles files (source not stated) reflected that a conference of the Young Communist League of the United States was held on December 12, 28 and 29, 1935, at the Y.W.C.A. Auditorium in Columbus, Ohio, despite patriotic protests. At this time the Student League for Industrial Democracy of the Socialist Party, and the National Student League of the Communist Party, amalgamated, adopting the name "American Student Union" with the blessing of Earl Browder, Sinclair Lewis and others.

Correlators note: No information was set forth in this report showing any connection between this group and the National Student Federation.

Los Angeles report 2/24/41
Re: "National Student Federation:
The National Student Federation
of the United States of
America, IS-C"
100-7050-48
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An unsigned memorandum dated July 3, 1941, concerning [REDACTED] contained information obtained from an outside unknown source, dated at New York City, June 13, 1941. b7C

This source stated that [REDACTED] b7C b7D

[REDACTED] On January 1, 1936, a number of writers including [REDACTED] and Sinclair Lewis sent congratulations and greetings to the Soviet Government for its success in the following year. It was stated that this notice appeared in the "Daily Worker" of January 4, 1936.

Memorandum for Mr. [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] dated 7/13/41 b7C

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A letter dated January 13, 1936, was written to the Director by [REDACTED] b7C b7D
[REDACTED], Doubleday, Doran and Company, Incorporated Publishers, Garden City, New York.

The letter stated in part, "I am sending you, under separate cover, a copy of 'The Sound Wagon' by T. S. Stribling, Pulitzer Prize winning author, which ringingly substantiates your statement. Perhaps you have already read this novel. It is at present sharing best-sellerdom in Washington along with another of our publications, Sinclair Lewis' 'It Can't Happen Here'. (By the way, if you haven't yet read the Lewis book, I'd be glad to pass along a copy to you)".

Source as Indicated
Re: "Doubleday, Doran and
Company, Incorporated Publishers
Garden City, New York"
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The January 14, 1936 issue of "New Masses " on page 10-11 in an article captioned "Sinclair Lewis Visits a Strike," reflected that Lewis regarded the Vermont Marble Strike as just any other strike and that there was nothing unusual about it.

The above article did not mention the name of [REDACTED] in connection with the strike. b7C

WFO letter, 1/30/51

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This serial is an article entitled, "That Third Party" by Herbert Harris, which apparently appeared in October, 1936 issue of "Current History", and discusses the activities of Father Coughlin, Dr. Townsend, Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith and William Lemke. The article states, "Far less subtle and learned that Father Coughlin, is the Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, who gives to Sinclair Lewis' 'It Can't Happen Here' a note of terrible and authentic prophecy."

Original source not stated
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On December 27, 1950, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Barre Vermont, when interviewed concerning the Vermont
Marble Strike stated that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that instant strike began by an un-
authorized walkout at Danbey which soon spread to other plants
and he believed it was prematurely called at the instigation of
Communists in that area although he could provide no definite
information in this regard. [REDACTED] alleged as many as fif-
teen or twenty Communists or symphathizers were at the scene of
the strike during the duration, mainly in connection with strike
relief activities, but in no way did they have any control over
the strike although they attempted to undermine the union.

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b7D [REDACTED] recalled that Sinclair Lewis, [REDACTED] and others
were present at the scene of the strike. He stated that he had
never heard [REDACTED] in connection with the strike.

Easton teletype 12/29/50
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SI source not stated
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SI [REDACTED]
Local 94, Quarry Workers Internat-
ional Union, A.F. of L., West
Ruthland, Vermont.
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In the November-December 1936 issue of the bulletin, "Federal Theatre" Volume 2, Number 2 of the Works Progress Administration was an article entitled "Why Not Here" by Hallie Flanagan, National Director in which she told why the Federal Theatre was producing "It Can't Happen Here" by Sinclair Lewis.

In this article Hallie Flanagan stated that the theatre was constantly pressing for new plays of American life and wanted to do "It Can't Happen Here" for the following reasons:

1. It was a play by one of our most distinguished American writers.
2. It was a play about American life today, based on a passionate belief in American democracy.
3. The play said that when dictatorship came to threaten such a democracy it came in an apparently harmless guise, with parades and promises; but that when such dictatorship arrived, the promises were not kept and the parade grounds became encampments.
4. As American citizens and as workers in the theatre sponsored by the government of the United States, the theatre should like to do what they could to keep alive the "free, enquiring, critical spirit" which was the core of a democracy.

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A circular bearing the date January-December, 1937, with the title, "Medical Bureau To Aid Spanish Democracy," issued from 381 Fourth Avenue, New York City, stated that this organization had furnished hospitals, nurses, and ambulances, and that the writers, artists, screen and stage workers had been most active in securing medical aid for an heroic people.

Among the names which appeared as members of the National Committee of the Medical Bureau to aid Spanish Democracy was Sinclair Lewis. Source not stated.

Los Angeles Report 3-12-41
 Re: "North American Spanish
 Aid Committee: (North American
 Committees to Aid Spanish
 Democracy): (Medical Bureau
 to Aid Spanish Democracy)
 IS-C"
 100-7058-50
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 SI-100-7058-27
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The May 10, 1937, issue of the New York Times carried an advertisement which was an appeal to the readers for contributions, to purchase medical supplies which would go to the American Base Hospital outside Madrid. In this advertisement was a list of some of the sponsors who had already helped. The name of Sinclair Lewis appeared on this list.

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The Bureau received a report dated June 23, 1937, from [REDACTED] which contained the names and addresses of some of the best known writers in this country. This list of names was obtained from a New York editor. The name of Sinclair Lewis, 17 Woodend Lane, Bronxville, New York, appeared on this list.

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Correlator's Note: The significance of this list is unknown.

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The News of the World, "A Journal in Defense of American Democracy" for November 19, 1937, published at Hollywood, California by the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League stated: "With the most imposing sponsor list to grace a campaign in this region, the Motion Picture Artists Committee this week made preparation for a huge 'Christmas Drive for Spanish Children.'" The name of Sinclair Lewis appeared on the list of national sponsors along with that of Judge Robert W. Kenney (National President of National Lawyers Guild in 1943).

Los Angeles report 3/5/43

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Washington Report dated
7/24/45

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New York report dated 12/15/44

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61-7565-176
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The February 22, 1939, issue of the "Peoples World" carried an article entitled, "Sinclair Lewis Praises His Wife." The article stated, "Sinclair Lewis had a word of praise today for his wife, columnist Dorothy Thompson, and a verbal slap for the German American Bund".

Lewis declared his pride in the action of his wife in heckling Bund leader Fritz Kuhn at a Nazi meeting last night in New York.

Said Lewis, "These gangsters are trying to corrupt America. It is astounding that such meetings are permitted in this country. What will happen next?"

61-7560-1227X2,
Peoples World dated 2/22/39
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During the testimony of Alexander Trachtenberg, Secretary and Treasurer, International Publishers, given September 13, 1939 at the hearings before the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, the question came up about royalties paid by Russia to American writers. He stated there were plenty of American authors who never received any royalties from Russia. Trachtenberg suggested "if you will ask Sinclair Lewis he will tell you they owe him millions of dollars, and there are other authors that the publishers never paid a cent."

Hearings before a Special
Committee on Un-American
Activities, House of Repre-
sentatives, 76th Congress, First
Session Volume 7, P. 4887,
4889. Printed, 1939
61-7582 (*See Committee Report*)
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A letter dated September 25, 1939, was received at the Bureau from [REDACTED] Haines City Community Players, Haines City, Florida.

The letter stated that the local dramatic group of the Haines City Community Players, of which [REDACTED] had scheduled and begun to rehearse the Sinclair Lewis play "It Can't Happen Here", to be produced sometime in November, 1939.

[REDACTED] stated that a United Press release in the morning newspapers (probably September 25, 1939) requested all civic and business enterprises to refrain from any actions which might be inflammatory in nature and affecting the attitudes of the American people regarding neutrality. [REDACTED] requested the Bureau to comment regarding the production of the play in the light of the above suggestions.

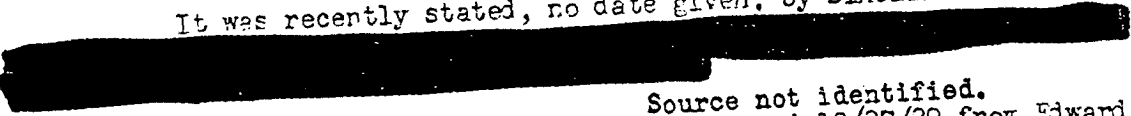
An outgoing letter dated October 9, 1939, from the Bureau to [REDACTED] reference to the above letter, stated that as a matter of Departmental policy, comment upon the production of the Sinclair Lewis play "It Can't Happen Here" could not be made.

Source as stated
Re: "High School
Haines City, Florida"
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It was recently stated, no date given, by Sinclair Lewis that


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Memo dated 10/27/39 from Edward A.
Tamm for the file
Re: "General Activities of Communist
Party."
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The "Washington Post" of December 2, 1939, contained the fourth of a series of articles on "The Collapse of American Communism" by Benjamin Stolberg. This article, entitled "Innocent Front" stated that on August 14, 1939, the Communist "Daily Worker" announced that "more than 400 leaders of American thought, renowned scientists, authors and teachers had signed an Open Letter to all Supporters of Democracy and Peace", in which they protested against calling the Soviet Union a totalitarian state."

The "Open Letter" was provoked by the formation of the Committee for Cultural Freedom, which had been formed for the sole purpose of opposing all forms of totalitarian interference in the cultural life of America. Among its members were members of various cultural groups, including Sinclair Lewis.

The author goes on to state that he cited the "Open Letter" mentioned above to illustrate the extent to which some leaders in American thought continued uncritically to consider the Stalin regime as representative of a great democratic social revolution until the very day of its open alliance with Naziism. He stated that it was this naive attitude of many professional people which made it possible for the Stalinists to permeate American cultural life under cover of a liberal front against Fascism. Such men as Sinclair Lewis, turned against the Stalin regime when its Fascist nature became evident.

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Memo from [REDACTED] to E. A. Tamm
Tamm dated 6/15/40
recording telephone
Conversation SAC Sackett

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Memorandum from [REDACTED]
to Mr. E. A. Tamm dated 12/28/40
Re: [REDACTED]

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SI Blind Memo dated 4/18/41
Re: [REDACTED]

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SI Highly Confidential Source
Los Angeles report dated 11/18/42
Re: [REDACTED]

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Ottawa letter to the Director
Dated June 7, 1950
Re: Communist Party - USA
I. S. C.
100-3-3365
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Memo, [REDACTED] to D.M. Ladd b7C
dated 8-20-46
Re: "Communist Party of Germany,
aka; The Socialist Unity Party,
IS-C & R"
64-200-232-169 p. 30
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On January 25, 1941, a publication known as "The Hour" reported an anti-Semitic book entitled "The Octopus" and reviewed it as discussing "the great Jewish conspiracy to rob Gentiles of all American Constitutional Rights." "The Hour" set out the author's name as Reverend Frank Woodruff Johnson.

It was further claimed that the book was actually written by Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, whose best known work, "The Red Network" included the name of Sinclair Lewis in its catalogue of American Bolsheviks. It was stated that this is the same Mrs. Dilling said to have been arrested in Washington on charges of disorderly conduct, after the "Crusade of Mothers" which she led became unruly and that for purposes of hiding her identity, Mrs. Dilling arranged with Charles B. Hudson, editor of the reported Fascist weekly, "America in Danger", publishers headquarters, 2304 Fontenelle Boulevard, Omaha, Nebraska, for the distribution of her latest work.

Information received at Bureau
from an Unknown Outside Source.
Blind Memorandum dated 5/3/41.

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On 1-31-41, Sinclair Lewis telephonically communicated with Asst. Director Tracy, from Jacksonville, Florida, and advised he (Lewis) desired to report to the FBI a matter concerning gambling and thievery on which local authorities were taking no action. He wanted to get in touch with an FBI agent in that vicinity.

Mr. Tracy explained the FBI's lack of jurisdiction unless a Federal Statute was involved. Lewis also expressed his affection for the Director and Asst. Director Nichols, who had arranged a tour for him through the Bureau.

Asst. Director Rosen instructed the Miami office to have an agent personally contact Lewis.

Source: As indicated
Memos to Director 1-31-41 and
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62-32802-20
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New York report 2/24/41.

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On March 5, 1941, the Bureau received, what appeared to be, an open letter on the letterhead of "Clifton Fadiman-Sinclair Lewis-Carl Van Doren-Alexander Woollcott, Forty-One East Fifty-Seventh Street, New York." This letter was dated February 25, 1941, and signed in ink with the initials "C. F., S. L., C. V. D., and A. W."

It enclosed a circular (4 pages) on which the photographs of the four men mentioned above were printed. The message on the cover of this circular recited "Now these famous men of books will help you to discover some of the Best Already-Published Books for only \$1. per copy."

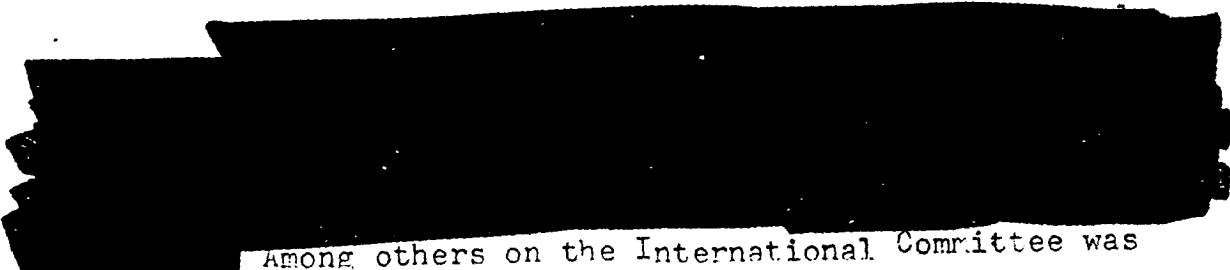
A review of this circular reveals a plan to form "The Readers Club" whereby better and more expensive books would be made available to its members for one dollar per copy. These books ~~being~~ reviewed and approved by a committee of four namely, Carl Van Doren, Chairman, Clifton Fadiman, Alexander Woollcott and Sinclair Lewis.

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Among others on the International Committee was
Sinclair Lewis.

Blind Memorandum, 5-6-51
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C. L. Note: The above memorandums appeared to have been
prepared upon the request of the Inter-Departmental Committee
on Political Refugees for name - checks on  in
connection with their application for a visa. b7C

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On November 22, 1941, [redacted] was interviewed by a Bureau Agent and she informed him she had received a letter from [redacted] under date of November 10, 1941 in which she stated. [redacted]

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Atlanta Report Dated 1-23-42

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Los Angeles Report
dated 12-1-41

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New York Letter to the Director
Dated 6-8-42

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Milwaukee Letter to the Director
dated August 6, 1942
Re: "Communist Party U.S.A."
District #18 Milwaukee Field
Division; - IS-B
100-3-35-85
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On July 17, 1942, the Birmingham Office received two letters with two enclosed pamphlets, in each an application purporting to advertise and solicit membership in the "Reader's Club". Since the letters were addressed to the fictitious names used by the Bureau for the subscriptions, it appeared that the publication "In Fact" furnished a mailing list to "The Reader's Club".

From a review of these pamphlets, it appeared that "The Reader's Club" would be similar in operation to the well-known "Book of the Month Club". The Committee designated to select the books that were to be made available to the members of the club included Sinclair Lewis.

It was determined that George Seldes was the editor of "In Fact".

Birmingham Letter to the Director
8/18/42

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New York report dated 8/22/47 b7C
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Photostatic material concerning the Brookwood College obtained by the Washington Field Office from [REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED] was enclosed with a memorandum dated October 3, 1942, from Mr. [REDACTED] to Mr. [REDACTED]. This material was forwarded to the Bureau by letter from the Washington Field Office dated August 27, 1942.

Included in this material, was a list of the endorsers of Brookwood, a Communist College. The name of Sinclair Lewis appeared on this list under the heading, "Authors, Editors, and Publicists".

Memorandum from Mr. [REDACTED] to Mr. [REDACTED] b7C
dated October 3, 1942
Re: "Brookwood College"
100-6082-2
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In a memorandum dated October 16, 1942 from Mr. [REDACTED] to Mr. [REDACTED] photostatic material concerning [REDACTED] obtained by the Washington Field Office from the files of [REDACTED] and forwarded to the Bureau by letter from the Washington Field Office dated August 27, 1942 was enclosed. Included in this material was information taken from "The Arbitrator", February 1934 showing the members of the [REDACTED]. The name of Sinclair Lewis appeared on this list. b7C

Memorandum for Mr. [REDACTED] from Mr. [REDACTED]
Dated October 16, 1942 b7C

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By teletype dated November 13, 1942, the Baltimore Office advised that twenty-seven books taken from the Ships Library of the Portuguese Steamship Carvalho Araujo, were wanted by the Technical Laboratory for examination purposes.

These books were obtained through [REDACTED] of the Customs Office in Washington, who advised that the Bureau may have the books for a period of three weeks. One of the books listed was "Mantrap" by Sinclair Lewis.

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W.F.O. letter, 11/7/42
Re: "Unknown Subjects, Portuguese
Steamship Carvalho Araujo."
100-155414-2
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In connection with a loyalty investigation dated January 4, 1949, b7C
on [REDACTED], a Department of Army appointee, it was
developed that [REDACTED]

Confidential Informant [REDACTED]
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b3 SA. [REDACTED] who viewed the b7C
booklets and pamphlets as well as the
correspondence mentioned above.
Little Rock report dated 1/4/49

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Los Angeles. Report dated 2/18/43
Re: "Communist Infiltration of the Motion
Picture Industry IS-C."
100-138754-4 p.144
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b2 Source [REDACTED] (Bureau Agents)
Los Angeles report 7/16/43
Re: "Socialist Workers Party,
Los Angeles Field Division, IS-R"
100-16-27-11
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In the Sioux City, Iowa, Journal, under date of June 30, 1943, there appeared an article relative to a meeting held before the Home Club International. One of the speakers at the club was a Mr. Worling, who made the remark, "The United Nations need have no fear of Russia's conduct after the war. Russia has been and will continue to be a loyal ally."

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Des Moines, Iowa report 7/22/43

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Los Angeles report, dated 10/13/43 b7C

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In this connection a Bureau Agent contacted MGM Studios and obtained a list of writers who were employed by that studio on August 1, 1943. The name of Sinclair Lewis appeared on this list.



Los Angeles Report 8/25/43
Re: "Communist Infiltration
of the Motion Picture Industries
I.S. - C"
100-138754-21
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Albany report dated 4/11/44

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New Haven report

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This reference is "SI" to information contained in 101-1705-10, page 11; which appears on page 61 of this correlation summary.

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Atlanta, Ga. Atlanta report
dated 2 24/50

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[REDACTED] stated that on Thursday, September 21, 1944, a rally was held at Madison Square Garden sponsored by Independent Voters Committee of the Arts and Sciences for Roosevelt.

At this meeting Sinclair Lewis was reported to have criticized Thomas E. Dewey (presidential candidate), saying that despite Roosevelt being referred to as a tired old man, Roosevelt had accomplished more in one month than Dewey could do in a year. He said that he believed that the reason Winston Churchill and Joseph Stalin were such sincere friends of America was because of President Roosevelt.

New York memo to the Director
3/16/48

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The Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 76th Congress, listed (on page 473) Sinclair Lewis as a member of the Book Committee of the American Society for Cultural Relations with Russia (A.S.C.R.) 11 East 25th Street, New York City. This list was presented as Exhibit Number 2.

Under Exhibit Number 7, page 1138, Sinclair Lewis was listed as a sponsor of the Motion Picture Artists Committee of Hollywood-Christmas Drive Week (date not stated) to aid Spanish Children, in conjunction with the American Committee to aid Spanish Democracy and the Medical Bureau to aid Spanish Democracy.

Under Exhibit Number 8, page 1611, Sinclair Lewis was listed as a sponsor of the Medical Bureau and Committee to aid Spanish Democracy in 1939.

Special Committee on Un-American Activities
House of Representatives
76th Congress, Second Session
9/27/28/44
10/3-4/44
61-7582-1291 p. 473, 1138, 1611
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Detroit letter to the Director
dated 9/30/44
Re: "Communist Political Associa-
tion, District No. 7, Detroit
Field Division; IS-C"
100-3-12-1486
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The spring 1944 catalog of the Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art located at 1704 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. (Communist dominated) listed the courses by topical headings. Under the heading "The Arts" was listed Social Criticism in Contemporary Literature.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that [redacted]

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Philadelphia report dated 6/8/45
Re: "The Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art, aka, The Philadelphia School of Social Science, The Philadelphia School."
100-15479-74 p. 16
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On July 13, 1945, a highly confidential source (not further identified) advised that [REDACTED]

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New York report dated 10/31/45

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From an unidentified source the Bureau received
(date not indicated, probably February, 1945) the following
typewritten communication:

"Hollywood, California
New York City

Committee of Arts and Sciences
Office - Hotel Astor
New York City

We are not going to say that every person on this
list is a Communist (No. 3) but we do say that the entire out-
fit are hooked up with the real red leaders that make up this
High Toned Red Group.

There is no doubt that quite a few of the stars listed
here have had to sign up under the pressure of some of the Film
Company Executives who have embraced Communism in a secret manner."

This list of names included a number of prominent
persons among whom was Sinclair Lewis.

The following is a quoted explanation of a second
list of names:

"The doubtful ones we list are either playing with
fire or have signed up under pressure with the fear of losing
the nice fat pay checks."

The name of Sinclair Lewis also appeared on this list.
Following this list was the following explanation:

"The last list given here will get the benefit of the
doubt, but the rest of the mob are in Communism up to their ears.
Sure they act respectable but over a period of two to six years
the performances and actions of a vast number of this Mov have
been such that they are the money crowd for the Karl Marx move-
ment. Call it by any name you desire still they support red
grou-pays in heavy money and make red pests of themselves in
many ways."

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[REDACTED] of the
[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], was a Communist Party sympathizer. To illustrate } b7c
he stated that [REDACTED] assigned Sinclair Lewis' "Babbit" to his class
as a "masterpiece" for reading.

Kansas City report
dated 2/17/45

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New York report dated 6/27/45 b7

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An article entitled "Where We Stand - Symposium" in the July 1934, issue of "International Literature", an organ of the International Union of Revolutionary writers published in Moscow, ~~which~~ was prefaced by the editor with the statement;

"On the occasion of the Soviet Writers Congress the secretariat of the IURW addressed three questions to prominent writers in a number of countries. The questions were:

1. What influence has the October revolution had upon your work?

2. What do you think of Soviet literature?

3. What problems interest you most at this time?

Below we present the answers of a number of American and English writers. In the next issue we will print the answers of writers from France and Denmark, to be followed by letters from other countries.-----Editor."

Isidor Schneider (Literary Editor of "New Masses", 1945) wrote that he had been very enthusiastic about the revolution from the start but only as a cheering spectator. He stated at that time he had come to hate the society in which he lived, as the whole generation hated it. He set forth the attitudes of several prominent people concerning this society among whom was Sinclair Lewis. Of Lewis he said:

"Sinclair Lewis believed that reducing idealized American types to absurdity would draw attention to the artist as somebody it would be healthy to imitate."

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Memorandum to [REDACTED]
From [REDACTED] 8/27/45
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In a Military Intelligence Report dated October 6, 1945, to October 13, 1945, under the sub-heading "Pro-Fascist" it was stated that Gerald L. K. Smith (alleged Pro-Fascist) spoke in Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis, Missouri on October 4, 1945. During Smith's talk he took verbal pot-shots at President Roosevelt, Josef Stalin, Sinclair Lewis and others. He pictured himself as going from city to city, foiling Communists and international plotters.

M.I.S. Omaha, Nebraska From Oct,
16, 1945 to Oct. 13, 1945.
Weekly Summary of Intelligence
Information
100-7660-3414
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WFO report dated 11/20/45
Re: "Foreign Inspired Agitation
Among American Negroes in the
Washington Field Division. IS"
100-135-53-231, p. 40
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New York Memorandum to the
Director 3-20-46
Re: National Conference, Washington,
D. C., April 5-7, 1946
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New York letter to the Director
dated 5/1/46
Re: "National Council of
American-Soviet Friendship. IS-08
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Washington, D. C. MI Summary
dated 1/12/47

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65-56402-1-1243 p.21
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The Federal Council of Churches sent out questionnaires "To Delegates and Consultants attending the Pittsburgh Conference on the Church and Economic Life, called by the Federal Council of Churches," and with these questionnaires was a letter signed by David E. Thomas 409 Prospect Street, New Haven, Connecticut.

In this letter he stated that Sinclair Lewis once received a questionnaire asking him which medium he usually used in writing - pen, pencil, fountain pen, or typewriter - and why?

To this Lewis replied:

"My dear Mr. M. _____:

I cannot tell you how happy your letter -- which I judge to have been mimeographed -- has made me. All day long I've been wondering if I couldn't find something to write about. Day after day I just sit around hoping that some kind friend will write to me so that I can keep busy. And now you have made me busy. You will never know how busy. First I went out and kicked a cat and then I sat down in the sunshine of my little villa, here at Palm Beach, and thought how glad I was that you had not enclosed a stamped and self-addressed envelope. If you had done that it would have shown a lack of trust in my longing to contribute to that department of Sociology which deals with the mediums -- or would you rather I said Media? -- used in writing, a subject certainly of the first importance.

The fact is I always use a No. 10 brush and red paint. With these I paint my thoughts on the side of a barn.

Yours sincerely,
Sinclair Lewis"

In conclusion Thomas stated that this questionnaire was being circulated as part of an independent study of the Pittsburgh Conference being conducted by a graduate student in Yale University.

(Copy of original questionnaire and letter dated 3/31/47)
No source stated.
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This serial is a pamphlet entitled, "Monthly Summary of Trends and Developments," dated June 1947 published by the National Headquarters of the American Legion, Indianapolis, Indiana. This summary contains information concerning the Youth Festival to be held at Prague, Czechoslovakia during the summer of 1947 which was to be attended by about 500 young Americans. It states that the "New York World Telegram" (no date given) claimed that Sinclair Lewis and others, either contributed financially to help defray the delegates' expenses, estimated at \$700 apiece, or sponsored the festival.

According to this pamphlet the World Federation of Democratic Youth which was sponsoring this festival, was one of three organizations carrying out the work of the Comintern, ostensibly dissolved in May 1943.

The National Americanism Commission
Sub-Committee on Subversive Activities.
The American Legion National Headquarters,
Indianapolis, Indiana.
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The Georgia Tribune of June 5, 1947, carried an editorial entitled "Who Fears Communism in America". The Georgia Tribune is published by Parson Jack Johnston in Columbus, Georgia. The editorial mentioned above stated in part, "We have all sorts of people in America. J. Edgar Hoover said so not long ago and certainly he was right. It is strange indeed that, after so many timely warnings, and coming too, from such prominent men, and from such sources, we still have those among us (in every community) who continue to follow 'Brother Sinclair Lewis' in his words of wisdom, when he said, 'It Can't Happen Here.' By the way 'Brother Lewis' has written another 'Novel'--purely 'fictitious' and he is bending every effort to lend what little assistance possible to the Campaign being waged by our northern 'friends' who seem to feel now that 'Misery loves company', and would like to see the south get into as big a twist as the North has been (and is) for all these years."

Atlanta Letter to Director
dated 8/19/47
6/5/47, entitled "Who Fears
Communism in America."
94-38231-1
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"The World Telegram" dated June 6, 1947 carried an article by Frederick Woltman entitled, "Big Name Non-Commies Roped in By U. S. Reds to Aid Youth Rally." According to this article, "The World Youth Festival," in Prague that summer would rally young people from 60 nations. This article stated that such prominent writers as Sinclair Lewis and others who contributed were held out as "bait."

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W. F. O. Report dated 8-11-47
Re: "Washington Bookshop
Association, IS - C"
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"The Boston Chronicle" of August 16, 1947, carried an article which stated that Reverend Rembert Stokes reviewed current best sellers, among which was "Kingsblood Royal" by Sinclair Lewis, in Temple Israel, Hull, Mass. (date not stated) The program was sponsored by the American Jewish Congress.

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Report of C.I. [REDACTED] dated 6/20/47^{b2}
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report, 11/7/47^{b7i}

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SI Baltimore report dated 11/23/47

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SI Baltimore report dated 12/2/48

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W.F.O. Report dated 3/27/48
Re: "Washington Bookshop Association,
Successor to the Bookshop Association, aka;
Washington Cooperative Bookshop, IS-C"
100-24699-207
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Boston Memorandum to the
Director Dated 12-6-47
Re: Progressive Citizens
of American IS-C
100-338892-275
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In an article by Burton Rascoe which appeared in the December, 1947, issue of 'Plain Talk', he commented that such novels as Sinclair Lewis' 'Hunger for Memory' with its 'lets do something about the Negro question right now', has the 'lillie lower' soap-boxer expressions.

New York letter, 11/1/47
Re: Plain Talk
Info. Concerning
92-36311-73, p. 42
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On December 15, 1947, Confidential Informant [REDACTED]

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Boston Report 8-2-48
Re: "Samuel Adams School
(Peoples School for Social
Studies) Boston, Mass. IS-CW
100-336131-24 p.8
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Boston Report dated 1-14-48
Re: "Committee of One Thousand
IS-C"
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On January 22, 1948, the New York "Sun" carried an article entitled, "Secret Plans Laid for Drive to Attack Thomas Committee."

It was stated that plans had been completed in secret for the campaign of a new organization designed to attack the Thomas Committee on Un-American Activities with a nation wide high pressure campaign. The organization, headed by Dr. Harlow Shapley, Harvard astronomer, was to be known as the "Committee of one Thousand."

Two weeks before at a meeting in New York a telegram was sent to a number of prominent persons from the Century Club in New York. It was signed by Shapley and asked these public figures to join the Committee of one Thousand in conducting "a dignified educational and legislative campaign calling on all Americans who likewise would safeguard our traditional freedoms to join with us" in eliminating the Thomas Committee. Among those to whom the telegram was sent was Sinclair Lewis.

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On January 30, 1948, the "Washington Daily News" published an article by Tom Donnelly concerning the motion picture "Cass Timberlane", from the novel of the same name by Sinclair Lewis.

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On January 31, 1948, the Los Angeles Office forwarded to the Bureau, among other enclosures, a flier entitled "The Scourge of Bigotry" put out by the "Friends of Democracy", 137 E. 57th St. N. Y., N. Y. This flier solicits orders for autographed copies of "The Plotters" a recent book by John Ray Carlson. "The Friends of Democracy" was described as a non-partisan, non-sectarian, non-profit organization supported by voluntary contributions, and founded by Dr. L. M. Birkhead who was described in the flier as a dominant figure for forty years in the struggle to preserve democracy. This organization allegedly fights native fascist groups, Communists and other enemies of democracy.

The flier was commendatory toward Carlson's book and his other writings and stated attempts to suppress truth as brought out by such writers as Carlson through "smears and nuisance libel suits are futile". It further states:

"After Carlson, men like Ellis Arnall, former Governor of Georgia, and O. John Rogge, former assistant to the Attorney General and other fighting Americans will raise their voices against charlatans posing as patriots. The chain of crusading Americans is as endless as the tides. Laura Z. Hobson (Gentleman's Agreement) and Sinclair Lewis (Kingsblood Royal) are the latest recruits."

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New York report, 5/6/48
Re: "Communist Party-USA, IS-C."
100-3-2557 p. 120, 121.
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Boston report dated 5/27/48
Re: "Progressive Citizens of
America, I.S. - C."
100-338892-416 p. 11
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The "Montana Farmers News," an official paper of the National Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America (Communist infiltrated), on May 26, 1948 carried a short review of Sinclair Lewis' book "Kingsblood Royal". A comment stated that this book dealt with the problem of a man who found himself married into a minority group.

Other articles in this issue dealt with racial problems which appeared to follow the Communistic Party line.

Butte Report dated 7/22/49
Re: "Communist Infiltration in The
National Farmers' Educational and
Cooperative Union of America
Oklahoma The National Farmers' Union,
Farmers' Union; Is-O"
100-45768-81 p. 27
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Chicago Memorandum to the
Director 7-15-48
Re: "Communist Party, U.S.A.
Pamphlets and Publications IS-C"
100-3-86-504 p. 1
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On October 25, 1948, the Bureau received a report dated September 8, 1948, from the State Department.

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Crime Survey Report dated 10/15/48
Enclosed with Boston letter dated
11/9/48.
Re: "Crime Survey, Boston Field
Division".
62-75147-5-54 p. 56.
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Philadelphia report 1/11/50
Re: "Progressive Bookshop, aka;
Locust Street Bookshop
IS-C"
100-7407-114, p 16;
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In the April, 1949, issue of "Masses and Mainstream" Richard O. Boyer (self admitted Communist) reviewed a book in the "Books on Review" section entitled "The God Seeker" by Sinclair Lewis.

New York Report 8-16-49

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On or about April 5, 1949, unidentifiable material was sent to the Director by Walter Winchell. A hand written notation on the first page read, "To Hoover", and a notation on the second page read, "Whose money is behind it?"

This material sets forth information taken from a speech given by Alexander Fadeev, General Secretary of Soviet Writers. It was made before the "World Congress of Leaders of Culture in Defense of Peace," which met in Wroslav, Poland, August 1948. Fadeev, in his speech, as published in the August 1948 issue of "Pravda" (Russian newspaper) made a bitter attack against the United States. He mentioned several American writers as reactionaries and attempted to identify Sinclair Lewis with Soviet aims and purposes.

Fadeev quoted approvingly, and with the suggestion that it supports Soviet practices, the following statement from Sinclair Lewis, "An artist or a scientist must know and loudly declare whether he stands on the side of tyranny, cruelty, and mechanical obedience, or on the side of the people, of all the people." When given an opportunity to read the Fadeev address, Mr. Lewis acknowledged the substantial correctness of the quotation and then added: "But, of course, it places me not as standing for the Soviet Union and its hysterical crusade but against it and its' tyranny and mechanical obedience."

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The Third Quarterly Index (1949) of the Current Digest of the Soviet Press, covered material from the Soviet press from July 1, 1949 to September 23, 1949, as translated in the "Current Digest", Volume 1, Number 27, 29; as published in English language Soviet periodicals, July 1-September 30, 1949; and Soviet press materials translated in "Soviet Press Translations", Vol. I, Numbers 13-16, 1949.

The following is quoted from this index:

"Lewis, Sinclair
Two forms of the family and two conceptions of morality
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According to the key to this index the above quote is explained as follows:

Sinclair Lewis wrote an article entitled, "Two Forms of The Family," and "Two Conceptions of Morality", which appeared in the Current Digest of the Soviet Press, Volume number 1, issue 33, pages 3 through 10 taken from the Oktyabr (October), a literary monthly; length in the condensed text was 16000 words, written in the exact language of the original, but with omissions.

Memo to F. J. Baumgardner from
P. J. Burke dated 3-28-50
Re: "Current Digest of the Soviet
Press"
100-359325-15, *encl p 26;*
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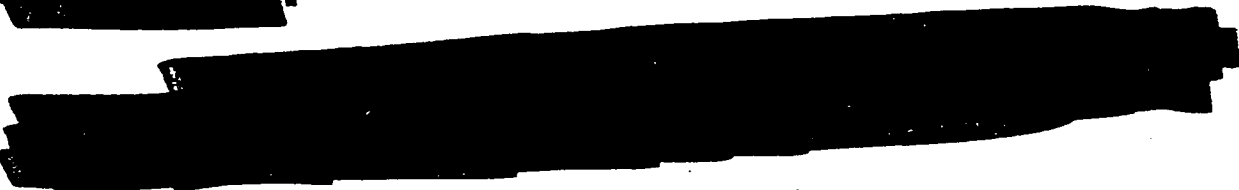
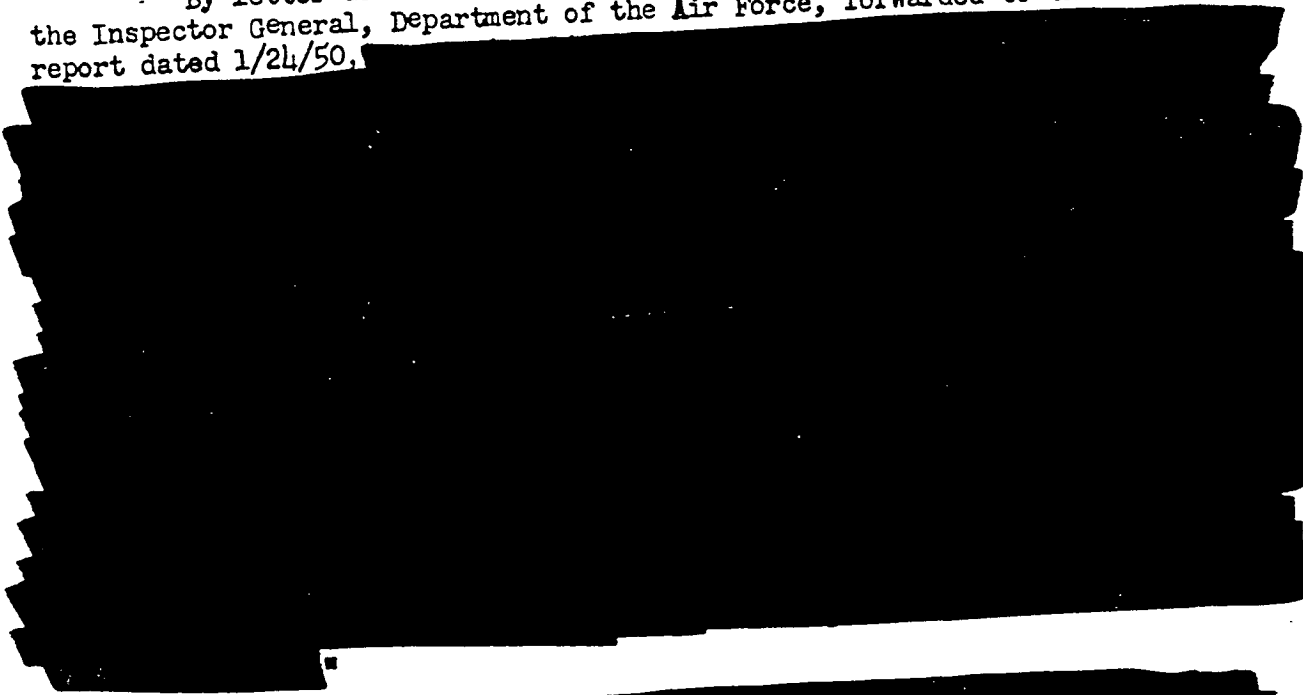
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By letter dated February 6, 1950, the office of Special Investigations, the Inspector General, Department of the Air Force, forwarded to the Bureau a report dated 1/24/50.



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Detroit report
dated 5/19/51
Re: "Federated Press; IS-C"
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: October 9, 1951

FROM : Mr. C. E. Hennrich

SUBJECT: SINCLAIR LEWIS, aka Sinclair Lewis
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DATE 5/27/82 BY SP/TSK/STW

PURPOSE:

To secure your approval for referral of correlation summary on captioned subject to the Internal Security Section to determine whether any investigation or other action is warranted in subject's case.

DETAILS:

[REDACTED] (c) In view of the voluminous references on Sinclair Lewis a correlation summary was requested at the time the Sorge brief was originally submitted. The Correlation Section submitted a correlation summary under date of 8/22/51. Copies of this summary are attached.

The correlation summary has been reviewed and is found to contain no information indicating that Sinclair Lewis has been involved in espionage activities or that any current espionage investigation is warranted.

An insert for the Sorge brief has been prepared by the Espionage Section. A copy of this insert is attached for the information of the Internal Security Unit.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this correlation summary be transmitted to the Internal Security Section for the following action:

1. A determination by the Internal Security Section as to whether the current investigation of a security matter on Sinclair Lewis is warranted.

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2. Consideration of dissemination of available information to the Department and the Field.
3. Preparation of any future revisions necessary for the Sorge brief insert.

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SAC, New York

October 15, 1951

Director, FBI

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Enclosed herewith for your information is a summary concerning the captioned individual, which was prepared at the Bureau.

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SINCLAIR LEWIS, aka
Sinclair Lewis

According to "Who's Who in America," 1950-51, Lewis was born February 7, 1885, Sauk Centre, Minnesota. The only address for Lewis carried in this publication is c/o Random House, New York, New York. On May 14, 1928 Lewis married Dorothy Thompson, well known columnist. Bureau files reflect that Sinclair Lewis and Dorothy Thompson are divorced; however, no date for this divorce is available. Bureau files do not reflect that Sinclair Lewis has held any employment with the United States government.

A review of Bureau files discloses that no actual investigation has ever been conducted by the Bureau relative to Sinclair Lewis; however, information available reflects that the name Sinclair Lewis appeared on a letterhead of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy as of February 18, 1938 under the Writers and Artists Committee of this organization. The North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy has been listed by the Attorney General as within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Sinclair Lewis was also a member of the National Committee of the Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy; a sponsor of the Motion Picture Artists Committee; a member and correspondent of Federated Press; and a member of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions. All of the organizations mentioned in this paragraph have been cited as Communist front organizations by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Our files further reflect that Sinclair Lewis was a member of the American Society for Cultural Relations with Russia which has been cited as a Communist front organization by the California Committee on Un-American Activities.

Our files failed to reflect that Sinclair Lewis has been interviewed by the Bureau; however on October 24, 1939 Sinclair Lewis was afforded a special tour through the FBI and on January 31, 1941, Sinclair Lewis reported certain information to the FBI relative to gambling in the vicinity of Jacksonville, Florida.

The name of Sinclair Lewis does not appear in any of the documents made available by G-2 in connection with the

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All available data on Sinclair Lewis has been referred to the Internal Security Unit in the form of a correlation summary for a determination as to whether an investigation of Lewis is warranted and for consideration of the advisability of disseminating available information to the Field and/or to the Department.

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