

FBI FILE ON FORMER REP. AND RADICAL FEMINIST BELLA ABZUG

Excerpts:

- **On the FBI security index for dangerous individuals with communist connections**

- **FBI official labels her “the highly controversial loud-mouthed” congresswoman.**

- **“Either a communist or one who follows the line of the Communist Party very closely.”**

- **Pays tribute to attorneys for Communist Party Surveillance of Abzug’s home reveals Soviet official contacts Abzug and arrangements are made to meet at USSR delegation to the United Nations**

- **Abzug interested in travel to Soviet Union**

- **Described as “out-and-out” communist.**

- **Letter to FBI describes Abzug as member of numerous communist fronts and whose congressional campaign is a “top priority in communist and Soviet diplomatic circles.”**



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. BU 100-401225; NY 100-102413

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

Re: Bella S. Abzug

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.

- 1. Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
- 2. Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
- 3. Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
- 4. U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
- 5. Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
- 6. Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

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

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FEB 17 1966

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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

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Holmes	_____
Gandy	_____

TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 1/26/72

FROM : G. E. Malmfeldt *GM*

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

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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.

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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 alleged 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.

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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.

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

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Deleted Copy Sent by Letter *7/18/75* *Bella S. Abzug*

Per FOIA Request

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cc - Mr. Rushing
Mr. Harrington

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SAC, New York (100-102413)

October 13, 1955

Director, (100-401225) - 3

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BELLA ABZUG
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reurlet dated September 7, 1955.

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A review of subject's file reflects that [redacted] advised during November, 1952, that subject was either a Communist or one who follows the line of the Communist Party very closely. It is further noted that relet reflects that [redacted]

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The last report in this case was submitted by [redacted] 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 [redacted] for all 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 [redacted] 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.

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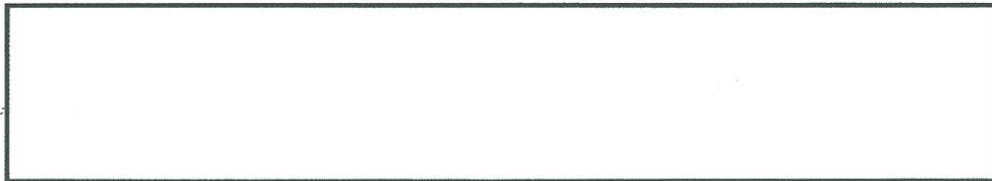
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[Handwritten initials]

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.



OTHER

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum **CONFIDENTIAL**

- 1 - Mr. W.C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. J.P. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. A. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. T.E. Bishop

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TO : Mr. C. D. Brennan *by*

DATE: 4/9/71

FROM : A. W. Gray *AWG*

- 1 - Mr. C.D. Brennan
- 1 - Mr. A.W. Gray
- 1 - Mr. S.F. Phillips

SUBJECT: SURVEILLANCES OF SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN

BELLA S. ABZUG
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST
Bufile. 100-401225

AWG *Brennan*

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 [redacted] 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. [redacted]

On the same date, 7/22/59, our Agents observed Abzug exiting 680 Park Avenue, location of the USSR delegation to the United Nations. [redacted]

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.

ACTION: *61 APR 30 1971* information.

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TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 11-4-70

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: BELLA ABZUG
CONGRESSWOMAN-ELECT (D-N. Y.)

BACKGROUND:

On 11/3/70, Democrat Bella Savitzky 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. [redacted] 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.

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- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
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Bella S. Abzug
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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.

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I have also heard that she is closely associated with [redacted] an official of Women Strike for Peace, who is said to have a long record of communist activity (like her husband, [redacted] and that Mrs. [redacted] 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. [redacted] and Mrs. [redacted] 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.

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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. [redacted] on all political questions, especially foreign policy. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. [redacted] resides in the 19th C.D. They live at [redacted] Riverdale (Bronx County) which is either in the 23rd or 24th C.D. I have heard that Mrs. [redacted] is the daughter of [redacted] and heiress to the [redacted] 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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