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June 22, 2010

Subject: ABZUG, BELLA SAVITZKY

FOIPA No. 0979449-001

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Deletions have been made to protect information which is exempt from disclosure, with the appropriate exemptions noted on the page next to the excision. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted in the file to indicate where pages were withheld entirely. The exemptions used to withhold information are marked below and explained on the enclosed Form OPCA-16a:

Section 552

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Section 552a

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461 page(s) were reviewed and 347 page(s) are being released.

☐ Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning other Government agency(ies) [OGA]. This information has been:

☐ referred to the OGA for review and direct response to you.
☐ referred to the OGA for consultation. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is finished.

☐ You have the right to appeal any denials in this release. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy, U.S. Department of Justice, 1425 New York Ave., NW, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001. Your appeal must be received by OIP within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

☐ The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown, when ident, references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s).
If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Reference is made your letter to the then Office of Information and Privacy, Department of Justice, dated June 18, 2003, appealing the withholding of records in the FBI’s release on Bella Savitzky Abzug. At that time you limited your appeal to the denial of records on FOIA correspondence on the subject’s 1975 Privacy Act Request and the withholding of classified documents.

Please be advised that all the responsive records have undergone a classification review but the results of that classification review has not yet been presented to the Departmental Review Committee (DRC) for their approval. When the DRC review takes place you will receive a supplemental release if it is determined that there is additional information to be released. All documents were reviewed again in response to your appeal and whenever possible more information was released.

Please be advised that the information removed as “Other” was removed, because it was either previously referred to another government agency or it was removed as a result of National Lawyers Guild v. Attorney General, et al., 77 Civ. 999 (U.S.D.C., S.D.N.Y.).
EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

(b)(1) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;

(b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;

(b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute(A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;

(b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;

(b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;

(b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

(b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could be reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could be reasonably expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;

(b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or

(b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

(d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;

(j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;

(k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;

(k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;

(k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;

(k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;

(k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;

(k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;

(k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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Memorandum

To: Assistant Director
Information Management Division

From: Legal Counsel

Subject: NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD v.
ATTORNEY GENERAL, et al.
(U.S.D.C., S.D.N.Y.)
CIVIL ACTION NO. 77 CIV 999 (PKL)
MAJOR CASE NO. 41

PURPOSE: To request that Information Management Division (IMD) conduct a search of general indices to identify any person on the attached list that has an individual file reflecting activities in or affiliation with the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) and its projects and to appropriately label the file to insure compliance with the attached settlement.

RECOMMENDATION: (1) That IMD conduct a search of general indices to determine whether any individual on the attached list has a file identifiable with the NLG or its projects.

(2) That IMD place a copy of the attached settlement in each file identified or otherwise appropriately label each file to insure compliance with the attached settlement.
Memorandum from Legal Counsel to Assistant Director, Information Management Division

Of information on the NLG or its projects, the court approved settlement provides that present or former NLG members may request that their individual files which reflect Guild affiliation or activities be similarly withheld. Pursuant to this provision, the NLG has compiled the attached list of individual NLG members who have requested relief under 8c(iv) of the Settlement.¹

Accordingly, IMD is requested to identify any individual on the attached list who has a file reflecting NLG affiliation or activities which was created prior to 3/1/77. Any identified file should be appropriately labeled to insure non-disclosure as required by the settlement. Please advise Legal Counsel Division as to the results of the indices search, including the number of individual files identifiable with the NLG, individuals for whom no file could be located or are not identical, and the actions taken to comply with the order. In addition, please preserve all search slips in case we are required to respond to the Court regarding our compliance. It is likely that no files will be identified with a substantial number of the individuals on the attached list. Finally, inasmuch as the Settlement applies to all FBI files, the Field should also be requested to conduct indices searches and to appropriately label their files.

We recognize that this is a time-consuming chore that is being imposed on IMD during a time of limited resources. Nevertheless, we have made this commitment to the court and we are

¹ 8c(iv) provides in part:

c. The federal agencies which are parties defendant to this action (specifically, the FBI, the Central Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency, the Internal Revenue Service, the Office of Personnel Management, the Postal Service, and the Departments of Defense, Justice, State, the Treasury, the Army, the Navy and the Air Force) shall not use, release or disclose, within or outside the Government:

(iv) any portion of any document or record created prior to March 1, 1977, or the information contained therein, to the extent that it mentions the Guild affiliation or Guild activities of any individual, provided, however, that because of the federal defendants' representation of the practical impossibility of assuring compliance with such broad restrictions, the following limitations shall apply:
Memorandum from Legal Counsel to Assistant Director,
Information Management Division

obligated to comply irrespective of the unreasonably large number of individuals. Therefore your cooperation will be appreciated.

Any questions regarding this matter may be directed to Supervisory Special Agent[ ] Administrative Law Unit, LCD, at extension 4523.
STIPULATION AND ORDER OF SETTLEMENT AND DISMISSAL

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD,

Plaintiff,

against

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE
UNITED STATES, et al.,

Defendants.

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and among the parties as follows:

1. The parties agree to settle and compromise this action on the terms indicated below.

2. This action is hereby dismissed with prejudice as to all defendants except the City of New York, i.e., the "federal defendants."

3. Plaintiff hereby releases and forever discharges, and for its administrators, successors and assigns releases and forever discharges, the United States of America, its departments, agencies and past or present officials, officers and employees (and their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns) from all claims whatsoever, in law, admiralty, or equity, which plaintiff and its administrators, successors and assigns hereafter can, shall or may have for, upon or by reason of any surveillance, investigation, disruption, or similar conduct by the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") directed toward the National Lawyers Guild (the "Guild") at any time prior to the date of this stipulation; provided, however, that

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plaintiff is entitled to rely upon the federal defendants' representations set forth in paragraph 7 below, and any claim based upon any conduct of the federal defendants inconsistent with such representations shall not be barred by the above release.

4. Each party shall bear the costs and expenses of this litigation as they have been incurred or paid as of the date of this stipulation and no costs or expenses shall be taxed subsequently. Plaintiff and its attorneys waive all claims for attorneys' fees and expenses in connection with the prosecution of this action.

5. This stipulation and agreement does not constitute an admission by the plaintiff that any of the conduct of the federal defendants was lawful, or an admission by the federal defendants or any of their present or former officials, officers or employees that any of their conduct was unlawful or legally actionable.

6. Without conceding the legality or illegality of any of the federal defendants' actions, the parties agree that the discovery in this case has shown the following:

   a. The FBI engaged in extensive activities with respect to the Guild for the period 1940 through March 1975, and in the course of those activities generated voluminous files on the Guild.

   b. It appears more likely than not that between 1940 and 1951 the FBI surreptitiously entered the Guild's national office approximately 7 times without judicial warrant or
Attorney General authorization and copied the Guild's internal records. Some of the material thus obtained provided the Government in advance with drafts of a report the Guild was planning to release criticizing FBI surveillance practices, and with details of the Guild's related public campaign calling for an investigation of the FBI. The FBI used this material in an effort to counter the Guild's report even before its issuance.

c. The FBI without judicial warrant maintained a wiretap on the Guild's national office telephone between 1947 and 1951.

d. Information derived from the surreptitious entries formed a material part of the information placed before the Attorney General for his consideration in deciding whether to initiate proceedings to designate the Guild as a subversive organization under the Federal Employment Loyalty Security Program, Executive Order 10450. Such designation proceedings were begun in 1953.

e. The FBI received information from an informant on the national executive board of the Guild in 1953 and 1954 who reported on its deliberations and discussions with counsel concerning the Guild's defense of the EO 10450 administrative designation proceedings and its conduct of related litigation against the Government.

f. In 1958, the Department of Justice determined that on the basis of the evidence then available it was unable to go forward with the designation proceedings, and the Attorney General therefore rescinded the proposal to designate the Guild
as a subversive organization under EO 10450. There were no further proceedings against the Guild under EO 10450.

g. The FBI continued its activities with respect to the Guild after the designation proceedings were discontinued in 1958. A Department of Justice review conducted in 1972 of the FBI's files on the Guild for the preceding five years concluded that there was no basis at that time for an investigation of the Guild under the Internal Security Act of 1950. In 1974-1975 the FBI, with Department of Justice authorization, conducted a preliminary inquiry concerning the Guild's prison work without discovering any basis for a further investigation.

h. Alleged or suspected criminal wrongdoing was not the predicate or reason for FBI activity concerning the Guild. No criminal prosecutions of the Guild were ever authorized or undertaken by the Department of Justice.

i. From 1940 through the early 1970's, the FBI placed Guild members on its Security Index, Adex and related indices because of their leadership positions in the Guild or, in some cases, because of their membership in the Guild in conjunction with their actual or suspected membership in other organizations.

j. The FBI engaged in certain COINTELPRO and similar disruptive operations against the Guild and Guild members. The FBI used information it had derived from its other activities with respect to the Guild and Guild members for that purpose.
k. The FBI over several decades provided information from its files on the Guild affiliation and activities of individuals to the National Conference of Bar Examiners at the request of the NCBE.

l. Further, at various times in its activities with respect to the Guild, the FBI used numerous informants and confidential sources, including Guild members and staff and third parties in contact with the Guild; obtained Guild bank records from banks with which the Guild had banking relations; obtained information from the National Conference of Bar Examiners and from some character committees; monitored trash covers on the Guild; and obtained information about the Guild from its surveillance of the law offices of some Guild members, which surveillance included use of trash covers, wiretaps, informants on the temporary or permanent staff of the law offices, bank records and surreptitious entries.

m. The conclusions stated here do not imply that the FBI did or did not engage in other activities.

7. The federal defendants represent as follows:

a. There is not now, and has not been since March 1977, any FBI investigation or preliminary inquiry of any nature of the Guild or its chapters, or of its projects, activities or enterprises readily identifiable as such or of individuals based upon their Guild affiliation or activities, and the FBI does not presently have information warranting any such investigation or preliminary inquiry.
b. To the extent, if any, that FBI inquiries or investigation of third parties has resulted in surveillance or acquisition of information about the Guild since March 1, 1977, no information so acquired has been stored in FBI investigative (i.e., non-litigation) main files on the Guild or its projects (as specified in Appendix A hereto) or see-referenced or otherwise indexed to the Guild or its projects, except as may have been disclosed to the plaintiff in this litigation.

c. There have been no additions to FBI investigative (i.e., non-litigation) main files on the Guild or its projects (as specified in Appendix A) or to see-references on the Guild or its projects, since March 1977, except as may have been disclosed to the plaintiff in this litigation.

d. The FBI is not now, and has not since March 1977, engaged in any activities intended to disrupt or impede the activities of the Guild or the Guild activities of its members, or the activities of individuals based upon their Guild affiliation.

e. The FBI does not now, and has not since March 1977, used Guild members as informants or confidential sources with respect to matters involving the Guild or Guild activities, placed wiretaps or pen registers on Guild telephones, surreptitiously entered Guild premises, obtained access to Guild bank records, maintained mail covers on Guild mail, maintained trash covers on the Guild, obtained access to Guild information at mailhouses used by the Guild, otherwise secured mailing or
membership lists of the Guild or obtained phone records on the Guild's phones.

f. Since March 1, 1977, and presently, the FBI has not provided information on the Guild affiliation or activities of individuals to the National Conference of Bar Examiners or to bar admission committees.

8. The federal defendants agree to the following disposition of their files concerning the plaintiff:

a. For purposes of this provision, the "FBI files on the Guild" means Headquarters, Field Office and Legal main files on the National Lawyers Guild and its projects (as specified in Appendix A); wiretap logs included in the main file on Robert Silberstein; EBF's to the Guild main files and the wiretap logs in the Silberstein main file; the see-reference cards and any other similar computerized or non-computerized reference capable of locating Guild-related information in files other than main files on the Guild, as well as references to the Guild in the Elsur Index and any indices to the informant files; and copies of the foregoing and any summaries thereof included in the FBI file on this litigation (62-117572). It is limited to documents created prior to the date of this stipulation.

b. Within 180 days after the date of this stipulation, the FBI shall place all copies of the "FBI files on the Guild" in its possession or custody in secure storage under the supervision of the Deputy Assistant Director, Legal Counsel Division, and shall not dispose of, or permit access to, such
files before the year 2025. At that time the files may be transferred to the National Archives and Records Service.

c. The federal agencies which are parties defendant to this action (specifically, the FBI, the Central Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency, the Internal Revenue Service, the Office of Personnel Management,* the Postal Service, and the Departments of Defense, Justice, State, the Treasury, the Army, the Navy and the Air Force) shall not use, release or disclose, within or outside the Government:

(i) any "FBI files on the Guild" readily identifiable as such, or copies thereof, in their possession or custody;
(ii) any portion of any document or record which is shown on its face to have been generated, prior to the date of this stipulation, in the course of any FBI activities directed in whole or in part toward the Guild, to the extent it concerns the Guild or its activities or the Guild affiliation or Guild activities of any individual;
(iii) any information contained in (i) and (ii) or reasonably identifiable as having been derived from (i) and (ii); or

* The Office of Personnel Management is substituted as a party defendant in place of the Civil Service Commission pursuant to Rule 25 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
(iv) any portion of any document or record created prior to March 1, 1977, or the information contained therein, to the extent that it mentions the Guild affiliation or Guild activities of any individual, provided, however, that because of the federal defendants' representation of the practical impossibility of assuring compliance with such broad restrictions, the following limitations shall apply:

(a) With respect to documents or records of defendant federal agencies other than the FBI, this subparagraph (iv) shall apply only to such documents or records as are contained in a file the subject of which is either the Guild or a "Requesting Individual" (as defined below).

(b) With respect to documents or records of the FBI, this subparagraph (iv) shall apply only to such documents or records as are contained in a main file the subject of which is a "Requesting Individual" (as defined below), or in a volume containing see-references to the Guild, or in serials which are see-referenced to a
Requesting Individual (but only to the extent that such serials are accessed through the name of the Requesting Individual).

(c) A "Requesting Individual" is a present or former Guild member who requests, in writing, that this subparagraph (iv) be applied to him or her, and who includes in such request his or her full name, any previous names, date and place of birth, and social security number. Such information is required to identify relevant documents and records and will not be used for any other purpose. Requests must be sent to plaintiff's counsel and forwarded by them to counsel for the federal defendants within 180 days of the date of this stipulation.

d. Nothing herein shall preclude any agency from returning to the FBI any "FBI files on the Guild" or copies thereof in its possession (in which event the FBI shall handle such files as provided in subparagraph (b) above), or from disposing of any files by either destroying them in the ordinary course of business, or transferring them to the National Archives and Records Service in or after the year 2025. The United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York will
return any copies of the "FBI files on the Guild" in its possession to the FBI within 90 days of the date of this Stipulation.

e. If, upon the application of a third party, subparagraphs (b) or (c) above, or any portion thereof, shall be invalidated by any court, no other provision of this stipulation and order shall thereby be affected.

f. Anything in this stipulation to the contrary notwithstanding, the Department of Justice may have access to and use of any of the documents and records described in subparagraphs (a), (b) and (c) above to the extent relevant and material to the defense of the United States or any of its departments, agencies, officers or employees in any judicial or administrative proceedings the gravamen of which arises from conduct alleged to have occurred prior to the date of this stipulation. Appropriate records shall be maintained of any such use. Upon completion of the litigation for which the records were necessary, they and any records derived from them shall be restored to the status quo ante except if they were filed as part of the court record in the litigation.

g. Nothing in this stipulation shall preclude the Guild from requesting the release to it, under the Freedom of Information Act or any successor statutes, of those portions of the "FBI files on the Guild" not previously released to it, or the FBI from releasing the same to the Guild if appropriate under such statutes; provided, however, that the Guild shall make no such request prior to January 1, 1994.
h. Nothing in this stipulation shall preclude the federal defendants from releasing or disclosing any document or file at the request or with the authorization of the subject of such document or file.

Dated: New York, New York
   October 12, 1989

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SO ORDERED:

United States District Judge
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NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

National Projects & Committees

National Labor Project
National Labor Committee
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National Labor Law Center
Labor Committee
National Immigration Project
National Interim Commission on Oppression of Women
National Committee to Combat Women's Oppression (NCCWO)
National Committee on Women's Oppression
Police Crimes Task Force
Task Force on Minority Legal Resources
International Committee
Prison Task Force
National Prison Network
Military Law Project
Military Law Office
Military Law Task Force
Military Law Office/Military Law Task Force
Summer Projects Committee
NMG Law Student Clearinghouse
Law Students in Action
National Housing Task Force
Legal Services Task Force
Task Force on Minority Adms.
Puerto Rico Project
Puerto Rico Subcommittee
Instituto Puertorriqueño de Derechos Civiles
Grand Jury Project
Affirmative Action/Anti-Discrimination Committee
Anti-Fascist Contact
Anti-Nuke Legal Project
Anti-Semitism Task Force

Housing Contact
Immigration Project
Subcommittee on China, International Committee
Subcommittee on Cuba, International Committee
Cuba Subcommittee
Subcommittee on Southern Africa, International Committee
Subcommittee on Vietnam, International Committee
Law Student Organizing Committee
Legal Workers Caucus
National Committee Against Gov't Repression & Police Crimes
Prison Committee
Red Baiting Task Force
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Theoretical Studies Committee
Central America Task Force
Civil Liberties Committee

APPENDIX A
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People's Energy Project
Subcommittee on Racist Groups
The Public Eye
Irish Task Force
Ireland Task Force
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South African Subcommittee
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Third World Caucus
Criminal Law Task Force
Criminal Justice Committee
Economic Rights Task Force
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Faculty Network
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Committee for Legal Assistance in the South, AKA Committee to Aid Southern Lawyers
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SYNOPSIS (Cont'd.)

Congress, to defend WILLIE McGEE in Mississippi, and attended and spoke at rallies in NYC regarding McGEE case. Represented PAUL ROBESON and Civil Rights Congress after Peekskill riots, and also filed claim for herself. Believed to have offered greetings to BENJAMIN J. DAVIS and to have sent protest to Department of Justice, on Mc CARRAN Law in 1951. Informant advised in 1952 that subject was doing large amount of legal work for Communists. Subject in contact with JULIUSZ KATZ-SUCHY, alleged Communist, and believed to have been in contact with MORRIS GREENBAUM, auditor for CP and ARNOLD JOHNSON convicted CP leader.

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DETAILS:

This investigation was predicated upon information received on January 17, 1951 from Confidential Informant T-24, of known reliability, who advised that MORRIS GREENBAUM, auditor for the Communist Party, conferred with NAT ROSS, Executive Secretary, New York State Civil Rights Congress, at which time ROSS indicated that BELLA ABZUG was supposed to get a lawyer to work with GREENBAUM. (AA)

BACKGROUND

Birth Data

The records of the Board of Health, Borough of Bronx, New York, as checked by SE under certificate #9380 reflects that BELLA SAVITZKY was born July 24, 1920 in Bronx, New York. Her father, EMANUEL, a butcher by trade, and mother ESTER, were both listed as having been born in Russia. At that time the SAVITZKY address was listed as 1038 Hoe Avenue, Bronx, New York.
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Education

Clerk, Registrar's Office, Hunter College, 695 Park Avenue, New York City, produced records which reflected that the subject was admitted to that school in February, 1938, and was graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree on February 5, 1942. Her address at that time was listed as 2757 Claflin Avenue, Bronx, New York. The records further reflected that the subject had graduated from Walton High School in January, 1938, and had attended the Seminary College for Jewish Studies in the evenings, part time, from September, 1938 to June, 1941, while at Hunter College.

Dean's Office, Hunter College, advise from records that the subject was a member of the American Student Union, while at that school.

Concerning the American Student Union, the California Committee on Un-American Activities, report 1943, page 115, describes this organization as "A Communist Front Organization for the indoctrination of American students in Colleges and Universities in the United States."

Office of the Dean, Columbia Law School, 116th Street and Broadway, New York City, produced records which reflected that the subject was admitted to that school in September, 1942, and was graduated with an LL.B degree on October 25, 1944. Her address at this time was listed as 2757 Claflin Avenue, Bronx, New York.

Marital Status

The records of the Marriage License Bureau, Borough of Manhattan, as checked by SE under certificate #12653, reflected that BELLA SAVITZKY of 2757 Claflin Avenue, Bronx, New York, and MAURICE M. ABZUG, of 670 West End Avenue, New York City were married June 7, 1944 at Brooklyn, New York, by Rabbi JACOB KATZ. The witnesses were listed as ABRAHAM KLEIN and AARON TANKLEFSKY.

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**Employment**

[Confidential Informant T-1] of unknown reliability, but who is familiar with the subject's employment advised on March 27, 1953 that the subject is employed as an Attorney with ABZUG and MEYER, Room 3301, 205 West 31st Street, New York City.

[Confidential Informant T-2] of known reliability, furnished information which reflected the following past employments of the subject:

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**Residence**

[Confidential Informant T-2] of unknown reliability, but a person familiar with the subject's residence, advised on April 3, 1953 that the subject and her husband, MAURICER ABZUG, were residing at 234 East 5th Street, Mount Vernon, New York.

[Confidential Informant T-2] furnished information which reflected the following places and dates of residence for the subject:
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July, 1920 to September, 1927 - 1038 Roe Avenue, Bronx, New York.
September, 1927 to September, 1929 - 1104 Elder Avenue, Bronx, New York.
September, 1929 to June, 1932 - 3065 Roberts Avenue, New York.
June, 1932 to November, 1932 - September Walls, Long Island, NY
November, 1932 to March, 1934 - 133 West 197th Street, Bronx, NY
March, 1934 to September, 1938 - 2850 Claflin Avenue, Bronx, NY
September, 1938 to June, 1944 - 2757 Claflin Avenue, Bronx, NY
June, 1944 to August, 1944 - 50 Central Park South, New York City.
August, 1944 to (unknown) - 253 West 72d Street, New York City.

The records of the Board of Elections, Borough of Manhattan, as checked by SE [redacted] reflects that the subject resided at 253 West 72d Street, New York City, New York, until 1948, when she changed residence to 115 Central Park West, New York City, New York. The election records further reflect that the subject resided at 144 Central Park West, New York City, in 1951.

Credit:

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, as checked by SE [redacted] reflect that the subject is an attorney with a law office at 205 West 34th Street, New York City, having been there since March, 1949. Credit records further reflect that the subject's husband, MAURICE ABZUG, is President and Vice President of Blouse Belle, 101 West 37th Street, New York City, while the subject is Secretary and Treasurer. The firm was formerly known as the Blouse Beautiful, and the subject has been with that firm since December, 1950.

Criminal:

The records of the New York City Police Department, as checked by SA [redacted] contained no record for the subject.
AFFILIATIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

Membership

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised on November 26, 1952, that [ ] was either an out and out Communist, or one who follows the line of the Communist Party very closely. (\(\Phi\) \(\Delta\))

It is noted that the Communist Party is cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, New York City Police Department, as checked by [ ], reflect that the subject was a sponsor for the Citizens Committee of the Upper West Side in 1948.

Concerning this organization, Attorney General TOM CLARK in a letter to the Loyalty Review Board, released December 4, 1947, cites the above organization as a subversive organization in New York City, which is among the affiliates and committees of the Communist Party, USA and which seeks to alter the form of the government of the United States by unconstitutional means.

Communist Party Sympathies

[Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, made available copies of] Amici Curiae Brief filed February 5, 1950 by a number of attorneys at law, with the United States Court of Appeals, 2d Circuit, in connection with the appeals of the Attorneys who represented the Communist Party leaders in the trial of the case "United States vs. WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, ET AL".

The name BELLA ABZUG was one of those listed on this brief.
COMMUNIST PARTY FRONT

Confidential informant T-5, of known reliability, furnished information which indicated that the subject was acting as an attorney for the Civil Rights Congress in 1950, 1951, and had received payments from the Civil Rights Congress as of May, 1952.

It is noted that the Civil Rights Congress is cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Confidential informant T-6, of known reliability, furnished information which indicated that one BELLA ABZUG attended the 6th Anniversary Dinner sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress on March 26, 1952, held at the Central Plaza, New York City.

Confidential informant T-7, of known reliability, advised that the subject made a contribution of ten dollars at a dinner given in honor of WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, National Executive Secretary for the Civil Rights Congress, on May 15, 1951, sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress, and held at New York City.

Confidential informant T-8, of known reliability, furnished information which reflected that
It is noted that the "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

The "Daily Worker" dated June 21, 1951, page 2, column 3, reflects that one BELLA ABZUG attended a reception sponsored by the National Council of Arts, Sciences, and Professions, held at Riverside Plaza, New York City on June 19, 1951 to pay tribute to the five defense attorneys for the Communist Party. The article stated that BELLA ABZUG paid homage to the attorneys for their staunch role in upholding the integrity of the constitution and their profession.

Concerning the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions, the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conferences for Peace, arranged by the National Council of Arts, Sciences, and Professions, and held in New York City on March 25, 26, 29, 1949, house report #1951, April 29, 1950, page 2, cites this organization as a Communist front.

The "New York Herald Tribune" dated September 7, 1948 reflected that the International Association for Democratic Lawyers, third conference at Prague, Czechoslovakia on September 4, 1948 had been addressed by Mrs. BELLA S. ABZUG, an attorney from 122 East 12th Street, New York City.

She stated there was a great threat to civil liberties in the United States, but "the democratic people in the United States will stem the tide that is threatening to destroy the basic rights of Americans".

The International Association for Democratic Lawyers is cited as an International Communist Front by the Committee on Un-American Activities Report #3123, September 21, 1950, page 13.
Confidential Informant T-9, of known reliability, made information available on April 30, 1951, which indicated that one, ELLA ABZUG, was a sponsor for the (a) "American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born".

Concerning the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, it is noted that this organization has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order Number 9635.

Records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, New York City Police Department, reflect that the names Mr. and Mrs. MARTIN ABZUG, appeared on dinner cards for the CAROL KING dinner held at the Hotel Astor, which dinner was sponsored by the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born. The date of this dinner was given as March 5, year not indicated.

It is noted that the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York reflect that the subject's husband, MAURICE ABZUG, is also known as MARTIN ABZUG.

Confidential Informant T-10, of known reliability, furnished information which indicated that one, ELLA ABZUG, was listed as a sponsor for the National Women's Appeal for the Rights of Foreign Born Americans in 1952.

Concerning the above organization, Confidential Informant T-10, of known reliability, advised that this (a) organization was formed at the suggestion of ABNER GREEN, Executive Secretary of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, to be a Committee within the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, to defend the women "deportees" being helped by the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born. All press releases and publicity of this organization is handled by the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, according to informant.

The records of the Board of Elections, Borough of Manhattan, as checked by SE, reflects that the subject indicated her party preference as American Labor Party, in the years 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1949 and 1951.
The records of the Board of Elections, Westchester County, at White Plains, New York, as checked by [redacted] reflects that the subject indicated her party preference as American Labor Party in 1952.

Concerning the American Labor Party, the Special Committee on Un-American Activities Report March 29, 1949, page 78, states "For years the Communists have put forth their greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Party, but outside of New York City, they have been unable to win control."

Miscellaneous

Information appears in the following issues of the "Daily Worker" which reflects the subject's activities as a defense attorney, retained by the Civil Rights Congress in behalf of WILLIE McGEE, during McGee's trial and appeals in Jackson and Laurel, Mississippi:

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The "Daily Worker" dated April 16, 1951, page 9, column 1, reflects that a rally was held at Saint Nicholas Arena, New York City, for WILLIE McGEE. One of the speakers was listed as BELLA ABZUG.

The "Daily Worker" dated May 23, 1951, page 2, column 4, reflects that a reception was to be held for Mrs. WILLIE McGEE, in New York City, and that BELLA ABZUG was to be a speaker at this rally.
The "Daily Worker" dated May 25, 1952, page 3, column 4, reflects that a memorial meeting was held at New York City, for WILLIE McGEE. The subject was listed as being seated on the platform at this meeting.

[Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability, advised that BELLA ABZUG attended the memorial meeting, (4) mentioned above, for WILLIE McGEE held at the Golden Gate Ballroom in New York City on May 22, 1952, under the auspices of the Civil Rights Congress. T-7 stated that at this meeting, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, of the Civil Rights Congress, called upon the people to fight against the Smith Act, and stated "We must bring back BEN DAvis, GENE DENNIS, JOHNNY GATES, and all the other imprisoned leaders of the Communist Party." He also called for freeing of the ROSENBERGS and SOBEL. T-7 stated that during the course of this meeting, the subject spoke sayign, "We must fight with all out might that there shall be no more McGEEs, nor Martinsville Sevens, nor Florida killings of negro people." It is noted that the "ROSENBERGS and SOBEL referred to above were convicted in Federal Court for conspiracy to commit espionage.

The "Daily Worker" dated December 16, 1949, page 9, column 1, reflects that the subject was one of the attorneys representing the Civil Rights Congress, PAUL ROBESON, and others in connection with the lawsuit versus 16 individuals and organizations in Westchester County, New York, and filed as a result of the Peekskill riots which occurred in August and September, 1949, in connection with the Robeson concert.

[Confidential Informant T-17, of known reliability, furnished a list of names of persons who intended to file claim versus the State of New York, as a result of the riots on August 27, 1949 and September 4, 1949 at Peekskill, New York, in connection with the PAUL ROBESON Concert. The subject's name appeared on this list.

Concerning the Peekskill Riots, [Confidential Informant T-23. of known reliability, advised that the Peakskill disorders of August 27, 1949 and September 9, 1949, in the vicinity of Peekskill, New York, were the outgrowth of concerts given by singer PAUL ROBESON. The informant stated that the concerts were held under the auspices of the Harlem Division of the Civil Rights Congress.
CONFIDENTIAL Informant T-12, of known reliability, made available a "booklet" entitled "A Tribute to Councilman BENJAMIN J. DAVIS", prepared by the BEN DAVIS Ball Committee. The name MRS. MARTIN ABZUG appeared in this booklet, as offering greeting to BENJAMIN DAVIS.

Concerning BENJAMIN J. DAVIS it is noted that he was one of the Communist Party leaders, who were indicted July 20, 1948, for conspiring to organize the Communist Party to teach and advocate the overthrow of the United States Government by force and violence, which acts were prohibited by the Smith Act of June, 1940. It is further noted that the Communist Party leaders were found guilty on October 14, 1949.

The "Daily Worker" dated May 18, 1952, page 3, column 2, under the heading "Women visit capital - Assail McCARRAN Drive," states that "a delegation of 120 women appealed to President TRUMAN to halt the McCARRAN deportations, with a letter protesting the actions of the Justice Department in applying provisions of the McCARRAN law to deport 170 law abiding non-citizens from the United States." The name BELLA ABZUG, appeared in this article as being one of the protesters.

CONFIDENTIAL Informant T-12, of unknown reliability, but a person familiar with the subject's employment advised on July 8, 1952 that the subject, an attorney, was handling a large amount of work for the Communists.

CONFIDENTIAL Informant T-15, of known reliability, advised that one JUliusz KATZ-SUCHY contacted the subject in April, 1950 and requested him to visit him at his office, inasmuch as he had some work which he wanted him to do.

Concerning JUliusz KATZ-SUCHY, Confidential Informant T-15, of known reliability, advised that KATZ-SUCHY became a Communist early in life and expelled from the University of Lwow, Poland for his Communist teachings. In 1947 he was appointed Polish Delegate to the United Nations in New York City. T-17 stated that KATZ-SUCHY does not act subservient to the Soviet United Nations Delegations, but follows their lead in all United Nations matters, because he is a staunch Communist and believes in all the Communist doctrines.
Confidential Informant T-24, of known reliability, advised that on January 17, 1951, MORRIS GREENBAUM, Auditor for the Communist Party, conferred with NAT ROSS, Executive Secretary, New York State Civil Rights Congress, at which time ROSS indicated that BELLA ABZUG was supposed to get a lawyer to work with GREENBAUM.

Confidential Informant T-25, of known reliability, advised that on January 30, 1951, the subject was in contact with ARNOLD JOHNSON, the former Executive Secretary of the National Non-Partisan Committee to defend the rights of the twelve Communist Leaders. This contact concerned the subject's need for securing additional travel funds to defray her expenses, on her return trip to Mississippi, where she expected to continue her activities in behalf of the McGEE case.

Concerning ARNOLD JOHNSON, it is noted that he was one of the Communist Party Leaders convicted in the Southern District of New York on January 21, 1953; for violation of the Smith Act.

[Confidential Informants: T-7, T-10, T-17, T-18, T-19, T-20 and T-21] of known reliability, who are familiar with general Communist Party activity in the New York area, were contacted, but advised that they were not familiar with the subject.

The following description of the subject was obtained from the records of T-22 Board of Health, and the Bureau of Motor Vehicles:

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Employment

205 West 31st Street
New York City, New York (Room 3301)

Married (One child)

Mr. SIDNEY SMARTLEFF, (Cousin)
New York University

Mr. GEORGE SMARTLEFF, (Cousin)
Fordham University

Mr. JULIUS SMARTLEFF, (Cousin)
New York University

Mrs. ESTHER SAVITZKY, (Mother)
755 Ocean Avenue
Brooklyn, New York.

Mr. MANUEL SAVITZKY, (Father)
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Documentation of JULIUSZ KATZ-SUCHY.
LEAD
NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will await Bureau's decision on submitted from FD-122.
Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, New York (100-102413)
SUBJECT: BELLA ABZUG was: Bella Savitsky, Mrs. Martin Abzug, Mrs. Maurice M. Abzug
SECURITY MATTER-G

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME Bella Abzug

ALIASES Bella Savitsky, Mrs. Martin Abzug, Mrs. Maurice M. Abzug,

NATIVE BORN X NATURALIZED ALIEN

COMMUNIST X SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify)

TAB FOR DETCOM TAB FOR COMSAB RACE White SEX Female

DATE OF BIRTH 7/24/20 PLACE OF BIRTH Bronx, NY

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address)
Abzug and Meyer, Room 5301, 205 West 34th St., New York City.

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Vital Facility List)

RESIDENCE ADDRESS
234 East 5th Street, Mount Vernon, New York.
SUCCINCT RESUME OF CASE

All informants mentioned herein have reliable information in the past unless indicated otherwise.

Records of BSSI, NYPD, reflect that subject was a sponsor for the Citizens Committee of the Upper West Side in 1948.

Letter to Director
NY 100-102413

Pretext telephone calls on 3/23/55, and 2/15/55, to
firm of Abzug and Meyer, NYC, revealed subject's employment
thereat as an Attorney.

RECOMMENDATION

Delete from ST.

Despite subject's activities in behalf of CP fronts
and the USSR and CP informant's statement in November 1952, that
subject was either an out and out Communist or one who follows
the line of the CP very closely, her reported activities do
not warrant her continued retention on ST pursuant to new
criteria for same as set forth in relatt.

DET/COM TABBING

1. Not presently tabbed.
2. Not applicable.
3. Not recommended for ST.

A review of subject's file reflects that subject was either a Communist or one who follows the line of the Communist Party very closely. It is further noted that report reflects that

The last report in this case was submitted by (U) your office under the date of April 19, 1953.

Before a decision is made by the Bureau relative to the subject's retention in or deletion from the Security Index, you are instructed to recontact (S) information in his possession regarding subversive activities on the part of the subject. A report in this matter setting forth in detail the information received from (S) as well as all other pertinent information concerning subject should be forwarded to the Bureau within forty-five days after receipt of this letter. At the time this report is submitted you should again submit your recommendation regarding the retention of the subject in the Security Index or her deletion therefrom. No action is being taken at this time on relet.

VDH: prh

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COMM. FBI
OCT 13 1955
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Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI (100-401225)

FROM: SAC, New York (100-102413)

SUBJECT: BELLA SAVITZKY ABZUG, was SM-C

DATE: 11/21/55

Card U.T.D. 11-28-55

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME: BELLA SAVITZKY ABZUG

ALIASES

NATIVE BORN: NATURALIZED: ALIEN:

COMMUNIST: SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY: INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE:

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify):

TAB FOR DETCOM: TAB FOR COMSAB: RACE: SEX:

DATE OF BIRTH: PLACE OF BIRTH:

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address):

KEY FACILITY DATA:

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER: RESPONSIBILITY:

INTERESTED AGENCIES:

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HERETO IS CLASSIFIED

DATE: 11-28-55 BY 8-1-55

NOT RECORDED

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SUBJ. COMMENT:
SUBJECT: BELLA SAVITZKY ABZUG, was born in SM-C.

Submitted herewith are four copies of the report of

REYNlet to Director, 9/7/55.

REYNlet set forth a succinct resume concerning the activities of BELLA ABZUG at which time it was recommended that she be deleted from the Security Index inasmuch as her reported activities did not warrant her continued retention thereon.

Although the report submitted herewith reflects

that during the period of May, 1945, through 1954, she was on occasions associated with the CRC and was the recipient of legal fees from the CRC; that information furnished in 1954 indicated BELLA ABZUG was one of the top contacts of the American Peace Crusade; that the subject's associates in business have been identified as either CP members or individuals in sympathy with the Communist Movement; and that in 1955 a meeting between

and the subject was to be arranged in the future; there is no evidence of CP membership on the part of the subject within the past five years which warrants the subject's retention in the Security Index of the NYO.

In view of the subject's position, it is not recommended the subject be considered for interview, and this case is being placed in a closed status.

In the event/survival information is received regarding the subject, consideration will be given to reopening this case and reconsidering the subject for inclusion in the Security Index of the NYO.

Encs. (4) ENCL.

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1-New York (100-102113)

GRR: amc
(3)

SUBJ: 10-7 to NY (aa)

REYNlet 9/7/55 & 12/7/55

CONFIDENTIAL

Classified by 12/7/55
Exempt from CRC, Category
Date of Declassification Indefinite

SECRET

CONFIDENTIAL
BELLA ABZUG resides at 234 East 5th St., Mount Vernon, Westchester County, NY, and is in partnership in the firm of Abzug and Meyer, Attorneys, 205 West 34th St., NY, NY. It was reported in November, 1952, that BELLA ABZUG was either an out-and-out Communist or one who follows the line of the CP very closely. It was reported in October, 1955, that BELLA ABZUG, an attorney, defended "leftist causes." It was reported in June, 1953, that the name and address of

BELLA ABZUG received payments from CRC totaling $1,800 covering period 3/1/51 through 5/12/52, and that during period May, 1946, through 1954, BELLA ABZUG was, on occasions, associated with CRC and was recipient of legal fees from CRC. It was reported in November, 1954, BELLA ABZUG was one of the top contacts of APC. Associates set forth.

BELLA ABZUG received payments from CRC totaling $1,800 covering period 3/1/51 through 5/12/52, and that during period May, 1946, through 1954, BELLA ABZUG was, on occasions, associated with CRC and was recipient of legal fees from CRC. It was reported in November, 1954, BELLA ABZUG was one of the top contacts of APC. Associates set forth.
DETAILS: The title of this report has been marked changed to indicate the full true name of BELLA SAVITZKY ABZUG, as shown in her marriage record subsequently mentioned.

BACKGROUND

Marital Status: MRS. MAURICE M. ABZUG

Records of the Marriage License Bureau, Borough of Manhattan, New York City, as checked by SA on November 15, 1955, disclosed under marriage certificate number 12653, that BELLA SAVITZKY, 2157 Olaflin Avenue, Bronx, New York, was married June 4, 1944, in Brooklyn, New York, to MAURICE M. ABZUG, 670 West End Avenue, New York City. The record indicated BELLA SAVITZKY was born July 24, 1920, in Bronx, New York, and that her parents, EMMANUEL SAVITZKY and ESTHER MANKLEFSKY, were both born in Russia.

Residence: A check of the 1955 Westchester County Telephone Directory, as made by SA on October 20, 1955, indicated BELLA S. ABZUG resides at 234 East 5th Street, Mount Vernon, New York.

On October 20, 1955, a telephone call was made under suitable pretext by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to a woman who identified herself as the maid at the residence of BELLA ABZUG, at which time she advised that BELLA S. ABZUG resides at 234 East 5th Street, Mount Vernon, Westchester County, New York.

Employment

On November 16, 1955, a telephone call was made under suitable pretext by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to an unidentified woman at the firm of Abzug and Meyer, 205 West 31st Street, New York, New York, who advised that BELLA S. ABZUG is in partnership in the firm of Abzug and Meyer, Attorneys, 205 West 31st Street, New York, New York.
AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

Communist Party Membership

T-l, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 26, 1952, that BELLA ABZUG was either an out-and-out Communist or one who follows the line of the Communist Party very closely. (u)

T-l advised on October 21, 1955, that he had no knowledge as to whether BELLA ABZUG was a Communist Party member; however, he stated ABZUG, an attorney, defended "leftist causes." T-l was unable to furnish any additional information. (u)

Communist Party Fronts
The "Daily Worker" is a daily East Coast Communist newspaper.

Civil Rights Congress (CRC)

[T-5] who has furnished reliable information in the past, on March 4, 1954, made available information which indicated BELLA ABZUG received payments from the CRC in the amount totaling $1,800 covering the period of March 1, 1951, through May 12, 1952.

[T-6] who has furnished reliable information in the past, on December 29, 1954, advised that BELLA ABZUG, during the period of May, 1956, through 1954, was on occasions associated with the CRC and was the recipient of legal fees from the CRC.

The CRC has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.
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American Peace Crusade (APC)

[T-7] who has furnished reliable information in the past, on November 4, 1954, made available information which he stated indicated to him that BELLA ABZUG was one of the top contacts of the APC. [T-7] was unable to furnish any additional information.

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

Associates

LIONEL JAY STANDER

[T-8] who has furnished reliable information in the past, on April 13, 1954, made available information which indicated that some time prior to February 20, 1954, the name and address of BELLA ABZUG, 234 East 5th Street, Mount Vernon, New York, was known to LIONEL JAY STANDER.

T-1 advised on October 21, 1955, that BELLA ABZUG in the past was the attorney for LIONEL STANDER. T-1 was unable to furnish any additional information.

[ ] a self-admitted former Communist Party member who testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities at Los Angeles, California, stated that he had known LIONEL STANDER as a Communist Party member between 1937 and 1943.

HOWARD NICHOLAS MEYER

[T-1 advised on November 26, 1952, that BELLA S. ABZUG was at that time associated in the practice of law with HOWARD N. MEYER.

On November 9, 1955, a telephone call was made under suitable pretext by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to an unidentified woman at the firm of Abzug and Meyer, 205 West 34th Street, New York, New York, who advised that HOWARD N. MEYER, Attorney, is a partner of BELLA ABZUG in the firm of Abzug and Meyer, Room 3301, 205 West 34th Street, New York, New York.

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[T-9] a responsible businessman who professed to be well acquainted with HOWARD MEYER, advised in March, 1948, that he regarded MEYER as an "extreme liberal," that is, one who was in favor of the teachings of KARL MARX and his type of political philosophy. [T-9] recalled that during conversations, MEYER would defend Russia's occupation of Poland and referred to the 1939 phase of the last war as "an imperialist war." According to T-9, MEYER usually advanced the arguments used by the "Daily Worker" in his arguments against war. [T-9] recalled he visited MEYER's home on numerous occasions and observed MEYER's private library, which was greatly overbalanced with works which pertained to Communism and Socialism.

JOHN J. FIELDS, 118 Willow Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised 3A on March 30, 1948; that in January, 1941, MEYER leased an apartment at 118 Willow Street and resided there until 1942. He stated that through several complaints by tenants about the noise in MEYER's apartment, he observed MEYER was conducting meetings, many of which lasted throughout the night, and that the persons who attended the meetings, and who usually carried writing materials and pamphlets, were youths of diverse races and of college age. He stated that on one occasion he found literature pertaining to Communism in trash thrown out by MEYER, and on another occasion he noted MEYER posted two signs of a Communist nature in the hallway of the apartment house.

BERNARD DAVIS,...(member) for Kaufman Management Company, 201-205 West 34th Street, New York City, advised 3A on September 1, 1955, that she believed BELLA ABZUG was no longer connected with the firm in Room 3301, 205 West 34th Street, New York City, inasmuch as the only name on the new lease for that room executed in December, 1954, was that of BERNARD DAVIS, a lawyer, whose residence was indicated as 2142 78th Street, Jackson Heights, Queens County, New York. She stated she believed that those connected with Abzug and MEYER were Communists inasmuch as she had seen an article in one of the New York newspapers referring to ABZUG as an attorney representing persons who appeared before an unknown security inquiry in New York City. Miss[...out] could furnish no additional information concerning the security inquiry.
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a self-admitted member of

the Communist Party in 1949-1950 and who from 1951 until
1953 considered himself a member of the Communist Party,
although inactive, advised on March 10, 1949, that BERNARD
DAVIS was a member of the Nassau-Suffolk Branch of the
Communist Party, who was closely associated with
Secretary of the above-mentioned branch of the Communist
Party.

(U)

T-10, who has furnished reliable information in the
past, advised on January 6, 1955, that

and Mayer were

T-10 stated that Abzug

and Mayer were

T-10 advised on April 19, 1955, that

According to the records of the Immigration and
Naturalization Service, checked in the summer of 1955,

According to the records of the Immigration and
Naturalization Service, as checked in the summer of 1955.

(U)

Washington, D.C.

Miscellaneous Communist
Party Activities

PAUL and ESLANDA ROBESON
Testimonial Dinner

T-11, who has furnished reliable information in
the past, on December 13, 1954, made available information.
which indicated BELLA ABZUG, 234 East 5th Street, Mount Vernon, New York, should be contacted to enlist her support for the PAUL and EISLANDA ROBESON Testimonial Dinner of October 14, 1954.

[T-12] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 29, 1950, that EISLANDA ROBESON was a Communist Party member in 1945, but that she did not hold herself out as a Communist and denied membership in the Party.

[T-12] stated that BENJAMIN DAVIS, known to the informant at that time as Chairman of the Harlem Branch of the Communist Party and a member of the National Board of the Communist Party, and JACK STACHEL, known to the informant at that time as a national functionary of the Communist Party, were the sources of his information concerning EISLANDA ROBESON.

[T-12] advised on June 29, 1950, that PAUL ROBESON was known to him prior to 1945 as a concealed Communist.

[T-13], who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 2, 1955, that PAUL ROBESON as of that date was Chairman of the Council on African Affairs.

The Council on African Affairs has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

INFORMANTS

Informants, who have furnished reliable information in the past and who are familiar with some phases of Communist Party activities in the New York area, advised in November, 1955, that they were unable to furnish any information concerning BELLA ABZUG under her name or known aliases.

MISCELLANEOUS

The following named individuals were contacted in May, 1953 by SA[ ] at which time they advised they were unable to furnish any information of a derogatory nature concerning BELLA ABZUG, her husband, or her family:
NY 100-102413

Mrs. I. L. JEDEIKEN,
400 Cedar Avenue,
Mount Vernon, New York;

Mrs. NORRINE MULLEN,
250 East 5th Street,
Mount Vernon, New York;

Mrs. ANNE SHEA,
227 East 5th Street,
Mount Vernon, New York.

Both Mrs. MULLEN and Mrs. SHEA advised BELLA ABZUG and her husband preferred to remain to themselves and that neither appear to associate with many people in the neighborhood nor appear to entertain socially.

The following individuals and agencies, as contacted by SA ____________ in May, 1953, failed to reflect any information concerning BELLA ABZUG or her husband:

Westchester Bureau of Credits and Collections, White Plains, New York;

Bureau of Criminal Identification, Yonkers Police Department, Yonkers, New York;

Mount Vernon Police Department, Mount Vernon, New York.
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INFORMANTS (CONTINUED)

IDENTITY OF SOURCE

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BELLA ABZUG during 12/29/54 period May, 1946 - 1954, was recipient of legal fees from CRC

(By request due to nature of information furnished)

T-7

BELLA ABZUG was one of top contacts of APC.

11/4/54

SAs

100-102789

(Photostat)

T-8

NYCPD (By request due to nature of information furnished)

Sometime prior to 4/13/54 2/20/54, name and address of BELLA ABZUG known to

LIONEL JAY STANDER

T-9

Used to document

T-10

1/6/55

SA

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(oral)

ALL INFORMATION ON THIS PAGE IS CLASSIFIED (C) UNLESS CENSORED OTHERWISE

ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE (CONTINUED)
used to document PAUL ROBESON.

The following informants, who were unable to furnish any information concerning BILLY ABZUG, were contacted on the dates indicated by the following agents:

T-11
LOUIS F. BUDENZ
(By request)

BILLY ABZUG should be contacted to substantiate support of Paul and BILLY ABZUG Testimonial.

BILLY ABZUG should 12/13/54 be contacted to furnish PAUL ROBESON Testimonial.

Date: 7/19/55

File Number: 100-5149-152

When Furnished

Where Located
The pretext inquiry, as made on November 9, 1955, was a pretext telephone call made by SA to telephone number LONGACRE 4-7091 on November 9, 1955, and a conversation with an unknown female.

The pretext inquiry, as made on November 16, 1955, was a pretext telephone call made by SA to telephone number LONGACRE 4-7091 on November 16, 1955, and a conversation with an unknown female in the office of Alzug and Meyer, 205 West 34th Street, New York City.

The subject is included in the Security Index of the New York Office, and the information appearing thereon has been checked and is correct; however, the subject is being recommended for deletion from the Security Index.

REFERENCES

Bureau letter to New York, 10/13/55.
SAG, New York (100-102143)

Director, FBI (100-401225) - 4

RECORDED - 14/ EX-121

BELLA SAVITZKY ABZUG
SECURITY MATTER - 6

Reurlet dated 12-7-55.

It is the Bureau's opinion that the subject should be at this time retained on the Security Index. No action is therefore being taken on your recommendation regarding subject's deletion. You should review this case to be sure that all pertinent information has been submitted, that all logical sources have been contacted which could provide information concerning subject's sympathies and activities, and be sure that the case has been handled in line with the provisions regarding the summary report program.
REBULET to New York, 12/28/55.

A review of instant case file indicates the Bureau is in receipt of all pertinent information concerning subject, which has been submitted in report form.

A summary report was submitted on 4/29/53.

The subject is included in the Security Index of the NMD and the information appearing therein has been checked and is current and correct. This case is hereby being placed in a closed status.
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI (100-401225)  
DATE: 8/22/56

FROM: SAC, New York (100-192413)  
Card U.T.D. 8-29-56 R

SUBJECT: BELLA SAVITZKY
SM-C

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME ____________________________________________________________

ALIASES __________________________________________________________

NATIVE BORN ______ NATURALIZED ______ ALIEN ______

COMMUNIST ______ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY ______ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE ______

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) ________________________________________

TAB FOR DETCOM ______ TAB FOR COMSAR ______ RACE ______ SEX ______

DATE OF BIRTH ___________________ PLACE OF BIRTH ___________________

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) ________

Bella S. Abzug, 24 West 40th Street, NY, NY

KEY FACILITY DATA:

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER 100-401225

INTERESTED AGENCIES 23 AUG / 3 1956

RESIDENCE ADDRESS __________________________

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 11-27-57 BY SEPLAJ/19K

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE
NEW YORK

OFFICE OF ORIGIN
NEW YORK

DATE
12/27/56

INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
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29, 31; 11/1, 8, 13, 15, 20, 21, 26-

REPORT MADE BY
30/12/5, 6, 10/56

TYPED BY
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CHARACTER OF CASE
Bella Abzug, nee Savitzky, was

CLASSIFIED BY 394 6/9/56
DECLASSIFIED ON: 26X

SECURITY MATTER - G

SYNOPSIS:

As of 12/5/56 Abzug reported residing at 234 East 5th Street, Mt. Vernon, New York, and as of 10/26/56 reported a practicing attorney at 24 West 40th Street, Room 1502, New York City. Source advised that the subject had work in 1947, with lawyers who were accepted as GP members.

Other

PROPERTY OF FBI. THIS REPORT IS LICENSED TO YOU BY THE FBI, AND NEITHER IT OR ITS CONTENTS ARE TO BE DISCLOSED TO ANY PERSON OR ENTITY EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED BY THE FBI.
On December 5, 1956, Mrs. I. L. Jedekken, 400 Cedar Street, Mt. Vernon, New York, advised SA [redacted] that ABZUG resides at 234 East 5th Street, Mt. Vernon, New York.

On October 26, 1956, a telephone call was made under suitable pretext to the residence of BELLA ABZUG, 234 East 5th Street, Mt. Vernon, New York, by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. A woman, who identified herself as Miss ALICE WILLIAMS, the subject's housekeeper, advised that the subject was a resident at this address.

Employment

On November 1, 1956, SA [redacted] observed that Room 1502, 24 West 40th Street, New York, was listed to BELLA S. ABZUG, Attorney.

On October 29, 1956, a review of the Manhattan Telephone Directory, dated October 18, 1956, reflected that telephone number LO 4-7091 was listed to BELLA S. ABZUG, Attorney, 24 West 40th Street, New York City.

On October 26, 1956, a telephone call was made under suitable pretext by an Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to BELLA ABZUG at LO 4-7091. ABZUG advised that she is an attorney at this address, practicing.

On November 16, 1955, a telephone call was made under suitable pretext by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to an unidentified woman at the firm of ABZUG and MEYER, 205 West 34th Street, New York City, who advised that BELLA S. ABZUG is in partnership in the firm of Abzug and Meyer, Attorneys, 205 West 34th Street, New York City.
On August 21, 1956, a telephone call was made under suitable pretext by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the subject's secretary. The secretary advised that the subject's office is now located at 24 West 40th Street, New York City.

**Criminal**

Detective Sergeant [Redacted], Bureau of Criminal Identification, Mt. Vernon Police Department, Mt. Vernon, New York, advised SA [Redacted] on October 24, 1956, that his records failed to reflect any information concerning the subject.

**Status of Health**

Miss ALICE WILLIAMS further advised during the pretext call to the subject's home made on October 26, 1956 that ABZUG was in good health.

**AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT**

**Membership**

During late 1955 and early 1956, T-1, a self-admitted former Communist Party (CP) and Communist Political Association (CPA) member from 1942 to June, 1951, advised that she never attended any CP meetings with ABZUG. However, she believed ABZUG was a CP member because of the following reasons:

The subject worked with the firm of Nat WITT and Harold CHAMBER, 9 East 40th Street, in 1947. They told the subject that she could be a partner in this firm after working with them for one year. WITT and CHAMBER did not honor this agreement and, therefore, a hearing was held before top CP lawyers. Informant also advised that the subject argued the WILLIE MC GEE case in Washington, D.C., on an unknown date. Informant also advised that the subject devoted a large amount of her time to the Civil Rights Congress (CRC) and furthermore that the subject was the last person to speak to WILLIE MC GEE before his execution.
T-2, who has furnished reliable information in
the past, advised on March 23, 1956, that

Informant stated that he knew
HAROLD GOWINER and NATHAN WITF to be CP members since they
were accepted as such at the "Daily Worker".

T-3, who has furnished reliable information
in the past, advised in April, 1951, that the trade union
committee to save WILLIE MC GEE was formed in February,
1951 with WILLIAM HOO of Detroit, Michigan, as chairman
and EWART GUINIER as treasurer and was made up of representa-
tives from various unions interested in the case of
WILLIE MC GEE, a Negro convicted and subsequently executed
in the State of Mississippi on the charge of rape.

T-3 advised that the committee which was
temporary in nature and functioned spasmodically until the
execution of MC GEE was dominated by the CP through EWART
GUINIER, JAMES MALLOY and other Communists.

T-3 advised that BEN GOLD, International Fur
and Leather Workers Union and WILLIAM L. PATTERTON, CRC,
were two of the main sponsors of this committee.

In the June 16, 1950 issue of the "New York
Herald-Tribune" it was reflected that on June 15, 1956 the
Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) Executive Board
voted to oust the International Fur and Leather Workers
Union because it followed the CP line.

T-3 further advised on June 4, 1955 that
WILLIAM L. PATTERTON was National Executive Secretary of
the CRC and was known to the informant as a Communist.

The CRC and its affiliates have been designated
by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to
Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist
daily newspaper.

The CP and the CP have been designated by the
Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive
Order 10450.
The Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Report number 209, dated April 1, 1947, page 29, states "......after assuming the name of the Communist Political Association on May 20-23, 1944 for strategic reasons, the Party resumed the name of the Communist Party of the United States on July 26-28, 1945."

The records of the Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department, as reviewed on October 15, 1956 by SA, reflected that:

The records of the Bureau of Special Services further reflected that BELLA ABZUG spoke at a dinner on May 15, 1951 at the Central Plaza, 111 2nd Avenue, New York City, in honor of WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, Executive Secretary of the CRC:

The records of the Bureau of Special Services further reflected that the name BELLA ABZUG appeared on a card sitting her at table number 5 for the dinner celebrating the 6th anniversary of the CRC at the Central Plaza, 111 2nd Avenue, New York City, held on March 26, 1952.

The records of the Bureau of Special Services further reflected that on May 23, 1952, BELLA ABZUG spoke at a Memorial Meeting for WILLIE MC GEE at the Golden Gate Ballroom, 142nd Street and Lenox Avenue, New York City, which was sponsored by the Harlem CRC.

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Per FOIA Request
The records of the Bureau of Special Services further reflected that BELLA ABZUG, Counsel for WILLIE McGEE, spoke at a mass rally sponsored by the Trade Union Committee to Save Willie McGee at St. Nicholas Arena, New York City, on April 16, 1951.

Miscellaneous

On February 13, 1956, T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that

proposed that

T-4 advised that recommended that

stated

On November 14, 1953, T-5, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, made available the information that the name BELLA ABZUG, 205 West 34th Street, New York City, was known in the office of ISIDORE NEEDLEMAN, Room 2800, 165 Broadway, New York City.

T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in October, 1953, that ISIDORE NEEDLEMAN, an attorney at 165 Broadway, New York City, is a suspected Soviet espionage agent. Informant also advised that NEEDLEMAN formerly had been an attorney for the Amtorp Trading Corporation, a registered Russian trade agency in the United States.
On December 16, 1955, T-7, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that arrangements were made for BELLA ABZUG to attend a dinner sponsored by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee held on December 15, 1955, at the Capitol Hotel, New York City. Informant was unable to state whether the subject attended this dinner.

On November 1, 1956, CARL B. NOE, Deputy Counselor, Board of Elections, Westchester County, White Plains, New York, advised that BELLA ABZUG, 234 East 5th Street, Mt. Vernon, New York, registered a preference for the American Labor Party (ALP) for the years 1953 and 1954.

The records of the Bureau of Special Services, as reviewed on October 15, 1956, reflected that BELLA ABZUG was elected as a delegate to the New York County 11th A.D., First Judicial District at the ALP convention in the primary elections held on August 22, 1950.

The records of the Bureau of Special Services further reflected that ABZUG was listed as an ALP County Committee member on the 1951 ALP nominating petitions, 2nd Election District, 11th A.D.

The records of the Bureau of Special Services further reflected that BELLA ABZUG was one of a group of individuals involved in an action against the State of New York in connection with the Peekskill Riot in 1949.

T-8, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in the fall of 1949 that the Peekskill disorders (Peekskill Riots) of August 27, 1949 and September 4, 1949, in the vicinity of Peekskill, New York, were the outgrowth of concerts given by singer PAUL ROBESON. T-8 stated that the concerts, held under the auspices of the Harlem Division of the CRC.

T-9, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in June, 1950, that PAUL ROBESON was known to him prior to 1945 as a concealed Communist.

On October 26, 1956, T-2 was again contacted and advised that she had not seen the subject in over a year and could not furnish any further information.
MISCELLANEOUS

On December 5, 1956, Mrs. I. L. JEREijken, 400 Ceder Street, Mt. Vernon, New York, advised SA________ that the subject and her husband are almost unfriendly, that they never participate in local affairs, and that she had heard nothing of a derogatory nature regarding them.

On December 5, 1956, Mr. I. L. JEREijken, husband of the above, was interviewed separately by SA________ and he advised that the subject and her husband are actually unknown to others in the neighborhood. He stated that they keep to themselves and never speak, and to his knowledge have no contacts in the area. JEREijken stated that he has never heard or observed anything concerning the subject or her husband which would reflect in a derogatory nature.

On December 5, 1956, WILLIAM P. MC DONALD, Chief, Mt. Vernon Police Department, advised SA________ that he has never heard of the subject and he feels that any "odd" activities on the part of the subject would have been reported to him.

N. A., Mt. Vernon Police Department, and former department court officer, and Detective Sergeant N. A., present department court officer, both advised SA________ on December 5, 1956 that ABZUG is unknown to them and that they had never heard of her being associated with any local matters.

Informants, who have some knowledge of Communist activities in the New York City area were contacted during October, 1956, concerning the subject and were unable to furnish any information concerning her.
The "Daily Worker", an east coast Communist daily newspaper, issue of October 8, 1951, page 1, columns 4 and 5, in an article entitled "150 Notables Form Emergency Civil Rights Committee", reflected that the formation of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC) had been announced on October 7, 1951. It was shown that the purpose of the organization would be to help mobilize public opinion in support of the traditional American constitutional guarantees of civil liberties and to render aid to victims of abridgment of these liberties in politics, education, and the professions. The founders, according to the article, included more than 50 members of the clergy and many educators and professionals.

A confidential informant, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, on October 21, 1955, furnished information reflecting that the Communist Party (CP) felt that help should be extended in building a "united front civil liberties organization" in the United States which, while led by the "left", would contain labor, liberal and "left forces" within it in a commonly agreed program, including defense of the rights of Communists.

The information further indicated that the CP felt that this aim can best be achieved by helping the ECLC to become a national organization with local chapters operating on the basis of its program.

The headquarters of the ECLC is located at 421 7th Avenue, New York City.
AMERICAN LABOR PARTY

A confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 9, 1954, that from the time of its inception in 1936, there existed within the American Labor Party (ALP) a struggle for power among three groups. These were the Communist Party (CP), the Socialist Party and the Social Democrats. By the early 1940's, the CP emerged as the controlling force within the ALP in the major industrial areas in New York State. Generally these were the areas around Albany, Buffalo, Jamestown, Rochester, Schenectady, Syracuse, Troy, and the Hudson River Valley; Columbia, Dutchess, Nassau and Westchester Counties; and New York City, with the exception of Brooklyn. In 1942, the CP was able to capture the ALP in Brooklyn. The informant knew this situation to continue up until at least 1949. The ALP never developed into an organization of any real consequence in the nonindustrial areas of New York State.

Another informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 4, 1956, that the CP then, as in the past, through its members in key positions in the ALP, constituted the force that controlled it.

On October 7, 1956, PETER HAWLEY, New York State chairman, ALP, announced the ALP state committee unanimously approved a resolution dissolving the organization and ordering the liquidation of its assets.
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Used to document Feeksall Riots.

Used to document PAUL ROBESON.

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Informants mentioned in the details of this report who were contacted during October, 1956 are as follows:

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Sources used to document the BOLO:
The pretext telephone call on October 26, 1956, to the subject's residence was made by SA [redacted]. The pretext used was: junior chamber of commerce get out and vote campaign.

The pretext telephone call on October 26, 1956, to the subject's office was made by SA [redacted]. The pretext used was: junior chamber of commerce get out and vote campaign.

The pretext telephone call on November 16, 1956, to the subject's office was made by SA [redacted]. The pretext used is unknown.

The pretext telephone call made on August 21, 1956, to the subject's office by SA [redacted]. The pretext used is unknown.

A review of this file fails to reflect that the subject of this case meets the criteria for inclusion on the Security Index. However, in view of the subject's past activities as an attorney for CP causes and contacts with officials of the Soviet Union, the subject should be retained on the SI.

The subject is on the Security Index of the New York Office and her Security Index card is current and correct.

A photograph of the subject is available at the New York Office.
At New York, New York

Will report physical description of the subject after personal observation.

REFERENCE New York report of SA [redacted] 12/7/55. b6

Bureau letter to NY, 12/28/55.

ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE (CONF'D)
As of 1/21/57, ABZUG resided at 23½ E. 5th St., Mount Vernon, New York. She is an attorney with offices at 24 W. 40th St., New York City.

On January 21, 1957, a telephone call was made under suitable pretext to the residence of ABZUG, 23½ East 5th Street, Mount Vernon, New York, by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. A woman who identified herself as the subject's housekeeper, advised that BELLA ABZUG resides
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at this address and is an attorney with an office at 24 West 40th Street, New York City.

MISCELLANEOUS

On June 20, 1956, T-1, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, furnished information that...

DESCRIPTION

The following composite description of ABZUG was obtained through the records of the Board of Health, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, as reviewed during early 1953, and the records of T-2, as reviewed on March 24, 1953, and from personal observation of the subject on January 17, 1957, and February 5, 1957, by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

Name: BELLA S. ABZUG, nee SAVITZKY
Alias: Mrs. Maurice M. Abzug, Mrs. Martin Abzug
Date of Birth: July 24, 1920
Place of Birth: Bronx, New York
Race: White
Sex: Female
Height: 5'4" to 5'5"
Weight: 125 pounds
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Brown
Build: Medium
Complexion: Medium
Residence: 234 East 5th Street, Mount Vernon, New York
Occupation: Attorney, 24 West 40th Street, Room 1502, New York City
Marital Status: Married, one child

Husband: MAURICE ABZUG
INFORMANTS

Identity of Source: T-1

Date of Activity And/or Description of Information: b6

Date Received: b7c

Agent to whom Furnished: b7n

File Number where Located: 100-102413-77

NYC (by request)

T-2

Appellate Court, 25th St., and Madison Ave., NYC

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed, and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Pretext telephone call made on 1/21/57, to the subject's residence was made by SA. The pretext used was attempting to contact the subject to arrange an appointment.

On 1/17/57, and 2/5/57, the subject was observed at 24 East 40th Street, NYC, by SA.

A review of this file fails to reflect that the subject of this case meets the criteria for inclusion on the Security Index. However, in view of the subject's past activities as an attorney for CP causes and contacts with officials of the Soviet Union, the subject should be retained on the Security Index.

The subject is on the Security Index of the NYO and her card is current and correct.

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ADMINISTRATIVE CONT'D

A photograph of the subject is available at the New York Office.

The NYO is not requesting authority to interview the subject at this time because of her activities as an attorney for CP cause.

For your information, I am enclosing communications which may be of interest to you.

It will be appreciated if you will have the investigation conducted as requested in the enclosed memorandum and furnish the results.

No further investigation is contemplated with regard to this matter.

You will be advised of the pertinent developments in connection with this inquiry.

Please note change in caption of this case.

Status of case:  

Completed  Incomplete

NOTE: Please declassify reports captioned "Bella S. Abzug, Security Matter-C," dated 2/19/57 and 2/26/59 at our New York Office. Enc. They were classified Confidential.

All information contained herein is unclassified.
As of 2/14/58, ABZUG resided at 234 E. Fifth St., Mt. Vernon, NY, and was employed as attorney with offices at 24 W. 40th St., NYC.
Details: I. Background

Residence and Employment:

A pretext telephone call by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on February 17, 1958, to an unidentified individual at the residence of subject revealed that subject resides at 234 East Fifth Street, Mount Vernon, New York, and is employed as an attorney with offices at 24 West 40th Street, New York City.

II. Miscellaneous

T-r advised on February 28, 1957, that

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[Signature]

[Handwritten note: For FBI Request]
INFORMANTS

Informants who are familiar with certain phases of Communist Party activity in the New York area, advised in January and February, 1958, that they could furnish no information concerning the subject.
Bella S. Abzug
Security Matter - C

With reference to the report of Special Agent, dated and captioned as above, it should be noted that all informants mentioned in referenced report have furnished reliable information in the past with the exception of CG T-1 who has furnished insufficient information on which to base reliability.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of any kind. It is the property of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and is a loan to your agency; it and/or its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.
Office Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-401225)

FROM: SAO, NEW YORK (100-102413)

SUBJECT: B. A. B. ABZUG, was.

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DECLASSIFICATION AUTHORITY DERIVED FROM:
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The informants mentioned in the referenced report of

B. A. B. ABZUG, was.

as being unable to furnish information concerning the subject are as follows:

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The pretext telephone call on 2/14/58 to verify

subject's residence and employment was made by SA

inquiring whether or not subject would make a chari-
table contribution to the Community Chest.

Bureau (100-401225) (Engs. 8) (RM) 102-401225-9
New York (100-102413)

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ANN: BY: SAO 4:16:58
1. Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. A suitable photograph is not available.
5. Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are.
7. This report is classified "Confidential" because (state reason).
   It contains information
   OTHER
8. Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason).
9. This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) because of her past activities as an attorney for CP causes and contacts with officials of the Soviet Union.
February 26, 1958

Re: Bella S. Abzug, with aliases
Security Matter - C

Confidential informants T-1 and other informants mentioned in the report of Special Agent dated and captioned as above, have furnished reliable information in the past.

This report is loaned to you by the FBI, and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to which loaned.

[Signature]

[Stamp: All Information Contained Herein Unclassified]

[Stamp: 1-30-59]

ENCLOSURE
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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREBIN IS UNCLASSIFIED.

DATE 8-24-59 BY S. E. J.
BELLA S. ABZUG, aka

SECURITY MATTER - C

SA was the Special Agent of the FBI who on 2/5/59, made a telephone call to an unidentified individual at subject's residence at 234 E. 5th St., Mt. Vernon, NY, and determined that subject resides at the latter address and is employed as an attorney at 24 W. 40th St., NYC. No pretext was used as the caller's identity was not questioned.
Informants who are familiar with various phases of CP activity in the NYC and Westchester County area and who were contacted during January and February, 1959, and had no knowledge of any CP activity on the part of subject are as follows:

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Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are

This report is classified confidential because (state reason) it contains information indicating the FBI,

Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) of her activities as an attorney for CP causes and also because there is information indicating that she is doing work on estate cases where the heir lives in Russia.

This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.

This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) as set forth in instant report.

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Subject's SI card is not tabbed Detcom.

His activities do not warrant Detcom tabbing.
10. (cont'd)

Also as set forth in the report of SA 12/27/56 at NY, a self-admitted former CP and CPA member advised during late 1955 and early 1956 that although she never attended any CP meetings with ABZUG, she believed ABZUG was a CP member for reasons set forth in that report. There is also set forth in the latter report information furnished on 2/13/56 by an informant that

In view of the above information and subject's known past activities for the Communist cause, she should be retained on the Security Index.
As of 2/5/59, subject resided 234 E. 5th St., Mt. Vernon, NY, and was employed as an attorney with offices at 24 W. 40th St., NYC. Informant on 11/10/58, made available Informants contacted in January and February, 1959, had no knowledge of CP activity by subject.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

Residence and Employment

On February 5, 1959, a Special Agent of the FBI made a telephone call to subject's residence at 234 East 5th Street, Mt. Vernon, New York, and was advised that BELLA ABZUG resides at the latter address and is employed as an attorney with offices at 24 West 40th Street, New York City.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

Informants who are familiar with various phases of Communist Party (CP) activity in the New York City and Westchester County area were contacted during January and February, 1959, but had no knowledge of any CP activity on the part of the subject.
Re: Airtel to the Bureau, 7/20/59, disclosing the subject planned to travel to NYC on 7/21/59, and return to Washington, DC, on 7/23/59, and airtel to the Bureau, 7/15/59, disclosing ...(G.D.) of NYC desired to meet the subject.

The following is a summary of the subject's activities while in NYC from 7/21/59 to 7/23/59:

Subject arrived in NYC on 7/21/59, accompanied by via Pennsylvania RR and both registered at the Henry Hudson Hotel, 353 W. 57th Street, NYC. Records of INS, NYC, disclosed arrived in the US on

While in NYC, subject visited the "Soviet Exhibition of Sciences, Technology and Culture" at the NY Coliseum, the USSR Delegation to the UN at 650 Park Avenue, the law firm of "Wolf, Popper, Ross, Wolf and Jones", "Union Tours", 1 E. 36th Street, and shopped in various stores in NYC.

On 7/22/59, advised the subject telephonically contacted BELLA ABZUG that he is in NYC and would be at 650 Park Avenue until 3:00 PM. ABZUG asked the subject if she could get a visa for the USSR "in a hurry" inasmuch as she was going to the USSR as a tourist. Subject advised ABZUG she could get a visa in approximately seven days and to contact either the "Cosmos Travel Bureau" or

(105-73240) (RM) (354-3225) (BELLA ABZUG)
(1-105-48986) (1-105-18347)
Washington Field (1-105-72397) (R3)
New York (105-32400)

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SAC, NEW YORK (105-32408)

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"Union Tours" to place an application for travel arrangements and he would contact an acquaintance to make the necessary arrangements. ABZUG advised the subject she would be at 680 Park Avenue at approximately 11:45 PM.

On 7/22/59, SAS of the FBI observed ABZUG exiting 680 Park Avenue. Sources at the "Cosmos Travel Bureau" and "Union Tours" are being contacted re above information.

BELLA ABZUG is the subject of Bureau case captioned: "BELLA S. ABZUG, aka.: SM-C", Bureau file 100-401225, NY file 100-102413, and is Security Index subject of the NYS. On 3/18/59, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that

NYC. Above case has been reopened for investigation.

Subject departed NYC at 8:00 P.M., 7/23/59 via Pennsylvania RR accompanied by , en route to Washington, DC. Records of INS, NYC, disclose entered the US on

Established sources of the NYS and figures of the subject failed to disclose any contact by of NYC with the subject. Report will follow.
August 26, 1959

For Information Only

Bella S. Abzug
Born: July 24, 1920
Place: New York, New York

Present Address:
234 East 5th Street
Mount Vernon, New York

Bureau File Number: 100-401225

Passport Number: 1665379 issued July 7, 1959
at New York

Attorneys: None

Travel Plans:

Port of Departure: New York
Date of Departure: August 1, 1959
Means of Transportation: Air - Pan American
Proposed Length of Stay: 1 Month
Countries to be Visited: Switzerland, Germany, Italy, Israel
Purpose of Trip: Pleasure
ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.

ADMINISTRATIVE

FEI who on 1/27/99 made a telephone call to an unclassified individual at his office at 24 W 40th St., NYC, and determined that subject is employed at the latter address as an attorney. No pretext was used since agent's identity was not questioned.

The identity of the Special Agent of the FEI who, on 1/27/99, is SA 10.0-14013.25-11, is EXEMPTED FROM AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION.

REFERENCE:

surveillances were conducted at the home of the
subject on 1/14 and 22/60, by SA GEORGE R. MASSET. No
activity of an unusual nature was noted.

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

NY T-1

USPO

Mt. Vernon, NY

(Conceal by request)

NY T-2

(By request)

NY T-3

(S)

NY T-4

(S)

NY T-5

(S)

Informants, who are familiar with certain phases
of CP activity in the NYC and the Westchester County area,
and who are unable to furnish any information concerning
this subject, were contacted on the dates indicated and by
the following respective agents:
1. [X] Subject's name is included in the Security Index.

2. [X] The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.

3. [ ] Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.

4. [X] A suitable photograph is not available.

5. [X] Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

6. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are: [Box]

7. [X] This report is classified because (state reason) it contains information indicating the FBI.

8. [X] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason).

9. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.

10. [X] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) as set forth in instant report.

11. [X] Subject's SI card is not tabbed Detcom.

12. [X] Subject's activities do not warrant Detcom tabbing.
NY 100-102413

*10. (continued)

In travelling to USSR. ABZUG identified by a Special Agent of FBI as individual observed exiting the USSR Delegation to UN, NYC, on 7/22/59. Informant advised 7/29/59, that ABZUG had attempted to make arrangements to travel to USSR and then cancelled her plans a day later.

Also as set forth in report of SA [Redacted] 12/27/56, at NY, a self-admitted former CP and GPA member advised during late 1955 and early 1956, that although she never attended any CP meetings with ABZUG, she believed ABZUG was a CP member for reasons set forth in that report.

In view of the above information and subject's known past activities for the Communist cause, she should be retained on the Security Index.

SECRET
The subject, as of 1/22/60, resided 234 E. 5th St., Mt. Vernon, NY, and was employed as an attorney with offices 24 West 40th St., NYC.

(U) Informant advised 3/18/59, that among lawyers doing legal work for Soviets is BELLA ABZUG. Informant learned ABZUG made arrangements to meet at USSR Delegation to UN, NYC on 7/22/59. ABZUG being interested in travelling to USSR. Subject identified by a Special Agent of FBI as individual observed exiting the USSR Delegation to UN, NYC on 7/22/59. Informant advised 7/29/59 that ABZUG had attempted to make arrangements to travel to USSR and then cancelled her plans a day later.

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SECRET

NY 100-102413

DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

NY T-1 advised on January 22, 1960, that subject resides at 234 East 5th Street, Mt. Vernon, New York.

B. Employment


On January 22, 1960, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) made a telephone call to this number and determined through an unidentified individual who answered the telephone call, that the subject is an attorney and has offices at 24 West 40th Street, New York, New York.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT
NY T-3 On March 18, 1959, advised that among lawyers doing legal work for the Soviets is BELLA ABZUG, who is located at 24 West 40th Street, New York City.

NY T-4 learned that BELLA ABZUG made arrangements to meet at the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) Delegation to the United Nations (UN) on July 22, 1959, and ABZUG was interested in travelling to the USSR.

On July 22, 1959, a Special Agent of the FBI observed an individual identical with the description of BELLA ABZUG exiting the USSR Delegation to the UN, 680 Park Avenue, New York City; this agent on July 24, 1959, being shown a photograph of subject and identifying subject as the same individual observed by him on July 22, 1959.

NY T-5 advised on July 29, 1959, that BELLA ABZUG had attempted to make arrangements to travel to the USSR and then cancelled her plans a day later.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Informants, who are familiar with certain phases of Communist Party activity in the New York City and Westchester County area were contacted during December, 1959, and January, 1960, but had no knowledge of any Communist Party activity on the part of subject.
New York, New York
February 3, 1960

NY 100-102413

Re: Bella S. Abzug
Security Matter - C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent dated and captioned as above, NY T-1 and NY T-2 were both in a position to furnish reliable information. All of the other informants have furnished reliable information in the past.

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREBIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 11-21-69 BY BPSGMC
Memorandum

TO: Mr. J. F. Bland
FROM: Mr. T. D. Rushing
SUBJECT: BELLA SAVITZKY

The case on the above-captioned individual has been reviewed by the Department and the subject's name approved for inclusion in the Security Index.

The memorandum reflecting departmental approval dated September 13, 1960, is located in Bureau file 100-398030 Serial 2735.

100-401225

TDR/bawbaw

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15 OCT 4 1960

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 10-30-59 BY SB4

51 OCT 4 1960
**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

Pretex telephone call to verify subject's employment and the location of her office was made by SA . No pretext was used as call was made to determine subject's office hours and agent's identity was not requested by unidentified female who answered the telephone.

Subject reported by on 5/20/60, to have been present at a meeting of the Westchester County Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy held on 4/19/60. Since this organization has not been characterized, this information was not set out in details of the report.

**REFERENCE:** Report of SA New York. 2/3/60.
reported on 6/10/60, that an employee of Morris Cohen and Company, in a conversation with one (INU) on 6/10/60, stated that he was in a position to obtain good information from an outside source concerning stock tips. He said he had a contact from the old days who is now in the street and one who has Swiss banks as his clients. went on to say that the individual is MARTIN ABZUG, "whose wife is a very wealthy attorney, and they are both cleaning up in the market".

stated that ABZUG does all the research and handles the accounts for Swiss banks and C. W. Richards, the firm with which ABZUG is associated, is an old New York firm.

is the subject is Bufile 100-21566, NYfile 100-20894. He was reported to be a member of the CPA in 1944 and was an officer in the National Maritime Union during the 40's:

Inasmuch as the subject was not mentioned directly in this conversation, this information was not set out in details of the report.

Efforts to contact neighbors of subject made on different occasions with negative results. It was determined that many Negroes have moved into the area in which the subject is residing and the neighborhood is considered an integrated one. On 1/31/61, Mrs. EDDY RYAN, 410 Cedar Avenue, Mt. Vernon, NY, who is of the white race, advised that the subject lived across the street from her but had no contact with her. Mrs. DUNCAN SHERRE, 239 East 5th St., Mt. Vernon and Mr. CHARLES BALL, 233 East 5th St., Mt. Vernon, both Negro, advised on 1/31/61, that they had resided in the area for 2 years. They stated that they had no contact with the subject and had not observed that the subject appeared to be friendly with any of the people in the neighborhood. It was observed that the house occupied by the subject is a large brick structure, located on a relatively small plot of ground. Other houses in the immediate area are smaller and less expensive in appearance. The individuals mentioned above, neighbors of the subject, advised that they had observed no activities at the home of the subject, that would indicate meetings or gatherings were being held there.
Informants mentioned in the details of the report who are familiar with certain phases of CP activity in the NY area are identified as follows:

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1. X Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
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4. X A suitable photograph X is □ is not available.
5. X Careful consideration has been given to each source, concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. □ Subject is employed in a key facility and □ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are
7. X This report is classified confidential because (state reason) it contains information received from informants and if the identity of the informants were disclosed it would seriously hamper investigation of subversive activities. This would have an adverse effect on National defense.

8. □ Subject previously interviewed (dates)
   X Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
   OTHER

   and it is felt that contact with her might result in publicity concerning the contact, which might be a source of ultimate embarrassment to the Bureau.

9. X This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. X This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

   OTHER

(U) Her contact with officials of the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D.C. and past association with CP front organizations.

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

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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DECLASSIFICATION AUTHORITY DERIVED FROM:
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Report of:
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Title:

Office: New York, New York
New York 100-102413
Bureau File No.: 100-401225
BELLA S. ABZUG

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:
Subject resided at 234 East 5th Street, Mt. Vernon, NY, as of 1/31/61, and is self-employed as an attorney with offices at 24 West 40th Street, NYC. as of 2/3/61. Washington, D.C., attempted to contact the subject.

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

Mrs. EDD E. RYAN, 410 Cedar Avenue, Mt. Vernon New York, advised on January 31, 1961, that the subject resided across the street at 234 East 5th Street, Mt. Vernon, New York.

B. Employment

On February 3, 1961, a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) ascertained by suitable pretext that the subject maintained a law office at 24 West 40th Street, New York, New York.

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On November 16, 1960, NY T-1 advised that the subject is an attorney with offices located at 24 West 40th Street, New York, New York.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

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

NY T-1 advised on August 8, 1960, that

NY T-P advised on November 16, 1960, that the subject had advised him on that day that had attempted to contact her at her office, but she was out at the time and he had left no message. The informant further advised at this time that

It is to be noted that

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Signed

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

Informants who are familiar with certain phases of Communist Party (CP) activity in the New York City and Westchester County area were contacted during January, 1961, and advised that they had no knowledge of any CP activity on the part of the subject.
Title Bella Z. Abzug.

Character Security Matter - C

Reference Report of Special Agent dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.
1 - Mr. Haack  
1 - Mr. Jones  
1 - Liaison  

It has been determined that the subject's passport, number 1665379, was renewed on June 21, 1961, at New York City.  

At the time of renewal Abzug anticipated travel on August 1, 1961, to France and Sweden. Reports concerning the subject have been furnished to your Department previously.  

The Legal Attachés in Paris and London have been requested to alert sources available to them for information regarding Abzug's activities in France and Sweden. Should you receive information concerning her travel and activities in other countries, its receipt would be appreciated.  

ATTENTION: SAC, NEW YORK AND LEGAL ATTACHES, LONDON AND PARIS:  

Enclosed for New York is one copy of a Department of State memorandum dated July 13, 1961, which was received on August 4, 1961. New York should verify subject's departure, determine her itinerary, and submit memorandum suitable for dissemination.  

Legal Attachés London and Paris should alert sources available in Sweden and France for information concerning Abzug's activities in those countries. If it is determined that the subject anticipates travel in other countries, you should immediately notify the appropriate Legal Attachés.  

1 - New York (106-401225) (Enclosure)  
1 - London  
1 - Paris  
1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (Route through for review)  

(See note continued page 2)
You may advise your sources that the subject, who was born July 24, 1920, in New York City, resides at 234 East Fifth Street, Mount Vernon, New York, and is an attorney. She has been associated with numerous communist front organizations over the years. The subject's name is included in the Security Index of the New York Office.
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

July 18, 1961

FBI Liaison: For Information Only

Res: Bella S. Absug
    Born: July 24, 1920
    Place: New York City

Residence: 23d E. 5th Street
            Mt. Vernon, New York

Bureau File Number: 100-401225


Attorney: None

Travel Plans:

Port of Departure: New York

Date of Departure: August 1, 1961

Means of Transportation: Air

Proposed Length of Stay: One month

Countries to be Visited: France and Sweden

Purpose of Trip: Tour
July 16, 1961

For Information Only

Bella S. Abun
Born: July 24, 1920
Place: New York City

234 E. 5th Street
N.Y., Vermont, New York

100-401226

1665379 issued July 7, 1959 at New York; renewed June 21, 1961 at New York

None.

Travel Plans:

Port of Departure: New York
Date of Departure: August 1, 1961
Means of Transportation: Air
Proposed Length of Stay: One month
Countries to be Visited: France, and Sweden
Purpose of Trip: Tour

ZMI Liaison:

Residence:

Bureau File Number:

Passport Number:

Attorney:

PASSPORT OFFICE: b6
PT/L - b7C
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-401225)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-102413)

SUBJECT: BELLA S. ABZUG aka SM-C

cc NY, dated 8/11/61.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 7 copies of a letterhead memorandum, dated and captioned as above. This memorandum is classified "confidential" because it

If this fact were disclosed, it could possibly reveal the identities of these informants, and seriously hamper investigation of subversive activities. This would be injurious to the national defense.

Information as to subject's residence, employment and departure and return to the US was obtained 8/23/61, through a pretext telephone call, under the guise of a travel agency by SA to an unidentified female answering the telephone at subject's residence.

is the source mentioned who furnished
information, as to

is the source mentioned who furnished
information in 1960 that

Exempt from GDS, Category.PR

Date of Declassification Indefinite
Subject resides 234 East 5th Street, Mount Vernon, New York, and is self-employed as an attorney with offices at 24 West 40th Street, New York City.

Records of the Passport Division of the United States Department of State reflect Bella S. Abzug, born July 24, 1920, New York City, residing 234 East 5th Street, Mount Vernon, New York, renewed on June 21, 1961, at New York, passport number 1665379 issued July 7, 1959, at New York. She intended to depart from the Port of New York, on August 1, 1961, via air for a one month tour of France and Sweden.

On August 23, 1961, it was ascertained that subject departed from the United States on August 1, 1961, for travel in Europe and returned to the United States on August 21, 1961.
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The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

1. 'Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly. * * * Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason; The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, p. 12)"
Office Memorandum  

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: LEGAT, LONDON

SUBJECT: BELLA S. ABZUG

MAURICE MARTIN ABZUG

DATE: September 21, 1961

Redacted to Office of Security, Department of State, dated August 11, 1961.

Security sources of this office in Stockholm, Sweden, were alerted to subjects' travel to that country on September 21, 1961.

It should be noted that there are no records kept in Sweden on the entrance and exit of aliens. However, subjects have not come to the attention of the through their normal channels.

Since our sources in Stockholm are aware of our interest in subjects and will furnish any information available, no further action is being taken in this matter.

RUC

5 Bureau
2 London

CWB:col

[Redacted and classified]

[Redacted and classified]

[Redacted and classified]
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At New York, New York

Report dated 2/17/62,

Security Matter:

9/12/62
NY 100-102413

ADMINISTRATIVE

It is to be noted that the pretext telephone call to verify the employment of the subject and the location of her office was made by SA [redacted] on 2/1/62. No pretext was used as the call was made to determine whether or not subject was at her office at the time and agents identity was not requested by unidentified female who answered.

Information from the State Department concerning renewal of the passport of the subject was furnished in memorandum dated 7/18/61, from the State Department to the Bureau.

Information as to the residence, employment, departure and return to the US of the subject, was obtained on 8/23/61 by a pretext telephone call made by SA [redacted]. The pretext used was that of a travel agent, and the call was made to an unidentified female who answered the telephone at the residence of the subject.

On 10/28/61, [redacted] furnished information concerning material in the possession of [redacted] and/or [redacted], both of whom reside at [redacted], Apartment [redacted], NY, NY.

On 10/30/61, [redacted] furnished information that [redacted] at a meeting of the Amalgamated CP Club (now) in Room 10 E, Adelphi Hall, NYC, on that date, was referred to as [redacted] of the Amalgamated Club.

On 3/20/61, [redacted] advised that [redacted] was a member of the Garment Region CP.

The material which was furnished by [redacted] was a business card for the subject, identifying her as an attorney at law and giving her address in NYC.
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In view of the fact that this was a business card and showed no personal or social contact between the subject and the two individuals mentioned above, it was not set out in the details of the report.

On 1/4/62, advised SA [redacted] that he has known the subject for many years but seldom sees her. He last saw her three or four months ago. He described her as a first-class lawyer and believed that she is a graduate of Columbia. Her husband is a security dealer and she has a general law practice which involves, for the most part, real estate and estate work. She has planned to visit the Soviet Union but never made the trip. She is friendly with [redacted] but the source did not know if she ever did any work for them. The source knew of no CP affiliation on the part of the subject. He advised that he is not that friendly with the subject and that she would never discuss or confide such information to him.

It is to be noted that the information concerning her desire to travel to the USSR has been previously reported and was set out in a report on the subject by SA [redacted] 2/3/62, at NY.

In view of the fact that no positive information was furnished by this source concerning the subject, it was not set out in the details of the report.

Surveillances were conducted at the home of the subject during evening hours on 1/5, 11, 17, 30/62, and no activity was noted.

With regard to the information set out from Cleveland, Ohio, it is to be noted that [redacted] stated that he is employed as [redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, and as a result of his employment he possesses a security clearance.

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It was the opinion of the interviewing agent that was aware of the Communist leanings of the subject and her husband, until he had dinner with them on 7/20/61. After reaching the conclusion that the the ABZUGS were Communists or Communist sympathizers, he could foresee possible difficulties in connection with his own employment and security clearance at this To preclude any difficulty, apparently decided to talk to the FBI and make an official record of his recent association with the subject and her husband.

It is to be noted that this matter was brought to the attention of Cleveland Office by letter dated 7/26/61.

[Signature]

[An established source] advised on 2/2/62, that the subject has two children. He advised that the records reflected that 

[Name] was born at NYC and [Name] was born at NYC. Of the only two children of BELLA and MAURICE ABZUG of 234 E. 5th St., Mt. Vernon, NY.

[Number]

Subject is married to MAURICE MARTIN ABZUG (NY 100-114958), who is on the RIC in the NYC.

INFORMANT

Identity of Source

NY 1-1

File Number Where Located

100-10769-10613

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6. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and [ ] is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are
7. [x] This report is classified [ ] confidential [ ] because (state reason) it contains information received from NY T-1, which could reasonably lead to the identification of this informant. OTHER

Such disclosure would also seriously hamper the investigative work, which would

8. [ ] Subject previously interviewed (dates) [ ] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) subject is an attorney.

9. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card. OTHER

10. [x] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) of the subject's

[instant report]; [ ] Washington, D.C. (report of SA [ ] 2/17/61) and because of her past association with OF Front activities.

11. [x] Subject's SI card [ ] is [x] is not tabbed Detcom.
[ ] Subject's activities [ ] do [x] do not warrant Detcom tabbing.
Number 7 of FD 305 Continued

have a detrimental effect on national security.
TITLE: BELLA S. ABZUG

DEPARTMENT: NEW YORK

DATE: FEB 19, 1962

OFFICE: NEW YORK

FIELD OFFICE FILE NO.: NEW YORK 100-102413

BUREAU FILE NO.: 100-401225

FILE COPY

SECURITY CATEGORY: C

SYNOPSIS: Subject resided at 234 E. 5th Street, Mt. Vernon, NY, as of 2/1/62, and was self-employed as an attorney with offices at 24 West 40th St., NY, NY. Subject renewed passport on 6/21/61, and indicated she was to travel to France and Sweden during August, 1962. Subject reportedly have been in Europe during August, 1961. Associate reported on 7/21/61 that he felt subject and husband were Communist sympathizers.

DETAILS:

1. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

Mrs. EDDIE E. RYAN, 410 Cedar Avenue, Mount Vernon, New York, advised on February 1, 1962, that the subject resided across the street at 234 East 5th Street, Mount Vernon, New York.

DELETED COPY. SENT BY LETTER 2/14/62.

Per FOIA Request

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B. Employment

On February 1, 1962, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) ascertained by means of a pretext that the subject maintained a law office at 24 West 40th Street, New York, New York, and that she was a practicing attorney.

B. Views on Communism

[Blank]

[Blank] advised on July 21, 1961, that [Blank], he and his wife had had dinner with the subject and her husband at the ABZUG residence, 234 East 5th Street, Mount Vernon, New York. [Blank] advised that he and his wife had attended.
the City College of New York with the ABZUGS and have known them for a number of years although the acquaintanceship had been casual since college days.

During the dinner on July 20, 1961, various political questions were discussed such as Cuba, the Soviet Union and related issues. [______] said that as a result of these discussions, he became convinced that the subject and her husband were Communist sympathizers. [______] could furnish no specific information regarding Communist Party (CP) affiliation on the part of the subject or her husband.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Foreign Travel

Records of the Passport Division of the United States Department of State reflected that BELLA S. ABZUG, born July 24, 1920, New York City, residing 234 East 5th Street, Mount Vernon, New York, had had passport number 1665379, issued on July 7, 1959, at New York. This passport was renewed at New York on June 21, 1961. It was indicated that she intended to depart from New York on August 1, 1961 by air to spend one month in France and Sweden. The purpose of the trip was listed as "tour".

By means of a pretext, a Special Agent of the FBI on August 23, 1961, determined that the subject had left the United States on August 1, 1961, for travel in Europe and had returned to the United States on August 21, 1961.

B. Informant Contact

Informants who are familiar with certain phases of CP activity in the New York City and Westchester County areas were contacted during January, 1962, and advised that they had no information concerning any CP activity on the part of the subject.
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Identification Record

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Character Security Matter - C
Reference report of Special Agent dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.
For your information, I am enclosing communications which may be of interest to you.

It will be appreciated if you will have the investigation conducted as requested in the enclosed memorandum and furnish the results.

No further investigation is contemplated with regard to this matter.

You will be advised of the pertinent developments in connection with this inquiry.

Please note change in caption of this case.

Status of case:  □ Completed  □ Incomplete


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DATE: 12-1-99 BY SR-482/ME

File copy
To: Director

Date: 3/7/62

FILE #: NY-100-102413

Title: BELLA S. ABZUG

SM - C

Ref: 100 - 401225

ACTION DESIRED

- Acknowledge
- Assign... Reassign
- Bring file
- Call me
- Correct
- Deadline
- Deadline passed
- Delinquent
- Discontinue
- Expedite
- File
- For information
- Initial & return
- Leads need attention
- Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

Re report of SA 2/10/62
See page B, par. 5.
Delete ACWA on line 2 and on line 5, change "which" to "was".

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DATE 11-30-61, BY SPECIALIST SAC

H.G. FOSTER
New York, New York
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-401225)  DATE: 9/10/62

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-102413) (C)

SUBJECT: BELLA S. ABZUG
SM - C

HCFA HEARINGS, WASHINGTON, D.C.
9/12/62
IS - C

Rerep of SA dated 2/19/62, at NY, captioned "BELLA S. ABZUG; SM - C".

A review of subject's file reflects no current pertinent information and, therefore, no report will be submitted at this time.

Subject is on the Security Index and, on 8/27/62, it was ascertained through pretext telephone calls by SA that subject continues to reside at 234 East 5th Street, Mt. Vernon, NY, and is an attorney with offices at 24 West 40th St., NY, NY.

In view of above, no further investigation is being conducted at this time as to subject.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE: New York

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New York

DATE: 2/13/63

INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD: 12/26/62 - 1/28/63

TITLE OF CASE: BELLA S. ABZUG aka

CHARACTER OF CASE: b6

DECLASSIFICATION AUTHORITY DERIVED FROM: SM-C

REO: MAY 19, 1969

CC TO: CLEO, J. J. A.

REQUEST RECD: 2/17/83

DATE 07-16-2009

REFERENCE:

Report of SA 2/19/62, at NY.
NYlet to Bureau, 9/10/62.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

SA was the Special Agent of the FBI who on 1/28/63, made a telephone call to an unidentified individual at subject's office at 24 West 40th St., NYC (LO 4-7091), and determined that subject is employed at the latter address as an attorney. The pretext used was that of a prospective client.

WFO by letter dated 3/20/62, enclosed for NYO seven (7) prints and one (1) negative of subject's 1959 passport application of photographs which are presently being maintained in the file in instant case.

APPROVED 7/1/75

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW

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7/1/75 - New York (100-102413)
Classify cover on 40 npt. 6-14/62, Confidential per section 2.6, Indefinite, as to 7/1/75

Declassify details of that report

Also forward report

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Subject is married to MAURICE MARTIN ABZUG (NY 100-114958) who is on the RI in the NYO.

INFORMANT

Identity of Source

NY T-1

Bureau of Special Services
NYCPD

File # Where Located

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6. **X** Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are

   X (state reason).

7. **X** This report is classified **CONFIDENTIAL** because

   (state reason).

8. **X** Subject previously interviewed (dates):  

   X Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

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   (instant report);  
   Washington, D.C. (report of SA__ 2/17/61) and because of__ past association with CP front activities.

11. **X** Subject's SI card is not tapped Detcom. **X** Subject's activities do not warrant Detcom tapping.
I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

Mrs. EDD E. RYAN, 910 Cedar Avenue, Mt. Vernon, New York, advised on January 28, 1963, that the subject continued to reside at 234 East 5th Street, Mt. Vernon, New York.

B. Employment

By means of a pretext conducted by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on January 28, 1963...
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It was determined that subject continued to be self-employed as an attorney with offices at 24 West 40th Street, New York, New York.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

III. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Informants' Contacts

Informants who are familiar with certain phases of Communist Party (CP) activity in the New York City and Westchester County areas were contacted in January, 1953, and advised that they had no information concerning any CP activity on the part of the subject.
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York
February 24, 1963

BU 100-401225
NY 100-102413

Title         Bella S. Abzug

Character     Security Matter-C

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Agent [blank] dated and captioned as above at
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Director Bureau of Personnel Investigations
Civil Service Commission
Washington D.C. 20415

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☐ 3. No further investigation is contemplated with regard to this matter.

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☐ 5. Please note change in caption of this case.

☐ 6. Status of case:  ☐ Completed  ☐ Incomplete

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation


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LJB/tae DATE 12-1-99 BY SP46198m

File Copy
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Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are

This report is classified because (state reason)

Subject previously interviewed (dates)

Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) subject is an attorney.

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This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

Washington, D.C. (report of SA 2/17/61) and because of a past association with CP front activities.

Subject's SI card is not tabbed Detcom.

Subject's activities do not warrant Detcom tabbing.
Re: Bella Savitzky Abzug

This individual resides at 234 East Fifth Street, Mount Vernon, New York, and is an Attorney, and maintains her office at 24 West 40th Street, New York City, New York. She also has been known as Bella Savitzky, Mrs. Martin Abzug, Mrs. Maurice M. Abzug.

She is described as a white female, born July 24, 1920, five feet, six inches tall, 140 pounds, brown eyes, brown hair.

Sources, who have furnished reliable information in the past, have furnished the following:

Abzug acted as an Attorney for the Civil Rights Congress (CRC) in 1950, 1951, and 1952, and attended a dinner sponsored by the CRC on March 26, 1952, in New York City.

The CRC has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Bella Savitzky Abzug

A characterization of the IADL is attached hereto.

Abzug was described in 1952 as either an out-and-out Communist or one who follows the line of the Communist Party (CP) very closely. This same source advised in 1955 that he had no knowledge as to whether Abzug was a CP member.

A source advised in 1960 that [U]______

[Cleveland, Ohio, advised on July 21, 1961, that the night before he had dinner with subject and her husband at the Abzug residence. [U]______ and his wife had attended City College of New York with the Abzugs. During the dinner, various subjects, such as Cuba and the Soviet Union, were discussed. [U]______ stated that as a result of these discussions, he became convinced that subject and her husband were Communist sympathizers. [U]______ could furnish no specific information regarding CP affiliation on the part of subject.

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APPENDIX

1.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DEMOCRATIC LAWYERS

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", revised and published December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following regarding the International Association of Democratic Lawyers:

"... cited as being among "international Communist fronts*** functioning at the present time." (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 92, also p. 59.)"
For your information, I am enclosing communications which may be of interest to you.

It will be appreciated if you will have the investigation conducted as requested in the enclosed memorandum and furnish the results.

No further investigation is contemplated with regard to this matter.

You will be advised of the pertinent developments in connection with this inquiry.

Please note change in caption of this case.

Status of case: Completed ☐ Incomplete ☐

NOTE: Please declassify memorandum captioned "Bella Savitzky Abzug," which is dated 5/18/64 at our New York Office. It was classified Confidential.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-401225) DATE: 2/28/64
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-102413) (-C-) 
SUBJECT: BELLA S. ABZUG, AKA SM-C

RE: Rep SA dated 2/21/63 at NY.

This letter is being submitted in lieu of an annual
report as there is no information regarding the subject's
activities which would warrant the submission of such a
report. An FD-305 is attached.

Residence and Occupation

Mrs. EDD E. RYAN, 410 Cedar Avenue, Mount Vernon,
New York, advised on 2/12/63 that the subject continued to
reside at 234 East 5th Street, Mount Vernon, New York.

By means of a pretext telephone call through an
unidentified individual at subject's office at 24 West 40th
Street, New York City (LO 4-7091), the pretext being that of
a prospective client, it was ascertained that subject is
employed at the latter address as an attorney.

The provisions of Bulletin to New York, entitled
"Security Investigations of Individuals", dated 10/16/61,
have been complied with.
Memorandum

TO: Director, FBI (File 100-401225) DATE: 2/19/64

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (File 100-102413)

SUBJECT: BELLA SAVITZKY ABZUG
SM - C

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 2/21/64

Reason for the delinquency: Priority to earlier due dates.

Date the report or necessary communication will reach the Bureau: 3/12/64

AEC zone designation; e.g., OR, CH, etc.: (This applies only toless cases)

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DATE 12-1-69 BY 2444c1mc
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-401225)

DATE: 2/19/65

SAC, NEW YORK (100-102413) (C)

SUBJECT: BELLA S. ABZUG aka SM -C

DECLASSIFICATION AUTHORITY DERIVED FROM:
FBI AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION GUIDE
DATE 07-16-2009

Rel of [Redacted] dated 2/28/64, at NY.

This letter is being submitted in lieu of annual report, as there is no information regarding the subject's activities which would warrant the submission of such a report. An FD 305 is attached.

Mrs. EDDE. RYAN, 410 Cedar Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY, advised on 2/12/65, that the subject continues to reside at 234 East 5th St., Mount Vernon, NY.

On 2/12/65, SA [Redacted] made a pretext telephone call to an unidentified individual at subject's office at 24 West 40th St., NYC (LO 4-7091), and, under the pretext of being a prospective client, ascertained that subject is employed at the latter address as an attorney.

The provisions of Bulet to NY, entitled "SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS", dated 10/16/61, have been complied with.

Informants who are familiar with certain aspects of CP activity in the NY and Westchester County areas, as indicated below, were unable to furnish any information concerning the subject at this time:

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6. [X] This report is classified ____________________ because (state reason)

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   (report of SA ___ 2/17/61, at NY) and because of past association with CP front activities.

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     [ ] Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reason)

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# Memorandum

**TO:** Director, FBI (File-100-401225)

**DATE:** 10/19/65

**FROM:** SAC, NEW YORK (100-102413)

**SUBJECT:** BELLA SAVITZKY ABZUG

**SM-C**

{**NEW YORK**}

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

- **Native Born**
- **Naturalized**
- **Alien**
- **Communist**
- **Socialist Workers Party**
- **Independent Socialist League**
- **Miscellaneous (specify)**

**Business Address (show name of employing concern and address)**

**Key Facility Data**

- **Geographical Reference Number:** 100-40/225
- **Responsible:** NOT RECORDED

**Interested Agencies**

- **15 NC 21 1965**

**Residence Address**

- **Apt. 2, 60 West 16th Street**
- **New York, New York**

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**DATE 10-1-65**

**SUBJECT CONTROL**
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
NEW YORK, NEW YORK
OCTOBER 19, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.
BUfile 100-401225
NYfile 100-102413

SUBJECT: BELLA SAVITZKY ABZUG

REFERENCE: Memorandum dated 5/18/64

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence: Apt. 2, 20 West 16th Street
New York, New York

Employment:

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DATE 12-29-64 BY spy d/s

Copy to Secret Service
by routing slip for
X info □ action
Date 12-29-64
by 01-24-65

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Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

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Photograph □ has been furnished □ enclosed □ is not available □ may be available through

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

[Enclosure(s)]

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FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Bella S. Abzug
BORN: July 24, 1920
PLACE: New York, New York

20 West 16 Street
New York, New York 10011

100-101225

G 857118 Issued: July 20, 1966
At: New York

TRAVEL PLANS

PORT OF DEPARTURE: New York
DATE OF DEPARTURE: July 25, 1966
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION: Air: Pan American
PROPOSED LENGTH OF STAY: 3 weeks
COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED: Switzerland
PURPOSE OF TRIP: Pleasure

PASSPORT OFFICE
PT/L - 100-401225

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18 AUG 16 1966
NOT RECORDED

Copy to IN by routing slip or
□ info □ action
date: 8-15-66
by: JPE
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-401225)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-102413) (C)

SUBJECT: BELLA S. ABZUG aka SM - C (00:NY)

ReNYlet to Bureau, 2/19/65.

The following is submitted in lieu of a report.

By means of pretexts conducted on 2/9/66, it was ascertained that the subject resides at 20 West 16th Street, and is an attorney with offices at 24 West 40th St., both New York, NY.

The pretext to ascertain her employment was a telephone call to her office under the guise of a potential client. An unknown woman advised the subject was not in that day but would be in the following day.

The pretext to ascertain her residence was a telephone call to the subject's residence under the guise of a wrong number.

The subject's file and indices were reviewed and failed to reflect any information requiring the submission of a report.

The following informants were contacted during January and February, 1966, and after viewing a photograph of the subject advised that either they had no information or no additional information to furnish concerning her:

It is noted that a photograph and FD-376 has been submitted to Secret Service locally.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan
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7. [ ] Subject previously interviewed (dates)
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   subject is an attorney.

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   (U) "(NLRT. 2/20/64) J (rep of SA 2/17/61, at NY) and because of past association with CP front activities.

10. [X] Subject's SI card is not tabbed Detcom.
    [ ] Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons)
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: BELLA S. ABZUG aka SM-C

(00: NEW YORK)
(Bufîle 100-401225)
(NYfile 100-102413) (C)

MAURICE MARTIN ABZUG
SM-C
(00: NEW YORK)
(Bufîle 100-408039)
(NYfile 100-114958) (C)

Enclosed are the original and seven copies of an LHM concerning possible travel of the subjects.

The pretext to determine the subject's travel plans was a pretext telephone call made to BELLA ABZUG by SA under the guise of a representative of a travel agency.

The following are the sources utilized in order of their use:

Instant LHM is stamped "Confidential" since the data reported from the above sources could reasonably result in the identification of informants of continuing value and thus jeopardize their future usefulness thereby being detrimental to the National Defense.

An FD 122 reflecting that BELLA ABZUG is self-employed as an Attorney from her residence is being submitted.

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan
The records of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D.C., reflect that Bella S. Abzug who was born July 24, 1920 and who resides at 20 West 16th Street, New York, New York, was issued a passport, number G857118, on July 20, 1966, at New York. These records also reflect that she intended to leave the Port of New York on July 25, 1966 via Pan American Airways for a three-weeks pleasure trip to Switzerland.

The above records also reveal that Maurice Martin Abzug who was born September 2, 1918 and who resides at 20 West 16th Street, New York, New York, was issued a passport, number G855838, on July 18, 1966, at New York. These records reveal that his plans were the same as that of his wife, Bella Abzug.

By means of a pretext conducted by a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), it was ascertained on August 19, 1966, that the subjects had not travelled and were not intending going any place as their daughter, who recently returned from a vacation, was very sick.
On March 18, 1959, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Bella Abzug was located at 24 West 40th Street, New York, New York.

On March 17, 1947, a second confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the name Martin Abzug appeared on a membership list of the Jefferson Section, Communist Party on March 13, 1947.

On April 2, 1956, a third confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Martin Abzug, 234 East 5th Street, Mount Vernon, New York, had ordered two tickets to an affair sponsored by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACPFB) which was scheduled to be held on March 22, 1956, at 33 East 4th Street, New York, New York.

The ACPF has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

It is noted that the subjects formerly resided at 234 East 5th Street, Mount Vernon, New York.

The following are descriptions of the subjects:

- Name: Bella S. Abzug
  also known as Bella Saziksky
  Mrs. Maurice M. Abzug
  Mrs. Martin Abzug

- Date of Birth: July 24, 1920
- Place of Birth: Bronx, New York
- Race: White
- Sex: Female
- Height: Five feet, six inches
Bella S. Abzug  
Maurice Martin Abzug

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ATTENTION: Deputy Director for Operations

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DATE 9/25/87 BY SP-7MAN/86

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☐ 5. Please note change in caption of this case.

☐ 6. Status of case: ☐ Completed ☐ Incomplete

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DATE 12-1-99 BY SP-7MAM/86

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation


Enc. classified memorandum.

LJB/tae File copy
Memorandum

TO: Director, FBI (File: 100-401225)

DATE: 8-22-66

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-102413)-P-

SUBJECT: BELLA SAVITZKY ABZUG
SM-C
(00: NEW YORK)

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows (specify change only):

Name

Aliases

Native Born ☐ Naturalized ☐ Alien ☐

Communist ☐ Socialist Workers Party ☐

Miscellaneous (specify)

Tab for Detcom ☐ Race ☐ Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female

Date of Birth ☐ Place of Birth

Business Address (show name of employing concern and address)

Self-employed attorney from residence

100-401225

Key Facility Data

Geographical Reference Number ☐ Responsibility ☐

Interested Agencies ☐

Residence Address ☐

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FSC cr (3)
SUBJECT: BELLA SAVITZKY ABZUG

REFERENCE: MEMORANDUM DATED 10-19-65

Referenced communication contained subject’s residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence:

Employment: Self employed attorney from residence

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DATE 12-1-49 BY SPH

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3 AUG 24 1966

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NEW YORK REPORTING OFFICE; TITLE OF CASE
BELLA SAVITZKY ABZUG, aka.

NEW YORK

CHARACTER OF CASE
SM - C

ADMINISTRATIVE:

The pretext used by SA on 1/24/67 to verify the subject's residence and employment was that of a potential client.

The pretext used by SA on 8/16/66 was that of a representative of a travel agency.

DECLASSIFICATION AUTHORITY DERIVED FROM:
FBI AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION GUIDE
DATE 07-16-2009

DECLASSIFIED BY: [Signature]

CASE HAS BEEN: Pending over one year [ ] Yes [ ] No; Pending prosecution over six months [ ] Yes [ ] No

COPY MADE:

1 - Bureau (100-401225) (RM)
2 - Secret Service, NY, NY (RM)
3 - New York (100-102413)

NOTATIONS: [Handwritten]

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Agency [Handwritten]
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By [Handwritten]
INFORMANTS:

The informants mentioned under the Miscellaneous Section of this report are as follows:

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   (New York letter, 2/28/64).

   (report ____________ of SA 2/17/61, at NY) and because of her past association with CP front activities.
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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. Buf1e: 100-401225; NYfile: 100-102413

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Re: Bella Savitzky Abzug

Dear Sir:

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Director

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DATE 12-1-49. BY 5916M1C

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) (1)
U. S. Secret Service, NY, NY (RM)

Enclosure(s) (1) (Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)
Copy to:  
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Report of:  
2/10/67

Field Office File #: 100-102413

Bureau File #: 100-401225

Title: BELLA SAVITZKY ABZUG

Character: SECURITY MATTER - G

Synopsis: Subject resides at 20 W. 16th St., NY, NY and is a self-employed attorney from her residence. Subject intended to travel to Switzerland in July, 1966 but did not because of her daughter's ill health. Subject was one of the coordinators of the Mother's Day March and Voter's Peace Pledge Campaign against the Vietnam war sponsored by the WSP in May, 1966. Subject was either a participant in or was a sponsor of a rally and march by the Ad Hoc Committee for the Women's Peace March, May, 1966, to protest the US participation in the Vietnam war.

DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence and Employment

By means of a pretext, it was determined by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (SA, FBI) on January 24, 1967, that the subject currently resides at 20 West 16th Street, New York, New York and is a self-employed attorney from her residence.

B. Travel

By letter dated August 3, 1966, the Passport Office, United States Department of State, advised that BELLA S. ABZUG, born July 24, 1920 at New York, New York, was issued Passport Number G857118 on July 20, 1966 at New York, New York. In her application for this passport the subject stated she planned to leave...
NY 100-102413


On August 16, 1966, by means of a pretext conducted by a SA, FBI, it was determined that the subject had not traveled and was not intending to go anywhere as her daughter who recently returned from a vacation, was very sick.

II. ANTI-VIET NAM ACTIVITIES

In January, 1967, SA FBI, caused the records of the Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department, to be searched and located the following information concerning the subject:

On May 6, 1966, the subject was one of the coordinators of the Mother's Day March and Voter's Peace Pledge Campaign against the war in Viet Nam, sponsored by the Women's Strike for Peace. This march commenced at the New York Public Library, 42nd Street and Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, and terminated at 110 East 45th Street, New York, New York.

On May 7, 1966, the subject either participated in or was a sponsor of a rally and march by the Ad Hoc Committee for the Women's Peace March beginning at the 71st Regiment Armory and ending at the Port Authority Bus Terminal, 42nd Street and Eighth Avenue, New York, New York. The purpose of this rally and march was to protest United States participation in the war in Viet Nam.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Informants who are familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the New York City area were contacted in January, 1967, and shown a photograph of the subject but could furnish no information identifiable with her.

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REFERENCE:

NY report of SA dated 2/10/67.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

The pretext used to verify the subject's residence and employment on 2/5/68, was a personal inquiry as a potential client of the subject, to NY, NY, by SA 12/5/99.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED

NONE

ACQUIT-TALS

CASE HAS BEEN:

PENDING OVER ONE YEAR [YES] NO
PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS [YES] NO

100-401225 -25

RECORD-24

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DATE 12/2/67 BY

SECRET
INFORMANTS:

Identity of Source

NY T-1

NY T-2

NY T-3

File Where Located

The informants who were contacted during January, 1968, concerning the subject are as follows:
NY 100-102413

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4. ☑ A suitable photograph ☐ is ☐ is not available. Date photograph was taken 1959.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _______________________ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are
6. ☑ This report is classified "CONFIDENTIAL" because (state reason) it contains information, received from NY T-1 through NY T-3, the unauthorized disclosure of which could reasonably result in the identification of these sources and therefore could be injurious to the national security.
7. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) ________________________
   ☑ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) of her position as an attorney, an interview might cause embarrassment to the Bureau.
8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
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Director

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence and Employment

On February 5, 1968, it was determined by means of a suitable pretext by a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), that the subject resides at 20 West 16th Street, New York, New York, and is a self employed attorney from her residence.
II. MISCELLANEOUS


On May 26, 1967, NY T-2 advised that the subject was the principal speaker and chairman of an organizational meeting of the Metropolitan Council for Peace Politics, held at 50 Monroe Place, Brooklyn, New York, on May 23, 1967. NY T-2 advised the theme of the meeting was to determine how to force a change in United States government policy to bring about an end to the war in Vietnam.

On June 5, 1967, NY T-1 provided essentially the same information concerning the May 23, 1967, meeting of the Metropolitan Council for Peace Politics, and also advised that the purpose of the meeting was to coordinate the political action for peace in Brooklyn, New York.

On September 6, 1967, and September 7, 1967, respectively, NY T-3 and NY T-1 made available information which revealed that the subject attended the National Conference for New Politics (NUNP) during September 2-4, 1967, held at the Palmer House, Chicago, Illinois. The subject appeared at this conference as a representative of the Women Strike for Peace (WSP).

The records of the Bureau of Special Services (BSS), New York City Police Department (NYPD) were caused to be searched by SA_______ on January 17, 1968, and this search revealed the following information concerning the subject:

On March 31, 1967, the subject spoke at a meeting sponsored by the Lower East Side Woman Strike for Peace, 212 East Broadway, New York, New York. This meeting was held at Saint Augustine Chapel, 292 Henry Street, New York, New York.

[End of page]
BELLA ABZUG was described in the "National Information Memo," published by Women Strike for Peace, during August, 1967, at Washington, D.C., as the New York Political Action and Legislative Chairman.

On January 5, 1968, the subject participated in a demonstration at the offices of United States Senators ROBERT KENNEDY and JACOB JAVITS, 119 East 45th Street, New York City, which was sponsored by the WSP.

Several informants, who are familiar with certain phases of Communist Party activities in the New York City area, were contacted during January, 1968, and after viewing a photograph of the subject they advised they could furnish no information concerning her.
Title: Bella Savitzky Abzug

Character: Security Matter - C

Reference: is made to the report of Special Agent dated and captioned as above, at New York, New York.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

JUL 1 1975

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20223

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☐ 5. Please note change in caption of this case.

☐ 6. Status of case: ☐ Completed ☐ Incomplete

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Enc. It was classified Confidential.

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Eva Chertov to run for Congress
DIRECTOR, FBI (100-401225)                                      DATE: 9/13/68
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-102413) (C)
SUBJECT: BELLA SAVITZKY ABZUG aka
         SM - C (00:NY)

Re Bureau airtel to Albany, dated 2/8/68, captioned, "SECURITY INVESTIGATION OF INDIVIDUALS".

Pursuant to instructions set forth in referenced airtel, the subject's case file has been reviewed, with respect to her health status, and this review failed to reveal any information which would indicate that the subject is not in good health.

This review also revealed that the subject continues to qualify for inclusion on the Security Index, and is being retained on the SI of the NYO.

Since all investigation in this matter is current and reported, this case is being closed in the NYO.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-401225)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-102413)
SUBJECT: BELLA SAVITZKY ABZUG, aka SM - C (00: NY)

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Enclosed are 5 copies of a LHM setting out information re the subject who defeated incumbent Representative FARBSTEIN for the Democratic nomination in the 19th Congressional District in NYC. According to newspaper accounts she is expected to defeat her Republican opponent this Fall and be elected to Congress.

New York plans in the near future to recommend the deletion of ABZUG from the SI of the NYO.

The first confidential source mentioned is and the second source is and the third source is.

This LHM is classified "CONFIDENTIAL" since it contains information from and Should their identity be disclosed it would hamper the investigation of the CP, USA and thus be injurious to the national defense effort.
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New York, New York
September 4, 1970

File 100-401225
New York 100-102413

Bella Savitzky Abzug,
also known as, Mrs. Martin Abzug
Security Matter - C

The June 27, 1970, issue of the "New York Post", carried an article reflecting Bella Abzug had defeated incumbent Representative Leonard Farbstein in the June, 1970, Democratic Nomination election for the 19th Congressional District in New York, New York. The article reflects she was a graduate of Columbia Law School in 1945.

The July 5, 1970, issue of the "Washington Post" reflects Bella Abzug was the founder of the Women's Strike for Peace and was then its Legislative Director. The article also reflects she has been active in "liberal and even radical causes" since her graduation from Columbia Law School.

Newspapers in New York City report Bella Abzug is favored to win the seat for the 19th Congressional District.

Confidential source 1 advised on November 26, 1952, was either an out-and-out Communist, or one who follows the line of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA).

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

ENCLOSURE
Bella Savitzky Abzug

This same source advised on October 21, 1955, that he had no knowledge as to whether Bella Abzug was a member of the CP, USA. However, he stated Abzug, an attorney, defended "leftist caucus." Confidential source 2, advised on September 3, 1970, that she is well acquainted with Bella Abzug. She said Abzug is not a CP member and as a matter of fact is anti-communist. The source stated Abzug is interested and active in the Women's Strike For Peace and is involved in peace and civil rights activities.

Confidential source 3, advised on July 2, 1970, that Bella Abzug is a former long time member of the CP, USA. He stated he learned this from a person who claimed to know Abzug when that person and Abzug were members of the CP, USA. This person told the source he is no longer a member of the CP, USA and does not know if Abzug is presently a member of the CP, USA.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-401225)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-102413)

SUBJECT: BELLA SAVITZKY ABZUG aka SM - C (00: NY)

Re: NYLM dated, 9/4/70.

In referenced communication it was stated NY would recommend the deletion of the subject from the SI of the NYO. It was also noted in the LHM that the subject is the favorite to win a seat in the US House of Representatives representing the 19th Congressional District in NYC.

Set out below is a synopsis of the subject's activities:

Background

She was born 7/24/20 in the Bronx as BELLA SAVITZKY and married to MAURICE M. ABZUG on 6/4/44. Her education included a BA from Hunter College, 2/42 and a L.L.B from Columbia Law School in 10/44. MAURICE M. ABZUG, according to the NY Times, 9/21/70, is a broker with C.B. Richard, Ellis and Company and has had two books published. One was "Seventh Avenue Story", the other "Spearhead", a war novel set during the Battle of the Bulge. They have two daughters, EVA ABZUG and ISOBEL ABZUG.

Mrs. ABZUG defeated incumbent Rep. LEOABARD FARBSTEIN in June for the Democratic nomination and will face a disk jockey Mr. FABER for the seat.

Affiliation With the Communist Movement

In NY Summary report, 4/29/53, it was reported the subject was a member of the American Student Union while attending Hunter University. (Cited in the House Guide Book.)
NY 100-102413

Records of BSS, NYCPD reflect the subject was a sponsor for the Citizens Committee of the Upper West Side in 1948. (Cited in the House Guide Book)

The name of BELLA ABZUG was listed on copies of Amici Curiae Brief filed 2/50 in connection with the appeals of the attorneys who represented the CP in the case of US vs. WILLIAM Z. FOSTER.

Information was received indicating the subject was acting as an attorney for the Civil Rights Congress in 1950 and received payments from the CRC as of May, 1952. (CRC in the House Guide Book)

According to the "Daily Worker" of 6/21/51, ABZUG, at a reception sponsored by the National Council of Arts and Sciences, 6/19/51, paid tribute to the five defense attorneys of the CP. ABZUG paid homage to the attorneys for upholding the integrity of the constitution. (NCAS cited in the House Guide Book).

Information was received that [ ] law firm in 1954, [ ]

Records of BSS, NYCPD reflect ABZUG on May 6, 1966, was the coordinator of the Mothers Day March and Voters Peace Pledge Campaign Against The War in Vietnam sponsored by the Women's Strike For Peace. The "National Information Memo," a publication of the Women Strike For Peace, issue of 8/67, reflects ABZUG was the NY Political Action and Legislative Chairman of the Women Strike For Peace.
Contact with confidential sources, who are familiar with communist activity in the NYC area during August, 1970, produced no information concerning ABZUG.

In 1952, a source advised [redacted] and was either an out and out Communist, or one who follows the line of the CP. (S)

In 1955, this same source advised he had no knowledge as to whether ABZUG was a member of the CP. However, he stated ABZUG, an attorney, defended "leftist causes." (U)

A source in 9/70, advised she is well acquainted with ABZUG. She said ABZUG is not a CP member and as a matter of fact is anti-Communist. The source stated she is interested and active in the Women's Strike For Peace and is involved in peace and civil rights activities.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the subject be removed from the SI of the NYO and be placed in the Reserve Index A in view of her inactivity with a CP front since 1963. It is felt the subject is no longer dangerous to the national security of the US.

NY is not recommending Mrs. ABZUG be interviewed since she is a candidate for a high political office and since she commands a ready platform to spread her ideas. In such a delicate situation, there seems to be a greater than usual risk of embarrassment to the Bureau.

LEAD

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will await Bureau's decision regarding removal of ABZUG from the SI.

Should the Bureau decide to remove her, place this case in a closed status administratively.
TO: Mr. Bishop
FROM: Mr. A. Jones
SUBJECT: BELLA ABZUG CONGRESSWOMAN-ELECT (D-N.Y.)

BACKGROUND:

On 11/3/70, Democrat Bella Savitsky Abzug of New York City was elected to the 19th District seat formerly held by Democrat Leonard Farbstein, who was defeated in the primary. Mrs. Abzug, who was born 7/24/20, in the Bronx, obtained a law degree from Columbia Law School in 1944.

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

Bufiles reflect Bella Abzug has been active in "liberal and even radical causes" since her graduation from Columbia Law School and is a women's rights and peace crusader and has been described as either an "out-and-out" communist, or one who follows the line of the Communist Party, USA.

Mrs. Abzug is a founder of the Women's Strike for Peace and has participated in demonstrations sponsored by this organization. On 3/18/70, she participated in a mass demonstration against United States policy in Laos in Washington, D.C., and made a speech in Lafayette Park demanding that the United States get out of Vietnam and Laos.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-401225)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-102413)(c)

DATE: 12/21/70

SUBJECT: BELLA SAVITZKY ABZUG, aka SM-C (00:NY)


The 9/23/70 letter recommended ABZUG be deleted from the SI and the Bu approved.

Enclosed for the Bu are five copies of an LHM setting out information regarding a letter sent by a citizen to the Attorney General on 9/22/70, concerning ABZUG during her successful campaign for Congress from the 19th C.D. in NYC.

Also enclosed are two copies of the letter referred to, one for the Bu and one for the Department.

The LHM is being submitted to set the record straight as to the identity of the writer of the letter.

There is no identifiable information on _______ and _______ in the NYO Indices. _______ lives at _______ as does _______ according to _______. _______ was interviewed by SA _______ and he had no further information to offer on ABZUG.

1-ENCLOSURE

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Bella Savitzky Abzug, Also
Known As Mrs. Martin Abzug
Security Matter - C

Reference is made to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) memorandum dated September 4, 1970, captioned as above.

Fund Bureau, Insurance Department of New York City, advised during December, 1970, that he was at one time in the public relations department of Bary Farber, Republican candidate for the 19th Congressional District in New York City who was defeated by Bella Abzug during the November, 1970, elections.

Also advised that at the suggestion of top persons in Farber’s public relations department, he prepared a letter dated September 22, 1970, directed to "The Honorable John N. Mitchell, Attorney General of the United States". This letter, a copy of which is enclosed, was signed by a of New York City. Stated he does not know if the Attorney General’s Office answered the letter.

Also advised he had no reason for not signing his own name to the letter.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HERIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 12-7-99 BY SP4 J. B. A.
September 22, 1970

The Honorable John N. Mitchell
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I am a registered voter residing in the 19th Congressional District of the State of New York. There are three congressional candidates in this district but the contest is really between Bella Abzug, Democrat, and Barry Farber, Republican. Mrs. Abzug, running in the June 23rd 1970 primary as a so-called Reform Democrat, defeated incumbent Leonard Farbstein, Regular Democrat.

During the primary campaign and continuing to the present, many stories or rumors have been in circulation, none of them published in the local press, that Mrs. Abzug has been actively connected for many years with organizations which are commonly regarded as communist fronts. I recall hearing that she was once enrolled as a member of the now defunct American Labor Party when that Party was wholly dominated by the Communist Party; that she has been or is an important official of the National Lawyers Guild and Women Strike for Peace, both reputed to be communist-controlled and dominated organizations. I have also heard that she is closely associated with an official of Women Strike for Peace, who is said to have a long record of communist activity (like her husband, ). and that Mrs. has made trips to Hanoi and Paris as the representative of Hanoi in connection with all American prisoner of war matters. Mrs. Abzug is supposed to be working with Mrs. and Mrs. on a Committee of Liaison on war prisoners. This Committee appears to be the agent of a foreign power, and a hostile one at that.

Particularly disturbing are stories heard at political meetings but unpublished in the press that Mrs. Abzug is advised by and consults regularly with Mr. and Mrs. on all political questions, especially foreign policy. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. resides in the 19th C.D. They live at Riverdale (Bronx County) which is either in the 23rd or 24th C.D. I have heard that Mrs. is the daughter of and heiress to the fortune, and that she is spending large sums on Mrs. Abzug's campaign because this candidacy has a top priority in communist and Soviet diplomatic circles.

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DISCLOSURE 100-40/225-30
I have also heard that Mrs. Abzug is or has been registered with the Foreign Agents Office of the Department of Justice as the agent of a communist bloc country and that she has travelled to various communist countries.

It is very difficult, if not impossible for a voter to research these stories and to determine how much is true and how much false. Many of the records of your Department are, I know, confidential and their contents cannot be disclosed to the public. I would greatly appreciate, however, your sending me whatever information you may have of a non-confidential character which bears on the subjects I have mentioned in this letter or in any way relates to Mrs. Abzug's past and present associations, utterances, activities, etc. Such information would help the voters in the 19th C.D. decide whether to support or oppose Mrs. Abzug.

Barely six weeks remain to November 3rd. Your promptness in replying to this inquiry would be a distinct public service to the voters in my district.

Sincerely yours,

New York, N.Y. 10023
In accordance with our telephone conversation.

BROOKLYN, N.Y.

BELLA ABZUG

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2 - ENCLOSED

56 MAR 6 1979
The Honorable John J. Rooney
United States House of Representatives
14th District, New York
Washington, D.C.
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Washington, D.C. 20016

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Date: 12-1-99

John C. Gilmore

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The National Capital Professional Chapter
of Theta Sigma Phi
requests the pleasure of your company
to hear, the Honorable
at the Marine Table Dinner
on Tuesday, the ninth of March
at seven o'clock
at 1615 L Street, Northwest.

R.S.V.P.
Ticket seven dollars.

Washington, D.C. 20010

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Reference is made to the 4/8/71 memorandum from Mr. Rosen to Mr. Sullivan, "Surveillances of Senators and Congressmen," advising that based upon recollection of personnel at the Seat of Government we are checking files of any member of Congress who was the subject of a case under investigation. I thought you would be interested in knowing the following concerning Representative Bella S. Abzug (D-NY). Although this information pertains to a period well before she was elected to Congress (11/70), it may be pertinent in view of current publicity that she has joined with others who are making the unfounded allegations against the Bureau concerning surveillances of Senators and Congressmen.

Physical surveillances were conducted at Abzug's home during the evening hours of 1/5, 11, 17, 30/62; no activity discerned. At the time she was the subject of security investigation by us because of communist connections and was included on the Security Index (deleted from Index 10/70). On 7/22/59 advised that a Soviet telephonically contacted Abzug and they made arrangements to meet at the USSR delegation to the United Nations in New York City. Abzug indicated she was interested in traveling to the USSR. On the same date, 7/22/59, our Agents observed Abzug exiting 680 Park Avenue, location of the USSR delegation to the United Nations.

It should be significantly noted that incidents cited above were well prior to Abzug's election to Congress and, in connection with the Soviet contact; our information was obtained not relative to investigation of Abzug but rather incidental to our coverage of the Soviets.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-401225)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-39937) (RUC)

BELLA S. ABZUG, aka
SM - C
IS - ISRAEL
(00:NY)

On 7/28/71, the Security Branch, Legal Division, Passport Office, Department of State, brought to the attention of SA [Redacted] that captioned subject, a Member of the U. S. House of Representatives from New York, has just been issued two passports.

The passport records show that BELLA S. ABZUG was issued Official Passport No. 4009183 and regular passport No. B-1831620, both at WDC on 7/28/71, for proposed travel for one month to "Israel and other countries" for "Legislative/ Congressional" purposes. In her identical applications dated 7/27/71 at WDC, she stated her intention to depart about 8/6/71, means of transportation not listed. Each of these passports is valid for 5 years' travel to all countries except Cuba, North Korea and North Vietnam.

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Mrs. ABZUB, born on 7/24/20 at New York City, gave her permanent residence as 37 Bank Street, New York, New York and her mailing address as 1506 Longworth House Office Building, WDC, home telephone 225-5691 and office telephone 225-5635. The Passport Office delivered these passports by courier to her office on 7/28/71.

The file does not indicate whether official and regular passports were issued because she intends to perform official and personal travel, or whether she may use one passport for travel to an Arab country and the other to Israel, in view of the Arab policy not to allow into Arab territory a person whose passport reflects travel to Israel.

The foregoing is referred to the Bureau and New York Office for information only at this time, no active investigation being recommended.
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ADD & ANTIWAR, WASHINGTON

House members applauded a denunciation of four lawmakers who
wednesday joined and supported antiwar demonstrators later hauled off
the capitol steps and to jail.

However, Mrs. Abzug, one of the four, protested as outrageous the
fact that police moved in and arrested more than 3,000 of the
protesters, even as they members were addressing their peaceful
assemblies.

Without mentioning names, Reps. Joe D. Waggonner, Jr., D-LA; Dail,
Duv Kendall, R-Tenn.; Robert McClory, R-Ill.; and John E. Shott, R-Mo.,
sharply criticized actions by Mrs. Abzug and three others who welcomed
the demonstrators and spoke to them as they massed on stone steps just
outside the door of the house.

There was general applause after Waggonner said he could not sleep
at night or face his fellow Americans "if I did not say as a matter of
conscience that the house members who participated in yesterday's
demonstration performed a disservice to this body and to the United
States."

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Per FOIA Request

WASHINGTON CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

**MAY 17 1971**
Hunt reminded members they all had taken an oath to uphold the government, citing the revolutionary slogans, display of Vietcong flags and other antigovernment acts of the protesters. Hunt said he was most disturbed to find House members "supporting and condoning" the protests.

"It is time the House took some action in this respect," he concluded without suggesting what action he meant.

Speaker Carl Albert asked about what he termed "the legal niceties" of the different treatment accorded the school groups and Wednesday's demonstrators. He noted that the bands and others came in peace while the protesters, by their own account, sought to "shut down the government."

Mrs. Abzug was a lone voice in the House chamber today. She said the Capitol steps traditionally had been a meeting place for Americans and that yesterday's group was peacefully exercising a right.

"But even as he members of Congress were addressing the assembly -- and even as I was congratulating the assembly on its peaceful conduct -- Capitol police moved in and started making arrests," she said.

"I asked police for the opportunity to tell the crowd to leave or face the prospect of being arrested," she added. "This was denied to me."

Rep. Edith Green, D-Ore., responded to Mrs. Abzug as a fellow opponent of the Vietnam War but as a sharp objector to the conduct of Wednesday's demonstrators.

Mrs. Green said her opposition to the war predated that of all but a few other House members, and that she had supported a peaceful mass march here two weeks ago in behalf of ending the war.

"But I will not go on record in support of bands of crazies roaming around Washington this week," Mrs. Green told the House. "The right to try to persuade is one thing. The right to coerce is another."

Mrs. Green got a standing ovation.
Memorandum

TO: Mr. Bishop

FROM: M. A. Jones

DATE: 5-7-71

SUBJECT: HOUSE RESOLUTION 410;

TO AUTHORIZE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON JUDICIARY TO INVESTIGATE THE FBI

Enclosed is a copy of H. Res. 410 introduced on 4-28-71 by Congresswoman Bella Abzug (D-N.Y.) for herself and 11 other Congressmen which would authorize and direct the House Committee on the Judiciary as a whole or a subcommittee to conduct a "full and complete investigation" of the FBI, including but not limited to the following areas:

A) The quality of the administration of the FBI including the ability of the Director.

B) The activities of the agents and supervisors including but not limited to the manner of selection of cases, the method used to gather evidence and the reasons for choosing the method, and the use made of evidence gathered.

C) The quality, quantity, and type of work done plus the accuracy of statistical reports.

D) Personnel policies and practices.

The resolution would authorize the Committee to use subpoena to require testimony and the production of books, records, etc., as deemed necessary. The resolution calls for the Committee to report to the House as soon as possible but not later than 42 days after the adoption of the resolution the results of its investigation and any recommendations.

There is little likelihood that any action will be taken on this resolution.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Sullivan

1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. Bowers
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 28, 1971

Mrs. Arroz (for herself, Mr. Badillo, Mrs. Chisholm, Mr. Clay, Mr. Delgado, Mr. Ellaige, Mr. Hikened, Mr. Koch, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Rangel, Mr. Riegel, and Mr. Rosenthal) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

1. Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary, acting
2. as a whole or by subcommittee, is authorized and directed
3. to conduct a full and complete investigation of the Federal
4. Bureau of Investigation, including but not limited to the
5. following areas:
6. (a) the quality of the administration of the Federal
7. Bureau of Investigation, including but not limited to
8. investigation of the ability of the Director;
9. (b) the activities of the agents of the Federal Bu-
10. reau of Investigation and their supervisors, including
11. but not limited to—

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(1) the manner of selection of cases with particular attention to the reasons for the Federal Bureau of Investigation's special public emphasis on certain recent criminal conspiracy cases;

(2) the methods used to gather evidence and the reasons for choosing one method rather than another in specific cases;

(3) the uses made of the evidence gathered with particular attention to the Federal Bureau of Investigation practice of maintaining massive dossiers on individual citizens;

(c) the quality, quantity, and type of work done plus the accuracy of the statistical reports of such work;

(d) personnel policies and practices.

For the purposes of carrying out this resolution, the committee is authorized to sit and act during the present Congress, subject to clause 31 of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, at such times and places within the United States, whether the House is in session, has recessed, or has adjourned, to hold such hearings, and to require, by subpoena or otherwise, the attendance and testimony of such witnesses and the production of such books, records, correspondence, memorandums, papers, and documents, as it deems necessary. Subpoena may be issued under the signature of the chairman of the committee or any mem-
ber of the committee designated by him, and may be served
by any person designated by such chairman or member.

The committee shall report to the House as soon as prac-
ticable during the present Congress, but not later than forty-
two days after the date of the adoption of this resolution, the
results of its investigation, together with such recommenda-
tions as it deems advisable. Any such report which is made
when the House is not in session shall be filed with the Clerk
of the House.
RESOLUTION

To provide for an investigation by the Committee on the Judiciary of the administration and operation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

By Mrs. Ahnou, Mr. Bardo, Mrs. Chester, Mr. Clay, Mr. Delatore, Mr. Ensher, Mr. Haltom, Mr. Koch, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Rangel, Mr. Rieble, and Mr. Rosenthal.

April 28, 1971

Referred to the Committee on Rules
On 4-28-71, Representative Bella Abzug (D-NY) introduced House Resolution 410 for herself and 11 other Congressmen. This bill would authorize and direct the House Committee on the Judiciary, as a whole or a subcommittee, to conduct a "full and complete investigation" of the FBI. Director noted, "Let me have summary on each of the sponsors."

REPRESENTATIVE BELLA ABZUG - DEMOCRAT - NEW YORK

Mrs. Abzug, a first term Congresswoman, a reported former longtime member of Communist Party, USA, and a founder of Women's Strike for Peace (WSP).

On 2-8-71, the People's Coalition for Peace and Justice (PCPJ) held a press conference at Lafayette Park re President's policy in Vietnam and Laos. One of the speakers was Representative Abzug. She was also scheduled to appear at a press conference of this group held in a hearing room of Rayburn House Office Building on 3-1-71, but did not appear. On 3-5-71, the WSP held a demonstration in New York City. Representative Abzug, who addressed the demonstrators, criticized the President's Administration primarily on the war in Southeast Asia. She reportedly spoke of an anti-war coalition in Congress which would force withdrawal from Southeast Asia. According to newspaper reports, Representative Abzug is quite active in the so-called "peace" movements and takes every opportunity to address demonstrators.

REPRESENTATIVE HERMAN BADILLO - DEMOCRAT - NEW YORK

Representative Badillo, a first term Congressman, was active in local politics in the Bronx before becoming a Congressman and frequently spoke...
M.A. Jones to Bishop Memo
RE: House Resolution 410

at peace rallies. The "New York Times" of 2-14-71, carried an advertisement sponsored by the National Peace Action Coalition (NPAC) entitled "Stop the Escalation--Stop the War Now!" which called for demonstrations in April and May. This advertisement listed some 70 labor leaders, actors, writers and 8 U.S. Congressmen, including Herman Badillo. On 4-9-71, a United Press International item indicated Representative Badillo urged Mr. Hoover to review the dismissal of Linda Janca and Christine Hoomes, volunteers for the National Peace Coalition, stating that Mr. Hoover "by demanding that they either give up their work with the coalition or resign...abused their rights as Federal employees and their rights as citizens," and termed it a "flagrant disregard for the constitutional rights of workers by an arm of the Government whose primary mission is to see that our constitution and laws are upheld."

REPRESENTATIVE SHIRLEY CHISHOLM - DEMOCRAT - NEW YORK

Representative Chisholm is serving her second term as a Congresswoman, and is the first black Congresswoman ever to be elected, a fact of which she is obviously very proud. Representative Chisholm has attended meetings of the Emergency Conference to Defend the Rights of the Black Panther Party to Exist; has spoken at a rally sponsored by the Vietnam Peace Parade Committee and the New York Vietnam Moratorium Committee; and has pledged her support to Women's Union, a new women's liberation group which has launched a drive to raise $100,000 for bail for a woman Black Panther awaiting trial in Manhattan.

REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM L. CLAY - DEMOCRAT - MISSOURI

Representative Clay is serving his second term as a Congressman.
M.A. Jones to Bishop Memo
RE: House Resolution 410

REPRESENTATIVE RONALD V. DELLUMS - DEMOCRAT - CALIFORNIA

Representative Dellums is a first term Congressman.

In an article in the "People's World" of 1-24-70, Dellums stated "I think the CIA and FBI records should be opened to all congressmen." Representative Dellums has urged Congress to investigate what he calls "war crimes policy of the United States Government."

REPRESENTATIVE JOSHUA EILBERG - DEMOCRAT - PENNSYLVANIA

Eilberg has been a member of Congress since 1967. In 1952 he was on the mailing lists of the Civil Rights Congress and the Progressive Party of Pennsylvania, both cited as communist front groups. Relations with Representative Eilberg have been friendly.

REPRESENTATIVE SEYMOUR HALPERN - REPUBLICAN - NEW YORK

Halpern has been a member of Congress since 1959. On 9-10-59, Representative Halpern, his fiancee and her 10-year-old brother, were conducted on a tour and shook hands with the Director. Halpern again toured the Bureau and shook hands with the Director on 8-31-60.

In July and August, 1969, newspapers in the Washington, D.C., and New York areas, carried items indicating that Representative Halpern, a member of the House Banking and Currency Committee, had obtained an unsecured loan at favorable rates from a major New York City bank and later voted in Committee for legislation supported by that Bank.

REPRESENTATIVE EDWARD I. KOCH - DEMOCRAT - NEW YORK

Koch was first elected to Congress on 11-5-68. Koch was first contacted in connection with our program to meet new Congressmen on 2-18-69. At

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that time he discussed a Bill he had introduced to make all Government files, including the FBI's, available to any individual named therein upon that individual's request. The confidential nature of our files and the problems involved in making them public were pointed out to him. Koch commented regarding an alleged rumor that phones in Congressional offices may be tapped by the FBI in the 12-17-70 "Congressional Record," stating he would not be surprised if this were true.

By tr 3-30-71, Representative Koch inquired as to whether our files under an individual's name are available to that individual for his personal inspection, and whether we had any files on him. He was advised of confidential nature of files and fact files not available for personal inspection by individuals named therein. He was also advised that he had never been a subject of an investigation by this Bureau.

REPRESENTATIVE PARREN J. MITCHELL - DEMOCRAT - MARYLAND

Mitchell is a first term Congressman. Representative Mitchell, formerly Executive Secretary of the Maryland Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations, and head of the Baltimore Community Action Agency, has spoken at rallies in support of open housing and other such activities. He has also attended various meetings of the Black United Front in the Baltimore area.

The 3-23-71 issue of the "Washington Post" carried an item indicating that black federal employees protesting alleged discriminatory government promotion practices held demonstrations at four agencies on 3-22. Representative Mitchell was one of speakers when nearly 150 people appeared at the Library of Congress.

REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES B. RANGEL - DEMOCRAT - NEW YORK

Rangel is a first term Congressman.
REPRESENTATIVE DONALD W. RIEGLE, JR. - REPUBLICAN - MICHIGAN

Riegle was first elected to Congress in 1966. Riegle has identified himself with the anti-Vietnam forces and in 1967 gained considerable publicity from his exchange of correspondence with Ho Chi Minh. The "Congressional Record" of 3-5-70 carried remarks critical of the Director made by Representative Riegle in a speech in Houston, Texas. Riegle indicated that the Director should be replaced by a younger man and implied that the Director is to blame for the serious increase of crime and growth of organized crime activities.

REPRESENTATIVE BENJAMIN S. ROSENTHAL - DEMOCRAT - NEW YORK

Rosenthal won a special election on 2-20-62 and has been re-elected to subsequent Congresses. An article in the 3-15-68 "Washington Daily News" captioned "FBI and the IRS Can Tap 100 Million Private Credit Files" dealt with testimony being taken by Special Committee on the Invasion of Privacy. Representative Rosenthal, member of this committee, was quoted as saying, "If one of these men (IRS or FBI Agents) came into my office and asked about anything, but the weather I would tell them to get out. They have absolutely no right, none whatsoever to that information." Rosenthal previously, had been actively engaged in attempting to abolish the House Committee on UnAmerican Activities, and has participated in protest action against U.S. involvement in Vietnam. Rosenthal is also one of 6 Congressmen who accused the FBI of leaking information to the press in written form, carrying out a concerted campaign against them and maintaining files on individual Congressmen.
Copy of Letter to Rep. Algeria for your attention.

54 May 1971

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
WASHINGTON -- D.C. 20000

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Hon. Bella Abzug
House Office Building
WASHINGTON -- D.C. 20000

Dear Representative Abzug:

Why do you seek notoriety by the destructive and harmful process of sponsoring legislation for a probe of the FBI by the House Judiciary Committee? Why not sponsor legislation more worthwhile and needed -- legislation more protective of the common good?

As a citizen and a member of the American Bar Association, and even as a registered Democrat, I condemn and protest such legislation sponsored by you. I make this known to you in all good faith and on behalf of my Country, which needs all of the protection it can get in these perilous times. Thank God for the FBI. The notoriety that you seek must surely be ill advised and harmful, as is that of Senator Ervin.

Surely, there is a clear and present danger from forces within when we witness such hostile and misdirected representation in the Halls of Congress.

May you see fit to seek proper and commendable notoriety in defense of our Country in its time of great peril from within, as well as without.

Sincerely yours,

CSI/AP

(April 12, 1971)

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MRS. METCALF
MISS GANDY
July 20, 1971

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

After due consideration and thought, I would like to bring to your attention a new female member of Congress from New York City who I feel is subversive.

I have gone to college with her, namely Hunter College in New York City, and at that time she was the strongest Communist and agitator on the campus. She was close to Bella Dodd who had been brought before the Un-American Activities Committee. She ridiculed all patriotic endeavors and was surrounded by radical elements.

Now, that she is in Congress and has begun to agitate again, I feel that it is against the national security to allow this woman to go unsurveyed by your staff.

Hoping my letter will have some aid to your Bureau,

I am respectively

Pro-F.B.I.

Bella Abzug

The Congresswoman is Bella Savitzky Abzug.

Aug 4, 1971
J. Edgar Hoover

Director

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

RE: ABZUG, BELLA S.

DATE OF BIRTH: July 24, 1920

PLACE OF BIRTH: New York, N.Y. U.S.A.

RESIDENCE: 37 Bank Street

New York, N.Y.

BUREAU FILE NUMBER: 100-401225

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE: Unknown

PASSPORT NUMBER: B 1831620 - Y 1009183

DATE OF ISSUE: July 28, 1971

PLACE OF ISSUE: Washington, D.C.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: 067-18-0247

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DATE OF DEPARTURE: August 6, 1971

PURPOSE OF TRIP: Legislative/Congressional

LENGTH OF STAY: 1 month

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION: Unknown

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Memorandum

TO: Director, FBI (File No. 100-40122)
FROM: NEW YORK (100-102413) (P)
SUBJECT: BELLA SAVITZKY ABZUG, aka SM-C

DATE: 7/24/72

Re:

Recommend: [ ] ADEX Card [ ] ADEX Card changed (specify change) [ ] Subject removed (succinct summary attached)

Name
BELLA SAVITZKY ABZUG

Aliases
Mrs. MARTIN ABZUG, Mrs. MAURICE M.
[ ] Native Born [ ] Naturalized [ ] Alien
[ ] Category I [ ] Category II [ ] Category III [ ] Category IV

[ ] AWC [ ] COMMUNIST [ ] NL [ ] PLP [ ] PRN [ ] SNC [ ] SWP
[ ] BNT [ ] JFG [ ] NOI [ ] PPA [ ] SDS [ ] SPL [ ] WWP
[ ] SPP [ ] MIN [ ] Miscellaneous (Specify)

Date of Birth: 7/24/20
Place of Birth: Bronx, New York

Race: White
Sex: [ ] Male [ ] Female

Business Address, Name of Employing Concern and Address, Nature of Employment, and Union Affiliation, If any:
Member of Congress, 19th Congressional District, New York
United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

Residence Address:
37 Bank Street
New York, New York

Registered as: 100-401225-35

Classified by FBI, Category: I

DECLASSIFICATION AUTHORITY DERIVED FROM:
FBI AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION GUIDE
EXEMPTION CODE 25X(1-human)
DATE 07-16-2009

MAJOR: 7/11/75
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The following is a brief summary of the most recent subversive activity on the part of the subject together with the source of the information. It is believed this qualifies subject for Category IV of the ADEX.

Miss VINT, Dean's Office, Hunter College, New York City, advised her records reflect subject was a member of the American Student Union during part of the time she attended Hunter College between 1938 and 1942. New York City (protect by T symbol), furnished information which indicated subject was acting as an attorney for the Civil Rights Congress in 1950 and 1951 and had received payments from the Civil Rights Congress as of May, 1952. On 11/26/52, [ ] advised that subject was either an out-and-out Communist, or one who follows the line of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA). When recontacted on 10/21/55, [ ] advised that he had no knowledge as to whether or not subject actually was a member of the CPUSA. However, he stated that subject defended "leftist causes".

On 7/20/70, [ ] advised that BELLA ABZUG is a former long-time member of the CPUSA. Further advised that he learned this information from a person who claimed to know ABZUG when that person and ABZUG were members of the CPUSA. This person told [ ] that he is no longer a member of the CPUSA and therefore does not know if ABZUG is presently a member of the CPUSA.

ABZUG is a Member of Congress representing New York's 19th Congressional District. As a Congresswoman and a leading political figure in New York City politics, ABZUG has engaged in numerous activities centering around the peace movement and women's liberation.

The New York Office recognizes this is an unusual case, however, the subject has a four volume file in the New York Office, she was on the Security Index until October, 1970, and she has lent her support to the People's Coalition for Peace and Justice and the National Peace Action Coalition.

A report will be prepared when the subject is approved for the ADEX.
SAC, New York (100-102413)

Acting Director, FBI (100-401225) - 35-

BELLA SAVITZKY ABZUG
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File FD-122 7/24/72.

Bureau taking no action on your recommendation to place subject in ADEX. Resubmit ADEX recommendation at expiration of subject's term as U.S. Congresswoman and replacement by her elected successor. You are also instructed to conduct no security investigation of Abzug while she holds Congressional office.

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NOTE:

New York recommended placement in ADEX, Category IV, based on subject's subversive background which includes [ ]

[ ] reported former membership in CPUSA; and [ ]

recent support/People's Coalition for Peace and Justice and National Peace Action Coalition, which are characterized respectively as CPUSA-penetrated and communist Socialist Workers Party - established organizations. Subject's term as Congresswoman, 19th Congressional District of New York, ends this year. Above instructions based on consultation with Inspector [ ] of Crime Records Division.

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 12/31/72 BY SLOBODA/NC
Memorandum

TO: Mr. Bishop
FROM: G. E. Malmfeldt

DATE: 1/26/72

SUBJECT: CONGRESSWOMAN BELLA ABZUG (D-NY) REQUEST FOR FBI TOUR FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 1972, 10:30 A.M.

Early this afternoon a[redacted] in the office of Congresswoman Abzug telephoned the Tour Room and requested an appointment for the Congresswoman's two daughters to tour the FBI at 10:30 a.m. on January 28, 1972. She identified the two girls as [redacted] stating that they were of college age but that she did not know which college they attended. She further mentioned that Congresswoman's sister's son, who would be a cousin of the two girls by the name of [redacted] would also accompany them.

Bella Abzug, of course, is the highly controversial, loud-mouthed, representative from New York City concerning whom we have a substantial amount of derogatory security information some of which alleges that she was at one time a member of the Communist Party. She has been active in liberal and radical causes since her graduation from Columbia Law School and has been highly critical of the FBI and the Director.

ACTION:

In view of the foregoing, it is recommended that the Abzug party be given a regular tour of the Bureau of the type generally afforded the members of the public, but in view of the Congresswoman's background that the tour be conducted by a Special Agent.

1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. E. S. Miller
1 - Mr. M. A. Jones
1 - Mr. Malmfeldt

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By request, Inspector Bowers called at the office of Congresswoman Abzug on the afternoon of 7-11-72 and spoke with one of her young female assistants. She stated she has been given the assignment to conduct research regarding the organization and activities of the FBI and has a number of questions based primarily on inquiries and criticisms which the Congresswoman has received. She said the Legislative Research Branch of the Library of Congress also is working on this project for them and indicated some type of legislation calling for reforms of the FBI may result.

Her wide-eyed and her demeanor and comments revealed a strong naivety regarding law enforcement activities but did not indicate hostility. She appeared, however, to be genuinely interested in the discussion which resulted from her inquiries. She took very few notes during the conversation, which lasted approximately one hour and 20 minutes.

Questions raised covered a very broad spectrum regarding the FBI. At first she requested a description of the organizational structure of the FBI which she was familiarized. She then inquired about our employment-practices, commenting that she was pleased at the recent announcement that women were being hired as Agents and asked how many women Agents are now on the rolls. She was told none have been put on duty as yet. She then asked how long it would be before women Agents are in proportion to the female population in the country—in other words roughly 50 percent. She was advised that it is highly doubtful that such a percentage will be reached in the foreseeable future, and in answer to her question, "Why," she was told that there is too much competition from other interests which attract women, i.e., marriage and raising families and other professions. She was told that Mr. Gray has stated female Agents will be treated the same as male Agents. Discussion then followed concerning FBI hiring practices regarding minority groups, and she was advised regarding the recent creation of the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity Affairs to supplement the FBI's campaign to recruit more employees from minority groups.

1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. Miller

1 - Mr. Walters
1 - Mr. M. A. Jones
1 - Mr. Bowers

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M. A. Jones to Bishop Memo
RE: CONGRESSWOMAN BELLA ABZUG (D-N.Y.)

____ then asked if the FBI hires homosexuals, and she was told that we do not. She asked what would happen to an employee doing a good job who is discovered to be homosexual, and she was told undoubtedly he would be dropped from the rolls. She inquired as to the reasoning for this, wondering if this action would be based on the alleged threat of blackmail, pointing out that this threat now has been generally conceded as not valid. She was told it is contended by some that this is not a valid threat but the contention certainly is not generally conceded. It was pointed out that homosexual activity in many areas of the country is a violation of the law and there still are numerous cases involving blackmail of homosexuals.

____ then shifted to an inquiry based on information from the FBI documents stolen from the Media, Pennsylvania, resident agency. She said a number of these documents indicated FBI investigations of individuals for which there was no real basis for an investigation. She was advised that she should keep in mind the thieves who stole the documents had been highly selective in what they released; hence, no accurate judgment could be based on this information. A brief outline of our jurisdiction and responsibilities was furnished to her and it was explained that an interpretation of whether or not an investigation is warranted is somewhat like the old adage of beauty—it depends on the eye of the beholder. She was told that, for example, members of the Ku Klux Klan feel we do not investigate the Black Panther Party sufficiently, while the Black Panther Party feels we are not paying sufficient attention to the Ku Klux Klan, with the same converse attitude being prevalent among all the diverse extreme factions in the country. She was assured the FBI does not investigate any person or organization on whim and that our investigations are based solely on substantial allegations of conduct which com within our jurisdiction involving either criminal or subversive activities. The discussion then turned to who decides when to investigate and what action to take as a result of the investigations. It was explained to her that in matters such as bank robbery where there is no doubt that a crime within our jurisdiction has occurred, an investigation is immediately initiated but that in areas lacking such clear definition such as civil rights, the facts of the complaint are discussed with the United States Attorney or referred to the Department of Justice for a legal decision regarding our jurisdiction and the need for an investigation. It was pointed out the results of all our investigations are furnished to the Department of Justice and/or the appropriate United States Attorney's office and decisions to prosecute or take other legal action based on these investigations rests solely with the Department or the United States Attorneys. She then asked about our investigations regarding Government employees. She was told we do only a limited number of such investigations now, these involving
M. A. Jones to Bishop Memo
RE: CONGRESSWOMAN BELLA ABZUG (D-N.Y.)

top Government positions or individuals about whom there is some allegation affecting their loyalty. It was explained these investigations are as thorough as possible, and our reports contain both favorable and unfavorable information as it is received by us and that the FBI in no way participates in the decision as to whether or not to hire an individual applying for a Government job unless it is a job within the FBI.

Next brought up the topic of fingerprint records and how these affect individuals and pose a threat to a person's livelihood. Our policy and procedures with respect to fingerprint identification matters was outlined to her. It was explained our fingerprint records are, in effect, an index of public arrest records which we maintain for the law enforcement agencies which voluntarily submit them to us, and that the record will be "expunged" at the request of the agency which originally submitted it to us. She was told the FBI always disseminates the disposition of any arrest whenever it is available to us and that we continually request submitting agencies to furnish us this information so our records will be complete.

then turned to the matter of information in Bureau files, asking what is done with an investigative file when the investigation is completed and it is determined the accused person was innocent of any wrongdoing in the first place. She was told the file is maintained by the FBI, and she commented that it then remains a constant potential threat to that person. It was pointed out to her that, quite to the contrary, the file remains as a protection to the individual since it will preclude any future investigations based on the same allegations being raised by individuals several years after the original complaint was made. It was pointed out that if such investigative files were destroyed an individual could be subjected to repeated investigations involving the same allegations since there would be no record that the matter previously had been checked into and cleared up. admitted she had never considered that side of the coin. Next she asked about the policy regarding dissemination of information in our files, particularly with respect to data furnished to the Civil Service Commission on applicants for Government employment. She said it is well-known that FBI files contain considerable "raw" information and she imagines much of it could be appropriately classified as "trivia." She wondered if this "trivia" is withheld or if it is furnished to the inquiring agency. She was told that what may appear to be trivial to one person or one agency may be vital information to another person or another agency and that the FBI is not in the position, nor is it our responsibility to judge the value or lack of value of information we possess. Withholding information could materially affect, both adversely and favorably, a person's application for Government employment. indicated agreement with our policy of not entering into the decision process regarding employment.
M. A. Jones to Bishop Memo
RE: CONGRESSWOMAN BELLA ABZUG (D-N.Y.)

Access to FBI files was the next general topic of discussion. She was informed that FBI files are confidential and not available to individuals outside the organization. She was told that we do disseminate investigative reports and other information from our files to authorized Executive Branch agencies. It was also pointed out to her that individuals accused of crimes investigated by the FBI have access to appropriate investigative results through their attorneys preparing for the trial. She inquired about how files are controlled within the FBI and she was informed that information in files is available to FBI employees on a need to know basis. It was emphasized all FBI employees are very carefully screened, and she commented there have been very few leaks of FBI information and all she knows of apparently have originated from sources outside the FBI.

The conversation returned to the basis for initiating investigations, particularly with respect to security investigations, commented this is an area which has generated a great portion of the criticism of the FBI. She was told security investigations are based on substantial information indicating a person or organization is involved in activities affecting the internal security of the Nation. It was emphasized we do not investigate individuals merely because someone thinks they are communist or Nazi or whatever, nor do we investigate organizations merely because they support the peace movement, the civil rights movement, or other such legitimate interests. Often, she was told, our investigations of organizations will be concerned with the infiltration of the group by individuals attempting to use the legitimate organization for subversive purposes. She was assured we do not continue investigations indefinitely; that each is directed toward determining as soon as possible the accuracy of the original allegations; and that investigations are promptly closed when they indicate a lack of substance. She also was informed that results of our investigations in the security, as well as the criminal, field are continually furnished to the Department of Justice for review and a legal determination regarding what action may be justified.

At the conclusion of the conversation, expressed her appreciation for the frank manner in which her inquiries had been answered and commented she realizes there is considerable distortion of facts by some critics of the FBI. She said the conversation had been most enlightening to her. She was told we welcome opportunities to clear up misconceptions about the FBI and to answer such legitimate inquiries.

RECOMMENDATION:
Congressman Bella S. Abzug  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Abzug:

It was rather amusing and sickening to see you on NBC confronting Mr. William E. Colby regarding the CIA's file on you and your actions since 1953.

One would think that representing Communists before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, visiting our enemy when we are at war (the Viet Cong) and having "secret meeting of unidentified peace groups" is certainly something that the American people and those who believe in freedom rather than Communism should demand of the various Intelligence Agencies.

If there is nothing in it that would tend to incriminate you, then why not make the contents public and let the public judge you, the CIA and the FBI?

I may be ole' fashion, but members of Congress are not above the law.

I doubt that your theory on the "right of the public to know" and "freedom of information" applies to you - just others. Most liberals (socialist and communist sympathizers) follow this party line.

Yours very truly,

RLM ny

cc: Mr. William E. Colby, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C.

Mr. Clarence Kelley, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Today Show  
National Broadcasting Co.  
Rockefeller Center  
New York, N.Y.
April 1, 1975

Honorable Bella S. Abzug  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515  

Dear Congresswoman Abzug:

We were pleased to have the opportunity of publishing an interesting article in the April, 1975, FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin entitled "Plainclothed Police Personnel: An Identification Problem," by Sergeant James J. Green, Police Department, New York, New York. It begins on page 16, and advance copies of this issue are enclosed for your information.

As a cooperative service to local, state, and other Federal law enforcement agencies, the FBI distributes the Bulletin without charge, and we solicit manuscripts from police officials and other authorities of the criminal justice system on methods of operation and investigative techniques.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley  
Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

Enclosures (2)  

NOTE: Congresswoman Abzug (D-N.Y.) represents the 20th District of New York which includes a portion of New York City.
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Over
March 26, 1975

Honorable Clarence Kelley
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Director:

As per the suggestion in your recent letter, I am hereby requesting copies of all information pertaining to me which is held by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In using the term "information", I include all files, references, incidental references, or other items which may be retrieved by reference to my name, an identifying number, a code name or cipher, or by any other means of information storage or retrieval.

This request is made under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552). If any of the above information is deemed exempt from disclosure, I request a complete itemization of the exempted items and legal basis for the exemption.

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, you are required to make a determination on this request within ten days of receipt of this letter.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Chairwoman
Dear Mrs. Chairman:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter to the FBI dated March 26th. Reference is also made to letters directed to you by the United States Civil Service Commission and the Naval Investigative Service pertaining to your request for information regarding yourself.

As you are probably aware, as a result of the increased interest generated by the amendments to the Freedom of Information Act, our workload has increased sharply and we currently have a backlog of requests. We are processing your request as expeditiously as possible, considering the present circumstances, and we will be in contact with you regarding our progress in this matter.

I would also like to advise you that the FBI documents referred to us by the Civil Service Commission and the Naval Investigative Service will be considered during the course of our processing of your request.

Sincerely yours,

B.M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

1 - Naval Investigative Service
Hoffman Building
2461 Eisenhower Avenue
Alexandria, Virginia 22331

1 - United States Civil Service Commission
Bureau of Personnel Investigations
Washington, D.C. 20415

1 - The Deputy Attorney General
Attention: Susan M. Hauser
Buffalo 62-116539 (FOIA REPLIES)

Enclosure (10)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HERESIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 12-1-75 BY 81-P.141414C

SEE NOTE PAGE 2
Honorable Bella S. Abzug

NOTE: By letter dated March 26, 1975, Congresswoman Abzug requested, per suggestion made to her in Bureau letter dated March 13, 1975, copies of all information pertaining to herself. NIS and US CSC referred to FBI requests received by them for information from Mrs. Abzug. NIS enclosed documents which made reference to information which originated with FBI and CSC listed Bureau classified documents contained in their investigative file on Abzug.
May 29, 1975

Mr. Mintz

Attn: Legal Analysis

Deputy Attorney General

Attention: Susan M. Hauber

Honorable Bella S. Abzug
Chairwoman, Subcommittee on Government
Information and Individual Rights
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mrs. Chairwoman:

Please refer to my letter dated April 15th. Be advised that a preliminary review of our records has been completed in regard to your request.

Our review disclosed four main case files in which your name appeared either as the subject or in the caption of the case. These cases were as follows: a security-type case concerning you which was discontinued upon your election to Congress; a civil rights matter wherein you corresponded with the FBI on October 30, 1972, regarding a report made by you at LaGuardia Airport, New York, on October 20, 1973; and an extortion investigation predicated on a threatening letter you received January 25, 1974.

Processing of the above files has been initiated consistent with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Documents from some of these files are being reviewed to determine whether continued classification is warranted. The remaining files are being processed and disclosable information will be made available to you as processing is completed.

Our search in connection with your request revealed numerous incidental references wherein your name appeared in investigatory files of other subjects. Many of these references pertain to your professional duties as an attorney and others are public source material relating to you. Considerable time will be required to review and process these documents and it is estimated at this time that the costs involved will exceed $25.
Honorable Bella S. Abzug

We will periodically advise you of our progress in processing your request and material will be forwarded to you as it becomes available.

Sincerely yours,

G. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

NOTE: Congresswoman Abzug is the subject of Files 44-54782, 89-2750, 164-3749, and 100-401225.
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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 12-1-99 BY SPHIGMOC
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CALLAHAN
MR. JENKINS
MR. ADAMS
MR. MCDERMOTT
MR. HENTZ
MR. GALLAGHER
MR. WANNALL

RE: CONGRESSWOMAN BELLA ABZUS

On October 9, 1975, in response to Mrs. Abzug's phone call to me, I visited with her in her office in the Longworth Building.

Mrs. Abzug said that her Committee, Subcommittee on Government Information and Individual Rights of the Committee on Government Operations, is in charge of systems of records and that they have legislative and oversight over all such records. This includes FOI and the Privacy Act. She indicated the Committee is interested in such matters as:

1. Do Not File situations
2. Destruction of files
3. Archival procedures
4. Why certain matters are classified
5. How long such matters be classified

Mrs. Abzug said further she and her Committee want to talk with people who are involved in keeping records. She indicated that they were not interested in the text of the file. In further expansion of this, she said they wanted to focus on policy and on the people making policy. Further emphasis is to be made on whose records are kept.

She reiterated that they wanted to examine the classification policy and need clearer lines of understanding. They do not intend to go into specifics at this point, but only in the event there is a need for a better understanding of what happened and why.

MAIL ROOM □ TELETEYPE UNIT □
Memorandum for Messrs. Callahan, Jenkins, Adams, McDermott, Mints, Gallagher, and Wannall

October 14, 1976

Mrs. Abzug said she wanted to relate these matters to me inasmuch as there appears to be some misunderstanding about her previous request to have certain of our people testify before her Committee. She said she would like to have members of our policy making group get together with members of the staff of her office and look into the problem in order that they might evolve some mutually acceptable solution.

On October 14 I mentioned this problem to Mr. Mints and instructed him to get together with the staff of Mrs. Abzug's committee and see what can be worked out. I mentioned to Mrs. Abzug and it should be kept in mind by our people that in the event there is any request to look into the Dallas situation, this is barred as a result of the opinion of the Department. Although I did tell this to Mrs. Abzug, I seriously question whether or not she gave it very much attention. She seemed to be bent in the direction of doing whatever is necessary in order that there might be a clarification of filing procedures and if this goes into specifics, this would not be at all to be considered as a step on such a pursuit.

Very truly yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director
Memorandum

TO: Mr. Gebhardt
FROM: Mr. Abbott
SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

TO: Bella S. Abzug

Attached is a copy of the FOIA request and pertinent files and/or excised documents which appear subject to disclosure.

Addendum should include total Agent time expended in the review.

Questions on this matter should be discussed with

Room 5442a EHH, extension 4794

RECOMMENDATION(S): (only items checked apply)

1. That the General Investigative Division(s) review the excised documents to insure sufficient deletions have been made. Please explain briefly the reason for any additional deletions requested. If the materials proposed for disclosure are from a classified serial, insure that all portions which justified the classification have been deleted.

2. That the Intelligence Division:
   (a) Review the classification of serial(s) remain classified, indicating on the file copies which portions are classified; which portions, if any, are unclassified; and those which have been declassified in their entirety. Addendum should note any newly declassified serials.
   (b) Review the balance of the file to determine if currently unclassified serials warrant classification. Newly classified serials should also have indicated on the file copies the classified and unclassified portions. Addendum should note any newly classified serials.

1 - Mr. Gebhardt
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Attention:
The GID expended 30 minutes in reviewing FOIA request and information to be furnished Congresswoman Bella S. Abzug, with no deletions from such information prepared by the Files and Communications Division as attached.
Honorable Clarence Kelley, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kelley:

On March 26th I wrote to you requesting copies of all information pertaining to me which is held by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I subsequently received your letter of May 29th indicating that a preliminary review of your records had been completed and you made reference to four case files in which my name appeared. You also mentioned "numerous incidental references" where my name appeared.

I assume that you have completed your review of my records and I restate my request that you forward the material to me. I would appreciate your directing it to my personal attention, at my Congressional Office in Room 1507 of the Longworth Building.

I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

Bella S. Abzug
Member of Congress
(D. New York)
June 25, 1975

Mr. Mintz

Attn: Legal Analysis

Honorable Bella S. Abzug
Chairwoman, Subcommittee on Government Information and Individual Rights
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mrs. Chairwoman:

Reference is made to my letter dated May 29th and your letter dated June 11th.

Please be advised the processing of your request is continuing. Enclosed are documents excised from our main case file mentioned in my previous letter as a Crime Aboard Aircraft - False Report matter.

These documents contain certain deletions made in accordance with our interpretation of existing statutes and regulations of the Department of Justice pertaining to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The deleted material and the remainder of our investigatory file cannot be made available to you since the information appearing therein is exempt from disclosure pursuant to the Act, Title 5, United States Code, Section 552 (b)(5), (b)(7)(C) and (b)(7)(D). These exemptions allow withholding inter-agency or intra-agency memoranda or letters which would not be available to a party other than an agency in litigation with the FBI; information the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of an individual; and information received under an express or implied assurance of confidentiality or in circumstances from which such an assurance could be reasonably inferred.

You have thirty days from receipt of this letter to appeal to the Attorney General from any denial contained herein. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Attorney General (Attention: Freedom of Information Appeals Unit), Washington, D.C. 20530. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Following the Attorney General's decision, you may file with the United States District Court for the District of Columbia for review of the Attorney General's decision. The decision of the District Court is final.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Title]

[Department]

[Address]
Honorable Bella S. Abzug

judicial review is available in the district of your residence or principal place of business, or in the District of Columbia, where the records are situated.

The above file also contained a document originating with the Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, which has been referred to that agency for a direct response to you.

For your information, I am not, at this time, providing any documents from the civil rights matter wherein you corresponded with the FBI on October 30, 1972, regarding one inasmuch as your name appears only in the caption, nor documents from the extortion investigation involving your receipt of a threatening letter on January 25, 1974, as you are cognizant of the pertinent facts.

Documents from the security investigation, referred to in my May 29th letter, are still being processed and we expect they will be completed in the immediate future, at which time those documents subject to disclosure will be forwarded to you promptly.

The processing of requests for information under the FOIA continues to be delayed inasmuch as the volume of requests received by the FBI remains extremely heavy. Your cooperation has been greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

Enclosures (4)

NOTE: Processing of Congresswoman Abzug's FOIA request continues but the conclusion will take some time since there are yet approximately one thousand pages of incidental references which remain to be processed. However, all main files have been reviewed.
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:                                                                                              Office: New York, New York

Report of:                                                                                              Bureau File #:                  
Date: DEC 10 1973
Field Office File #:                                                                                   

Title: BELLA S. ABZUG CONGRESSWOMAN NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Character: CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - FALSE REPORT


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On December 7, 1973, United States Attorney, Eastern District of New York, stated that further contact had been had with the Department of Justice and he was declining prosecution of Congresswoman ARZUK on the grounds that there was no evidence of criminal intent and the matter did not warrant prosecution in United States District Court.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: BELLA S. ABZUG, CONGRESSWOMAN
NEW YORK, NEW YORK
CAA - FR

Advised this date that following further contact with Department of Justice he is declining prosecution of Congresswoman ABZUG for lack of intent to violate Title 49, USC, Section 1472 (m).

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Synopsis: While at passenger screening for EAL shuttle flight, La Guardia Airport to Washington National Airport, Washington, DC, 10/20/73, Congresswoman BELLA S. ABZUG alleged she had a pistol in her coat pocket. Search negative. AUSA, EDF, deferring prosecutive opinion pending identification and interview of witnesses.

DETAILS: 
Investigation was predicated on notification November 9, 1973, that Congresswoman BELLA S. ABZUG had falsely reported she had a pistol in her coat pocket when at screening for an Eastern Airlines Flight, October 20, 1973, at La Guardia Airport, enroute to Washington National Airport, Washington, DC.
On November 9, 1973 and November 12, 1973, the facts as set forth herein were discussed with the Criminal Division, Office of the United States Attorney (USA), for the Eastern District of New York (EDNY), regarding a violation of Title 49, United States Code, Section 1472 (m).

On November 13, 1973, he stated that he had consulted with appropriate officials of the Department of Justice and in accordance with said consultation he would hold his prosecutive opinion in abeyance at this time and requested that interviews be conducted with any additional witnesses who could be identified.
Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) of the Eastern District of New York (EDNY), was informed of the above facts on November 9, 1973. On November 13, 1973, he advised that he had telephonically discussed the facts in this matter with appropriate officials at the Department of Justice, and would hold prosecutive opinion in abeyance pending attempts to locate additional witnesses to the incident.
Memorandum

TO: MR. CALLAHAN

FROM: J. B. ADAMS

DATE: 12/12/75

SUBJECT: GAO OVERSIGHT

This morning, [Redacted] and [Redacted] of the GAO staff met with Mr. Jenkins and me to discuss GAO's future plans for inquiries into FBI operations. They made reference to the fact, as has been reported previously, that they are obtaining briefings from the various Headquarters divisions to familiarize themselves in more detail with our operations and are conducting a survey of USA declination policies which indirectly affects us. They now have a request from Bella Abzug asking them to conduct an inquiry into other lists similar to ADEX which were not published under the Privacy Act of 1974 regulations, and the Congressional Research Service has advised Mrs. Abzug that ADEX, even though a subindex, should have been so listed.

I advised [Redacted] that before instituting their survey at the behest of Mrs. Abzug a letter should be prepared from Mr. Staats to the Director and/or the Attorney General advising that the request had been received and of their intention to comply with the request. This would permit a decision to be made as to what further type of oversight GAO is going to be permitted to engage in and any possible conflict with permanent oversight being contemplated by Congressional committees.

[Redacted] advised that GAO had not wanted to comply with Mrs. Abzug's request and had advised her that their inquiries thus far had been confined to the House Judiciary Committee; yet, they felt they had no valid basis to turn down her request. I explained to him that, notwithstanding GAO's claimed statutory authority to conduct extensive reviews of FBI programs and activities unrelated to financial aspects, there is and has been a conflict between the Attorney General and GAO as to the extent of that authority and that now would appear a good time to get some sort of resolution of this most important issue. I reminded him that when they initiated their review of our domestic intelligence investigations the original communications indicated that, following that, they would, in accordance with the Judiciary Committee's request, make recommendations as to what type of procedure should be established for meaningful FBI...
Memorandum for Mr. Callahan
Re: GAO OVERSIGHT

oversight. Here, though, it appears that they are beginning to broaden their inquiries without this major decision having been made and agreed to between the Department of Justice, GAO and the Congress.

I feel that we should immediately notify the Attorney General by letter of the results of this meeting and alert him to the fact that such a letter will be coming over from Mr. Staats and that we should take affirmative action to determine now the extent of further GAO oversight which is going to be permitted.

ACTION:

Upon approval, an appropriate communication will be prepared.

I agree - it appears to me GAO might need to be used to their and our disadvantage unless some guidelines are established. As Staats and Lewis expressed some limitations as to their charter.
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. Wannall

FROM: Mr. McDermott

DATE: 6/26/75

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

RE: Bella S. Abzug

Attached is a copy of the FOIA request and pertinent files and/or excised documents which appear subject to disclosure.

Addendum should include total Agent time expended in the review.

Please make every effort to insure that this memorandum, with its attached documents, is returned to the FOIA Section within (3) working days.

Questions on this matter should be discussed with Room 5442a JEH, extension 5565.

RECOMMENDATION(S): (only items checked apply)

( ) 1. That the Division(s) review the excised document(s) to insure sufficient deletions have been made. Please explain briefly the reason for any additional deletions requested. If the materials proposed for disclosure are from a classified serial, insure that all portions which justified the classification have been deleted.

(χ) 2. That the Intelligence Division:

(χ)a. Review the classification of serial(s) file# 100-401225 to insure documents should remain classified, indicating on the file copies which paragraphs are classified; which paragraphs, if any, are unclassified; and those which have been declassified in their entirety. Addendum should note any newly declassified serials.

(χ)b. Review the balance of the file to determine if currently unclassified serials warrant classification. Newly classified serials should also have indicated on the file copies the classified and unclassified paragraphs. Addendum should note any newly classified serials.
ADDENDUM: INTELLIGENCE DIVISION LJB:sdjs 7/2/75

The excised documents attached to instant memorandum have been reviewed. The only item which appears to require further deletion is a confidential classification that appears in one of these documents. This item has been bracketed in red pencil.

The main file concerning Bella S. Abzug; 100-401225, was subjected to a classification review. The following action resulted.

Serials 3 and 4 have been classified. Serial 7 has been declassified. The cover pages to New York report dated 2/26/59, serial 10, have been classified; however, the details of that report were declassified.

New York letter dated 7/24/59 captioned [IS-R,"a copy of which appears in the above main file, has been classified. The cover pages to New York report dated 2/3/60, serial 11, have been classified. Serial 14 and the cover pages to New York report dated 2/19/62, serial 17, have also been classified. The details of that report have been declassified.

Serials 19, 21, 23 and 25 have been declassified. Serials 28, 31 and 35 have been classified. [In addition, WFO teletype dated 8/3/71 entitled appears in the Abzug main file, has been classified.

The appropriate paragraphs that established the basis for classification of serials in the main file have been duly designated. All necessary action, including advice to appropriate offices and recipients of Headquarters-level dissemination has been taken. Such offices and recipients were requested to take the appropriate classification or declassification action.

Agent time expended in handling this matter was

2$ hours.
July 18, 1975

Honorable Bella S. Abzug
Chairwoman, Subcommittee on Government
Information and Individual Rights
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mrs. Chairwoman:

Reference is made to my letter dated June 25th.

Enclosed are documents excised from the security investigation mentioned in my previous correspondence. As with my June 25th submission of documents from our files pertaining to you, the enclosed materials contain deletions made in accordance with our interpretation of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

The deleted material and the balance of the security file are exempt from disclosure pursuant to Title 5, United States Code, Section 552, Subsections (b)(1), (b)(2), (b)(5), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(D) and (b)(7)(E). These exemptions permit the withholding of data which is currently and properly classified; information related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency; inter-agency and intra-agency memoranda not available through discovery proceedings; information which if disclosed would constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of an individual; information received under an express or implied assurance of confidentiality or in circumstances from which such an assurance could be reasonably inferred; and information which would disclose investigatory techniques and procedures.

You have thirty days from receipt of this letter to appeal to the Attorney General from any denial contained herein. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Attorney General (Attention: Freedom of Information Appeals Unit),

The Deputy Attorney General
Attention: Susan M. Hauser

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ENC. BEHIND FILE
Honorable Bella S. Abzug

Unit), Washington, D. C. 20530. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Following the Attorney General's decision, judicial review is available in the district of your residence or principal place of business, or in the District of Columbia, where the records are situated.

This file contained certain documents originating with the Department of State which have been referred to that agency for their direct response to you.

Please be advised the processing of the numerous incidental references wherein your name appears in investigatory files of other subjects is continuing. As material becomes available upon completion of processing any documents subject to disclosure will be promptly forwarded to you.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

Enclosures (25)

NOTE: The sanitized documents provided Congresswoman Abzug were excised from the main case file 100-401225, the investigatory aspect of which was discontinued upon her election to Congress. The file was subjected to classification review by Intelligence Division and their recommendations are set out in an addendum to memorandum dated 6/26/75. Exemption (b)-(2) was used in instances wherein the information pertained to Bureau administrative procedures. The material originating with the State Department was referred to the Legal Division, Passport Office, on 6/3/75. Twenty-five enclosures constitute total of 63 pages being released.
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. Wannall  DATE: 8/19/75

FROM: Mr. McDermott

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

RE: Bella S. Abzug

Attached is a copy of the FOIA request and pertinent files and/or excised documents which appear subject to disclosure.

Addendum should include total Agent time expended in the review.

Please make every effort to insure that this memorandum, with its attached documents, is returned to the FOIA Section within (10) working days.

Questions on this matter should be discussed with Room 5442 JEH, extension 6565.

RECOMMENDATION(S): (only items checked apply)

[ ] 1. That the Intelligence Division(s) review the excised document(s) to insure sufficient deletions have been made. Please explain briefly the reason for any additional deletions requested. If the materials proposed for disclosure are from a classified serial, insure that all portions which justified the classification have been deleted.

[ ] 2. That the Intelligence Division:

[ ] a. Review the classification of serial(s) to insure documents should remain classified, indicating on the file copies which paragraphs are classified; which paragraphs, if any, are unclassified; and those which have been declassified in their entirety. Addendum should note any newly declassified serials.

[ ] b. Review the balance of the file to determine if currently unclassified serials warrant classification. Newly classified serials should also have indicated on the file copies the classified and unclassified paragraphs. Addendum should note any newly classified serials.
FOIA REQUEST OF BELLA S. ABZUG

Serial references submitted for classification review. Reference in which previous classification was indicated is underlined.

61-10149-1380p4, 5, 15
-1881p3, 4
-2075p1, 6, 7, 20 (Class.)

62-107350-301p16, 17, 18

65-59242-476p1, ep1A, 71, 72
-485ep4

100-3-35-81p3

100-3-74-5838ep18

100-7046-669p2

100-7321-135p29
ADDENDUM: INTELLIGENCE DIVISION  TCD:mod  9/5/75

1. Attached excised documents were reviewed. Sufficient deletions appear to have been made. Only one document proposed for disclosure was classified.

2a. 61-10149-2075 is classified "Confidential." Information pertaining to requester is located on pages 1, 6, 7, 20. None of the material specifically pertaining to requester is classifiable.

Agent handling time 1 hour.
TO: Mr. Wannall
FROM: Mr. O'Connor

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST
RE: Bella Abzug

Attached is a copy of the FOIA request and pertinent files and/or excised documents which appear subject to disclosure.

Addendum should include total Agent time expended in the review.

Please make every effort to insure that this memorandum, with its attached documents, is returned to the FOIA Section within (10) working days.

Questions on this matter should be discussed with Room 5442 JEH, extension 5770.

RECOMMENDATION(S): (only items checked apply)

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2. That the Intelligence Division:
   a. Review the classification of serial(s) to insure documents should remain classified, indicating on the file copies which paragraphs are classified; which paragraphs, if any, are unclassified; and those which have been declassified in their entirety. Addendum should note any newly declassified serials.
   b. Review the balance of the file to determine if currently unclassified serials warrant classification. Newly classified serials should also have indicated on the file copies the classified and unclassified paragraphs. Addendum should note any newly classified serials.

SEE ADDENDUM ATTACHED

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Mr. Wannall
Attention: Mr.

1 - Mr. Wannall
Attention: Mr.

1 - Mr. Bassett
Attention: Mr.
Abzug, Bella S.

Serial references submitted for classification review. Please review paragraph by paragraph to determine if those references previously not classified should be classified and classified material should remain classified.

References previously classified are designated (Class).

100-7321-1127
(Class.) V - 1180 p. 12, 20, 78
(Class.) 100-7495-79 p. 8, 9
(Class.) 100-17828-1817 e p. 4
(Class.) 100-36774-24 p. 2
(Class.) 100-78653-47 e p. 15
(Class.) 100-190625-4496 p. 45, 46
(Class.) 100-344739-305
(Class.) 482 p. 6
(Class.) 100-348330-31 p. 15, 16
(Class.) 100-348689-21 p. 2
(Class.) 23 p. 12, 23
(Class.) 100-353390-326 p. 60
(Class.) 100-364197-170 p. 5, 6, 7, 10
(Class.) 100-364246-66 p. 38
(Class.) 100-387953-9 p. 1, 4, 11, 18
Abzug, Bella S.

100-457588-35 ep. 1
(Class) 100-460495-3977 p. 55
(Class) 100-460998-204 ep. 1
100-468406-32
(Class) 01-786-318 p. 12-15
Attached excised material was reviewed and, with the exceptions listed below, no additional excising appears necessary. The following serials contain third-party information, which has been red-bracketed, and consideration should be given to deleting it:

1. 100-7495-79
   100-36774-24
   100-190625-4496
   100-344739-305
   100-348330-31
   100-364197-170

The following serials are classified; however, material concerning requester may be considered unclassified:

1. 100-7321-1180
   100-7495-79
   100-36774-24
   100-190625-4496
   100-348330-31

2. The following serials are classified; however, material concerning requester may be considered unclassified:

1. 100-7321-1180
   100-7495-79
   100-36774-24
   100-190625-4496
   100-348330-31

The following serials are not classified, and no classification action is necessary:

1. 100-7321-1127
   100-17828-1817
   100-78653-47
   100-344739-305
   100-348588-21 and 23
   100-457688-35
   100-468406-32

Agent Handling Time: 3 hours

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DATE 07-16-2009 BY 60324 UCBAM/DK/SBS
November 4, 1975

Honorable Bella S. Abzug
Chairwoman, Subcommittee on Government
Information and Individual Rights
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mrs. Chairwoman:

Reference is made to my letter dated July 18th.

Enclosed are documents excised from incidental references wherein your name appears in investigatory files pertaining to subjects other than yourself. Deletions have been made and certain documents have been withheld in their entirety pursuant to one or more of the following subsections of Title 5, United States Code, Section 552:

(b)(5) intra-agency or inter-agency memoranda not available through discovery proceedings during litigation;

(b)(7) investigatory records compiled for law enforcement purposes, the disclosure of which would:

(C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

(D) reveal the identity of a confidential source or information furnished only by the confidential source.

You have thirty days from receipt of this letter to appeal to the Attorney General from any denial contained herein. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Deputy Attorney General (Attention: Freedom of Information Appeals Unit), Washington, D.C. 20530. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or

[Handwritten note: REC 12]

SEE NOTE PAGE THREE AND FOUR

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"Information Appeal." Following the Attorney General's decision, judicial review is available in the district of your residence or principal place of business, or in the District of Columbia, where the records are situated.

Our files also contain certain documents wherein your name appears described below which are not being provided at this time; however, copies will be furnished upon your request. These documents include: clippings of news articles; a copy of House Resolution 635, dated July 25, 1956, in which your name was set out as counsel for a witness appearing before the House of Representatives, Subcommittee of the Committee on Un-American Activities; and photostatic copies of "The New York Guild Lawyer." This latter material would be difficult and expensive to duplicate; however, we will provide copies in the event you wish to bear the cost of duplication.

Additionally, certain documents located in our files originating with the Department of the Army and the Department of the Navy have been referred to those agencies for their direct response to you.

For your information there are some 265 additional incidental references to your name in our files which remain to be processed. Your name is mentioned in these references located in investigatory files pertaining to other individuals, primarily because of your activities in public life and professional career as an attorney. This material is similar in nature to the enclosed documents. Information pertinent to any inquiry made concerning you was contained in the main case files, excised copies of which have previously been furnished to you.

As much of the remaining material to be processed would duplicate that which you have already received or is incidental to the investigation of a different person, it would be appreciated if you would advise the FBI whether you desire processing of the remaining references.
Honorable Bella S. Abzug

I appreciate the patience and cooperation extended to the FBI regarding the processing of your information act request.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

Enclosures 23.

NOTE: The sanitized documents provided Congresswoman Abzug were excised from the following files:

- 61-10149-1380 p. 4, 5
- 1881 p. 3, 4
- 62-107350-301 p. 16, 17, 18
- 65-59242-476 p. 1, ep. 71
- 100-3-35-81 p. 3
- 100-3-74-5838 ep. 18
- 100-7046-669 p. 2
- 100-7321-135 p. 29
- 1180 p. 12, 20, 78
- 100-7495-79 p. 8, 9
- 100-36774-24 p. 2
- 100-78653-47 ep. 15
- 100-190625-4496 p. 46
- 100-344739-305
- 100-348330-31 p. 15, 16
- 100-348689-21, 23 p. 12
- 100-364197-170 p. 5, 6, 7 - 3 -
- 100-364246-66 p. 38
- 100-457588-35
- 100-4607495-3977 p. 55
Honorable Bella S. Abzug

NOTE: (continued)

100-460998-204
100-468406-32
101-786-318 p. 12, 13, 14, 15

Documents located in 100-7321-1165 and 1166, which originated with the Department of the Army and the Department of the Navy, respectively, were referred to those agencies for direct response with requester. Approximately 264 incidental references have yet to be processed. Twenty-three documents constituting 49 pages are being released at this time.
The "Daily Worker" issue of May 18, 1951 (p.3) carries the following account of the visit of the Women's Delegation Against Deportation to Washington, D. C.:
May 24, 1951

A delegation of twenty women from seven states today appealed to President TRUMAN, Attorney General McGrath, and Commissioner of Immigration A. R. Mackey to call a halt to the McCARRAN deportation proceedings which they charged threatened to 'destroy the homes of 170 law-abiding citizens'. The group presented to DAVID K. NILES, Executive Assistant to the President, an open letter signed by fifty-five prominent American women. It views the action of the Department of Justice in applying the provisions of the McCarran law to unjustly deport 170 law-abiding non-citizens from the United States 'with grave concern.' It is disturbing to think,' stated the Open Letter, 'what effect the persecution of these non-citizens will have on the civil rights of every resident of the United States, citizens and non-citizens alike, since these deportations are based on the unconstitutional proposition of denying non-citizens freedom of speech and belief. Denials of these freedoms to the foreign-born would strike at the freedom of all Americans.'

"Included among the women who signed the letter were: ANITA ALVAREZ, BELLA ABZUG, DR. DOROTHY BRENNER, SARAH CLEGHORN, JEANNE COLE, BISHOP M. L. DEBORAH, SUSAN D'USSEAU, MURIEL GARDNER, SAHA RADFIELD, DR. GEORGIA HARKNESS, GRACE HUTCHINS, FEARL LAW, RAY LEV, PROFESSOR BERTHA H. LOTNAR, PROFESSOR MILDRED LUDWIG, KATHERINE M. VAN ODEN, ROSE A. ROSENBERG, PROFESSOR LOUISE STETTMAN SMITH, MRS. DALTON TRUMBO, DR. GENE WELTFISH, and ESTHER ALLEN CANN.

"MRS. HALOIS MOOREHEAD, of New York, headed the Women's delegation. The group stopped briefly at the White House while the Reverend Mother LENA STOKES offered a prayer for the foreign-born men and women who are being persecuted under the McCarran Law.

"The women came to Washington, D.C. under the auspices of the National Women's Appeal for the Rights of the Foreign Born. They marched in a body to the hearing chambers of the Immigration Board of Appeals. There they heard attorneys CAROL KING and ISIDORE MOHLENDER argue the appeal on the deportation order against ROSS NELSON LIGHTCAP, FIRST McCarran Law deportation case to be appealed before the three-member Immigration Appeals body.

"ALAN BROWN, Detroit Lawyer, and MRS. KING also denounced the deportation order against JOHN ZYDOK, Detroit worker, as unconstitutional."
HARRY RAYMOND, 'Daily Worker' reporter and husband of ROSE NELSON, pleaded with the Board to overrule the order for his wife's deportation. He charged the order was aimed at breaking up his home. 'My wife is as good an American as anyone in this room', RAYMOND told the Board. He pointed out that through her marriage to him, she became part of an American family with a proud record of service to American democracy. 'WILLIAM FLOYD, an ancestor on my father's side, signed the Declaration of Independence', he said. 'My grandfather, JACOB LIGHTCAP, a Union soldier in the Civil War, was wounded at Fredericksburg. I served at the front in World War I, and my brother served as a Colonel in World War II; and I am proud to say that my wife has added to this record. She has always stood for and fought for the best principles of democracy. I appeal to the Board to reject this deportation order which threatens to destroy my home and break up my family.'

ROSE NELSON, formerly vice-president of the Women's Division of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order, came to the United States with her parents in 1903 from the Ukraine to escape persecution of the Jewish people. She has been an active leader in the Consumers' and women's movements for many years.

The Women's delegation pointed out that among the non-citizens threatened with deportation are twenty-eight women, the majority whom are married to American citizens. Some, the delegation said, are grandmothers of American-born children; some are mothers of veterans of World War II.

Divided into three groups, the Women's delegation not only visited the President's aide and the Immigration Commissioner, but also members of Congress. The group was led by MRS. MOLLIE BERGER, MRS. EDITH ROBERTS, and MRS. LEHA WANS.
Enclosed for the Bureau is a copy of an Amici Curiae brief filed February 6, 1950 by a number of Attorneys at Law with the Court of Appeals, Second Circuit in connection with the appeal of the attorneys who represented the Communist leaders in the recent trial of the case "United States vs. William Z. Foster et al."

It is noted that at the end of the brief the petitioners are listed on thirteen pages.
IN THE
United States Court of Appeals
FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Appellee

vs.


BRIEF OF AMICI CURIAE

Application for Leave to File Amici Curiae Brief

The undersigned are attorneys at law in the states of California, Oregon and Washington, actively engaged in practice in the state and federal courts of their respective jurisdictions.

As practitioners, we are interested in this appeal because of the inescapable effect of any determination by this Court upon the lawyer's freedom of advocacy. We profoundly believe that a bar whose members are free to undertake any cause before the courts and to exert every effort, including, in the face of adverse rulings, the zealous persistence which the law and the rules of procedure and human resourcefulness permit, is an invincible guardian of individual rights. These are the prerogatives, no less than the duties, of members of the bar.

The judgment below carries heavy implications of restrictions upon these prerogatives and duties, with far-reaching consequences for attorneys and for the entire administration of justice. For the judgment of the trial court rests upon a finding of an "agreement" to obstruct justice. This conclusion is drawn solely from the courtroom conduct of counsel, which, from the necessities of the case, had to be similar and often joint.

That such a conclusion was drawn in a proceeding without opportunity to defend, raises enough questions. But that the normal and natural activities of
individuals seeking to stay the execution of McGEE. Governor WRIGHT granted a
delegation of ten members of the CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS a hearing on July 25, 1950.

Members of the CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS who appeared at Jackson, Mississippi
in the interest of preventing the execution of WILLIE McGEE were as follows:

BELLA S. ABZUG. attorney, 444 Central Park West, New York, N. Y.
Information appears in the "Daily Worker" issues for 3/15, 3/16, 4/5, 4/13 and 5/22/51, indicating that Mrs. Bella Abzug, was one of the attorneys retained by the CRC, defended the Negro ex GI Willie MC Gee during his trial and appeals in Jackson and Laurel, Mississippi.
On June 13, 1951, Assistant United States Attorney of the Southern District of New York, advised that Mrs. BELLA S. ABZUG, 205 West 34th Street, New York City, an attorney, telephonically contacted him between 9:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. that date, and stated that she had been retained to represent Mrs. ABZUG requested an adjournment of one week in connection with Grand Jury subpoena for appearance at 9:30 a.m. that date. Assistant United States Attorney advised Mrs. ABZUG to produce her client by 10:30 a.m. that date.
"Structure for Women's Strike for Peace, Metropolitan New York, New Jersey and Connecticut"

The article indicated that yesterday SRC, an American-based committee with alliances with AMEX (Canada) and Up From Exile (Sweden) held a news conference, announcing a strategy conference to be held in Paris, France, for exiles and their supporters, February 19-22, 1973.

Also at the meeting, an aide to Representative Bella S. Abzug, Democrat of Manhattan, said that the latter had filed a bill asking for a universal, unconditional amnesty for all war resisters, including anti-war demonstrators who have been arrested at protests.
Law Firm of Abzug and Meyer
205 West 34th Street
New York City

The 1955 classified section of the Manhattan Telephone Directory reflects that the law firm of Abzug and Meyer is located at 205 West 34th Street, New York City, telephone number Longacre 4-7091.

BELL S. ABZUG

The 1955 classified section of the Manhattan Telephone Directory reflects that BELL S. ABZUG is engaged in the practice of law at 205 West 34th Street, New York City, telephone number Longacre 4-7091.

The 1955 Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory reflects that BELL S. ABZUG was born in 1920, obtained a LL. B. from Columbia University and was admitted to the bar in 1947.

The "Daily Yorker," a West Coast Communist publication, dated December 16, 1949, page 9, column 1, reflects that BELL S. ABZUG was one of the attorneys representing the Civil Rights Congress, PAUL TARCHERON and others, in connection with the law suit against sixteen individuals and organizations in Westchester County, New York, which was filed as the result of the riots of August 27, 1946, and September 4, 1949, at Peekskill, New York, in connection with the PCETSCN concert.
one B"ALLA BEZUG was' n sponsor for the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born.
The current Westchester Telephone Directory reflects that this number is listed
to BELLA S. ABZUG, 234 East 5th Street, Mount Vernon, New York.
Washington Dateline

Kissinger Suspect Heard

By Only 5 Congressmen

Dr. Eqbal Ahmad came to explain to 435 congressmen the "terribly dangerous" laws involved in his indictment for allegedly plotting to kidnap White House advisor Henry A. Kissinger. But only five Democrats showed up.

Rep. William R. Anderson (D., Tenn.) arranged a symposium for his 434 colleagues and their staffs to acquaint them with the laws involved in the case.

Joining Anderson were Reps. Bella S. Abzug, Jonathan Bingham and Benjamin Rosenthal of New York, and Donald M. Fraser of Minnesota. Ahmad, a citizen of Pakistan who is studying at the Adlai Stevenson Institute in Chicago, said the conspiracy law under which he and seven others were indicted is a government weapon to quiet dissent.

Ahmad admitted he had publicly and privately talked of making a "citizen's arrest" of Kissinger. But he said it was only symbolic, not an actual planned seizure of Kissinger, who is President Nixon's national security adviser.
a NPAC press conference was held on that date from approximately 9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in Room 321 of the Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C. This conference was held in response to the announced hearings by the House Committee on Internal Security (HCIS) on NPAC and the People's Coalition for Peace and Justice (PCPJ), which were scheduled to begin on that date. Those attending the press conference consisted primarily of members of the press and major television networks and several speakers who were introduced by

The speakers included

Bella Abzug,
All of the speakers spoke in opposition to the HGIS hearings.

A printed copy of the statement made by the various speakers at the press conference, with the exception of Representative Bella Abzug, is attached hereto.
This memorandum advises of demonstrations being scheduled in Washington, D. C., and San Francisco, California, on 11/20/71 to build public support for the repeal of antiabortion laws.

The Women's National Abortion Action Coalition was formed at a conference held at Columbia University, New York City, in July, 1971, which was attended by approximately 1,000 women from 29 states. The conference voted to make a woman's right to abortion a national and political issue. Subsequent to its formation, the coalition called for demonstrations in San Francisco and Washington on 11/20/71 to build public support for the repeal of all antiabortion laws, to protest forced sterilization, and to call for an end to restrictive contraceptive laws.

The march in Washington is supported by the Young Socialist Alliance, the youth group of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP). A member of the SWP is Project Director of the Washington march.

Coalition leaders in requesting permit for the demonstration have estimated that participation in the Washington march will range between 10,000 and 20,000 persons.

46 buses have been chartered to bring participants to the demonstration. Participants will represent some 80 cities.

Demonstrators are scheduled to assemble at the Ellipse between 10 a.m. and 12 noon and will march via 17th Street to H Street, down H Street to 15th Street, down 15th Street to Pennsylvania Avenue, and then east on Pennsylvania Avenue to the west steps of the Capitol. A rally will be held at the latter site between 2 and 6 p.m.
Speakers will include women Bella Abzug and speakers.

Though not confirmed, Congress are reported to be invited as
The Manhattan Telephone Directory contains a listing for BELLA S. ABZUG, attorney, 205 West 34th Street.
with residence at 234 East 5th Street, Mount Vernon, New York.

The Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory for 1955 contains the following information concerning these individuals:

BELLA S. ABZUG was born in 1920 and was admitted to practice in New York in 1947. She received an LLB Degree from Columbia University.
The "Daily Worker" issue of December 16, 1949, page nine, column one, reflects that BELLA ABZUG was one of the attorneys who represented the Civil Rights Congress in a legal action.
The "Daily Worker" issue of June 21, 1951, page two, column three, reflected that BELLA ABZUG attended a reception sponsored by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, in New York City, on June 19, 1951, to pay tribute to the five defense attorneys for the Communist Party. The article stated that BELLA ABZUG paid homage to the attorneys for their staunch role in upholding the integrity of the Constitution and their profession.

The National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, was cited as a Communist front by Report #1954, dated April 19, 1949, page two, of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives.
ATTORNEYS FOR CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS
WHO APPEARED AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

BELLA ABZUG, 444 Central Park West, New York, New York, is a female attorney who represented McGEE before Mississippi State Supreme Court on July 21, 1950, and later before the U. S. Supreme Court Justice at Washington, D. C.
ABZUG then appeared before U. S. District Court Judge [name redacted] at Vicksburg, Mississippi, and asked for a writ of habeas corpus which was denied.
This is a woman attorney.
ABZUG took a prominent part at the hearing before the Mississippi Supreme Court on July 24, 1950. Immediately after this hearing she proceeded by plane to Washington, D.C. ostensibly for the purpose of getting a hearing before a U.S. Supreme Court Justice. U.S. Attorney
advised ABZUG did secure such a hearing before U. S. Supreme Court Justice at Washington, D. C. on July 26, 1950 and was successful in having Justice issue a writ staying the execution of WILLIE McGEE until after the U. S. Supreme Court could review this case. The next meeting of the U. S. Supreme Court will be in October, 1950.
the building directory at 201-205 West 34th Street. This directory reflects Abzug and Heyer as having room 3301. For this same room number, there were the following listings:

BELLA S. ABZUG
II AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) MOVEMENT

Testimony Before a Subcommittee of the
House Committee on Un-American Activities (HUAC)

In a report of Hearings Regarding Communism in the United
States Government, part 1, page 1707, reflects that MERWIN SCOTT TODD
appeared before a subcommittee of the Committee on Un-American
Activities, United States House of Representatives, on Friday, April 21,
1950. This report further reflects that TODD was represented at Counsel by
BELLA S. ABZUG, 205 West 34th Street, New York City, New York.

advised on November 26, 1952, that BELLA ABZUG was either an out and
out Communist or one who follows the Communist Party line very closely.

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The June 21, 1961, issue of the "Daily Worker" reflects that HELMUT DEBUC, an attorney in the WHITMIRE v. CO case, paid homage to the five lawyers defending the national committee members of the Communist Party for their role in upholding the integrity of the constitution and the legal process.

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The New York Telephone Directory lists BELLÀ ABEZUG, an attorney, 205 West 34th Street, New York City, telephone ERECENT 9-4277, residence at 444 Central Park West, telephone KOMment 2-4509.
file claim against New York State as a result of riots on August 27th, 1949 and September 4, 1949 at Peekskill in connection with the Paul Robeson concert.

The "Daily Worker" of 12/16/49, page 9, column 1, reflects that BELLA S. ABLEV was one of the attorneys representing the CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS, PAUL ROBESON and others in connection with a suit against 16 individuals and organizations in Westchester County, New York filed as a result of the Peekskill riots which occurred in August and September, 1949 in connection with the Robeson concert.
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Date: June 5, 1975

To: Federal Aviation Administration
    CAA Security Service
    Washington, D.C.

Attention: V. I. Krohn

From: Clarence M. Kelley, Director

Subject: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST OF BELLA SOABZUG

Enclosed for your information is a copy of captioned request. Also enclosed is a copy of a document which originated with your agency, which is being referred to your office for such action as may be appropriate. The requester will be notified of this referral, and it is requested you correspond directly with the requester in connection with this document.

Enclosures (2)

1 - The Deputy Attorney General
Attention: Susan M. Hauser

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Date: June 10, 1975

To: Mrs. Michelle Truitt
Chief, Special Problems Branch
Legal Division
Passport Office
Washington, D.C. 20524

From: Clarence M. Kelley, Director

Subject: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST OF BELLA S. ABZUG

Enclosed is a copy of captioned request and copies of documents which originated with your department. They are being referred to your office for such action as may be appropriate. The requester will be notified of this referral, and it is requested that you correspond directly with the requester in connection with the enclosed documents.

Please note that we have deleted the FBI file number from each of the enclosed documents. This deletion was made on the basis of not coming within the purview of the request. Should you decide to release these documents and prepare copies for release from your original, please make the same deletions prior to disclosure.

Enclosures (5)

1 - The Deputy Attorney General
Attention: Susan M. Hauser

[Signature]

[Date: JUN 18 1976]
Date: October 23, 1975

To: Commander
United States Army Intelligence Agency
Building T4572
Fort Meade, Maryland 20755

Attention: NIIA-PS-D

From: Clarence M. Kelley, Director

Subject: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION-PRIVACY ACTS REQUEST OF BELLA S. ABZUG

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Date: October 24, 1975

To:
Director
Naval Investigative Service
Hoffman Building 1
2461 Eisenhower Avenue
Alexandria, Virginia

Attention: Freedom of Information Act

From:
Clarence M. Kelley, Director

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TO DATE: 4/13/76

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
Memorandum

TO: Mr. McDermott
FROM: J. M. Powers

DATE: 4/13/76

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST OF BELLA S. ABZUG

PURPOSE:
To close Bella S. Abzug's FOIA request.

DETAILS:
In connection with Ms. Abzug's FOIA request, all main files and a portion of the serial references in which her name is mentioned have been processed. Copies of documents subject to disclosure have been furnished to her. Approximately 264 additional incidental references remain to be processed. By letter dated 11/4/75, Ms. Abzug was advised of the remaining references to be processed and was informed that this material was similar in nature to materials she has already received. Inasmuch as the remaining material to be processed would duplicate that which she has already received or is incidental to the investigation of other individuals, she was asked to advise the FBI whether she desired the remaining references to be processed. No response has been received from Congresswoman Abzug.

POLICY:
The position taken in this case is consistent with current policy regarding review of main files only, providing requester does not specifically ask for review of "see" references.

RECOMMENDATION: 100-401225-57X
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Captioned individual, also known as Bella Savitzky Abzug, who you advised was born July 24, 1920, in New York City, and holds Social Security Number 067-18-0247, has been associated from 1938 to approximately 1968 with various organizations which have been described as communist-front in nature. She was the subject of a security-type investigation conducted by the FBI from 1953 to 1968, and this investigation revealed the following information. (U)

Bella Abzug registered her preference in New York City for the American Labor Party (ALP) for the years 1944-1947, 1949, and 1951-1954. The Communist Party (CP) emerged as the controlling force in the ALP in the Manhattan and Brooklyn, New York, areas in the 1940's which enabled the CP to present its candidates for elective office without being directly identified with the CP. Outside of New York City, the CP was unable to win control of the ALP. The ALP dissolved in 1956. (U)

NOTE: Per request of Mr. Jacques Dinwiddie, Administrative Assistant (Security), for Mr. Robert J. Lipshutz, Counsel to the President. Reference Ryan to Bassett memorandum, "Bella Abzug, White House Name Check Request," dated June 15, 1978. The information included from Bureau files has been thoroughly researched and with the exception of paragraph five on page two, dealing with Abzug's activities with the WSP has previously been provided to her in connection with her FOIA request. (U)
Bella Abzug

Bella Abzug acted as an attorney for the Civil Rights Congress (CRC) from 1950 to 1952 and reportedly did a large amount of legal work for CP members. (U)

In 1952, Bella Abzug was described by a confidential source of known reliability as either an out-and-out communist or one who follows the line of the CP, USA. (U)

The July 5, 1970, issue of the "Washington Post" newspaper described Bella Abzug as the founder of the Women Strike For Peace (WSP) and its Legislative Director. The article also disclosed that she had been active in "liberal and even radical causes" since her graduation from Columbia Law School. (U)

On March 5, 1971, Bella Abzug addressed the WSP demonstrators in New York City. She also participated in other demonstrations by the WSP. There is attached one copy each of characterizations for the ALP, IADL, CRG and WSP for your review. (U)

In 1973, Bella Abzug was the subject of a crime aboard aircraft - false report investigation conducted by the FBI. This investigation was due to an incident that took place at LaGuardia Airport, New York, on October 20, 1973, while Bella Abzug was being screened for departure. A patrol officer for the airport reported the following information as stated below. (U)
Bella Abzug

"At approximately 5:58 p.m., this date, while on my post (Shuttle Gate 2), between the screening and the aircraft, I was giving directions to a passenger when I heard a woman say 'I have a gun in my left pocket.' I told her that this is a serious job and not to fool around about possessing guns. She told me that she doesn't care. I then told the Penn Security Agent to run the hand megatometer over her. She did and found no weapons. At this time the woman told me that I was denying her of her constitutional rights as a citizen. I replied that I wasn't but merely enforcing Federal Regulations. She then said that I don't have the right to enforce Federal Regulations. She then replied 'Do you know who I am?' I replied 'no.' She said 'I'm Congresswoman Bella Abzug and I take care of all cops.' I replied what bearing does that have on this situation. She then proceeded to copy my badge number and proceeded on Eastern's 6:00 flight to Washington." (U)

(164-3749)

The United States Attorney, New York, declined prosecution in this matter in December, 1973. (U)

The central files of the FBI, including the records of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning the captioned individual. (U)

Enclosures (5)
American Labor Party
Characterization of Subversive Organization
Internal Security

"The New York Times" newspaper edition of October 14, 1956, page 2E, contained an article captioned "Death of A. L. P.". This article states that the American Labor Party (ALP) was founded in 1936 to give labor and liberals an opportunity to vote for President FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT through an independent or third party. However, during the early forties the Communists took it over forcing union officials to leave.

According to the article the ALP dissolved officially during the first week of October, 1956.

The "New York Post" newspaper edition of October 8, 1956, page 25, contains an article mentioning that the ALP was organized in 1936, with the "blessing of President ROOSEVELT". However, in 1943 the Communists had managed to infiltrate and gain control of the ALP causing the liberals to leave the organization when the Communists used the ALP party machinery for their own purposes. According to the article, the ALP State Committee voted the liquidation of the ALP during the first week of October, 1956.

The "New York Daily Mirror" newspaper edition of October 9, 1956, page 25, editorial section, contained an article captioned "End of American Labor Party". This article makes reference to the ALP as a communist front organization and that it became the "political arm of the Communist Party". The "New York Daily Mirror" is presently defunct.

The Communist Party, USA, is a subversive organization that serves as an arm of the international communist movement dominated by the Soviet Union.

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ENCLOSURE
APPENDIX

1. INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DEMOCRATIC LAWYERS

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", revised and published December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. contains the following regarding the International Association of Democratic Lawyers:

"2. Cited as being among "international Communist fronts"*** functioning at the present time."

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 93, also p. 59.)
THE CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS

The Civil Rights Congress (CRC) came into being in April of 1946, and subsequently became the leading Communist Party (CP) front group and was dominated by Party members. It was described as the legal defense arm of the CP, defending Party leaders and members, who allegedly violated a law. It raised bail for Party leaders and members, as well as maintaining funds raised for such purposes. The CRC also recruited people for membership in this front group, for eventual recruitment into the CP. The CRC dissolved in the late 1950's.
WOMEN STRIKE FOR PEACE (WSP)
Also Known As
Women's International Strike For Peace

WSP is a peace oriented women's organization opposed to the United States foreign policy in Vietnam.

Founded in 1961 in Washington, D.C., local Southern California WSP headquarters are maintained at 5899 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. WSP locally is quite active in draft counseling.

WSP is a non-membership organization and has no officers. No effort is made to exclude from its activities members of, or persons sympathetic to, the Communist Party and related groups.
Memorandum

TO: H. N. Bassett

FROM: D. Ryan

DATE: 6-15-78

SUBJECT: BELLA ABZUG
WHITE HOUSE NAME CHECK REQUEST

PURPOSE: To advise of request by The White House for a name check concerning Bella Abzug in connection with a possible Presidential appointment.

DETAILS: Attached is a summary memorandum concerning Bella Abzug which has been prepared for transmittal to The White House in connection with a White House name check request.

RECOMMENDATION: That upon approval of attached summary memorandum, this communication (with attached summary memorandum) be promptly returned to the Executive Branch Agencies Unit; Document Classification and Review Section, Records Management Division for appropriate transmittal to The White House in response to the name check request.

Enclosure -

All information contained herein is unclassified.

Date: 12-2-79 by SB

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