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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject born August 24, 1922, Brooklyn, New York. Resides 890 East 6th Street, Apt. 5-G, New York City. Currently attending Washington Square College, New York University, under the G.I. Bill. Confidential Informant advised on July 14, 1948 ZINN believed to be selected as a delegate to the New York State Communist Party Convention, and reported to be a Communist Party member in 1949. Subject active in New York Council, American Veterans Committee, 1948. ZINN filed claim for "property damage" against the State of New York, resulting from "Peekskill riots." Subject's wife solicited signatures to New York State Communist Party Nominating Petitions, in 1946. ZINN and wife members of International Workers Order, Brooklyn, New York, 1949. Background set forth.

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Mr. W. L. BOEGE, Personnel Manager, Lerner Shops, 354 4th Avenue, New York City, made available records which revealed that the subject is presently employed on a part-time basis with this company and has been employed with the Lerner Shops since August 17, 1949, as a shipping clerk.

Communist Party Activities

On July 14, 1948, Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised that HOWIE ZINN was believed to be one of a group of individuals selected from the 6th A.D., Kings County Communist Party as a fraternal delegate to the New York State Convention of the Communist Party.

On November 29, 1948, Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised that HOWARD ZINN of the New York Council, American Veterans Committee, 139 East 57th Street, New York City, had written an article entitled, "Self-Supporting Public Housing -- Plan to Ease the Housing Crisis in New York -- Now."

The above article discusses in detail the housing problem and what should be done to supply adequate, low-rent housing for veterans and non-veterans in New York City.

It is to be noted that Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, stated on November 4, 1946 that the Steering Committee of the Metropolitan Area Council of the American Veterans Committee, which is composed of all the chapters in the New York City area, has been dominated by Communists.

On December 19, 1949, Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, advised that HOWARD ZINN, 890 East 6th Street, New York City, was one of a group of individuals who filed notice of intention to file a claim against the State of New York as a result of the "riots" on August 27, 1949 and on September 4, 1949 at Peekskill, New York, at the so-called PAUL ROBESON concerts.

It should be noted that Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, advised that the "Peekskill disorders" of August 27, 1949 and September 4, 1949 in the vicinity of Peekskill, New York, resulted as an outgrowth of concerts planned by PAUL ROBESON in that area. This Informant stated that the above concerts were held under the auspices of the Harlem Division of the Civil Rights Congress.

It is further to be noted that the Civil Rights Congress has been designated a Communist organization by the Attorney General and comes within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-360217)

FROM : SAC, New York (100-90892)

SUBJECT: HOWARD ZINN, wa.
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SECURITY INFORMANT PROGRAM
NEW YORK DIVISION

DATE: 10/12/53

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HOWARD ZINN has been selected for interview under the Security Informant Program. A review of his case file reveals the following information concerning him:

BACKGROUND

ZINN was born on 8/24/22 at Brooklyn, New York. He is married to ROSLYN ZINN. He is white and a U.S. citizen by reason of his birth in the U.S. He graduated from New York University with a B.A. degree in June, 1951. ZINN served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 6/9/43 to 11/30/45, being discharged in the rank of Second Lieutenant. He was formerly employed by the Ferner Shops, 354 Fourth Avenue, New York City, until 2/24/53, when this employment was terminated. His current employment is unknown. He resides at 890 East 6th Street, New York City.

COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITY

In 1946 and 1947, ZINN was active in the American Veterans Committee, and in March 1948, he was reliably reported to be a member of the Communist Party, attending party meetings approximately five nights a week.

ZINN in 1948 was believed to be one of a group selected from the Sixth Assembly District, Kings County Communist Party as a fraternal delegate to the New York State Convention of the Communist Party. In 1949 he was employed at the American Labor Party headquarters in Brooklyn, New York.

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Information was also received that HOWARD ZINN was on the 1947-1949 mailing list of the Workers Book Shop.

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Memorandum for Mr. Sullivan
RE: HOWARD ZINN
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Subject's name was deleted from the Security Index in July, 1955, under the Security Index Review Project then in force because of absence of evidence of CP membership within the past five years or evidence of substantial active participation in communist front organizations within the prior three years.

In October, 1956, [redacted] self-admitted member of the CP from 1948-51, advised that he knew Howard Zinn to be a CP member about 1950-51 and believed him to be a CP member as of October, 1956, although he could not substantiate this belief. Following receipt of this allegation, the above source was recontacted for more specifics at which time [redacted] claimed that Zinn was a CP member from at least 1949 until about the middle of 1953, his knowledge being based upon the fact that although [redacted] not in the same CP club as Zinn he was in the same section and attended CP meetings with Zinn. Investigation at that time failed to develop additional evidence of CP membership.

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Subject's continued demonstration of procommunist and anti-U.S. sympathies appear to stem from his activities at Spelman College, Atlanta, Georgia, where he was employed as a professor from 1958-63 and involve the following:

Zinn organized a seminar in Atlanta, Georgia, on "American Policy Toward Cuba" which was held in Atlanta, Georgia, 5/9-10/62. William Worthy, the pro-Castro reporter for the Negro newspaper "Baltimore Afro-American," was one of the speakers and denounced U.S. policy toward Cuba. According to a source in attendance, Zinn appeared to be in complete agreement with Worthy.

In February, 1962, Zinn was one of a number of sponsors calling for a demonstration in front of the White House in that month by students from all over the United States demanding the ending of all nuclear testing and termination of the Civil Defense Program.

In May, 1962, it was reported that Zinn was attempting to recruit students to go to the 8th World Youth Festival to be held in Finland in the Summer of 1963.

In November, 1961, subject was a host at a dinner held in the student cafeteria at Spelman College in honor of four members of a Soviet delegation then visiting

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in Atlanta. On 10/24/62 Zinn was one of approximately 25 individuals who conducted a demonstration in Hurt Park, Atlanta, Georgia, to protest against U.S. policy in the Cuban situation.

Zinn moved from Atlanta to the Boston area in the early Fall of 1963 and the case was last brought up to date February, 1964, at which time no information was developed indicating any affiliation with a subversive movement. In his public statements and in his writings he has been critical of the Attorney General for failure to prosecute violations of civil rights and has been critical of the Bureau concerning its roll in civil rights matters.

OBSERVATIONS:

Because of lack of evidence of membership in a basic revolutionary organization since 1953, subject's name was included in the Reserve Index, Section A, rather than in the Security Index. The Reserve Index represents a special group of individuals scheduled to receive priority attention with respect to investigation, interrogation, or detention under the terms of the Emergency Detention Program following invoking of the Program and arrest of all Security Index subjects. Section A, Reserve Index, cases are brought up to date annually.

Subject's activities makes this a close case as to whether he belongs on the Reserve Index or the Security Index. He can, however, be included on the Security Index under the criterion "facts have been developed which clearly and unmistakably depict the subject as a dangerous individual who might commit acts inimical to the national defense and public safety of the United States in time of an emergency," and such action is being taken. Security Index cards are being forwarded to the Boston Office.

ACTION:

For information.

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APPENDIX

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AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR MARXIST STUDIES

A source advised on April 9, 1963, that on April 7, 1963, at a meeting of the New England District Committee, Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), held in Boston, Massachusetts, Herbert Aptheker stated he was developing an organization called American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS), which would eventually legalize the CP. He stated AIMS would publish literature on history, science, physics, archeology, and other subjects which would be put out quarterly with various supplements.

A second source advised in December, 1959, that Herbert Aptheker was elected to the National Committee, CPUSA, at the 17th National Convention of the CPUSA, held in December, 1959.

A third source advised on June 7, 1963, that on June 3, 1963, Herbert Aptheker spoke at the CPUSA, New York District Board meeting concerning AIMS. Aptheker stated that AIMS would unite and strengthen the CP although the CP would not be connected with it. He stated AIMS was being formed to operate within the scope of the McCarran and Smith Acts and would legally bring Marxist material and opinions to the attention of American scholars and the general public.

A fourth source advised that as of May 7, 1965, AIMS was located at 20 East 30th Street, New York City.

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was then residing at 24 George Street, Newton, Massachusetts, with his family, and that he is employed as a Professor at Boston University. (u)

On March 1, 1967, [redacted] Security Officer, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts, advised that the subject was then employed as an Assistant Professor of Government at Boston University, and that he had an office at 236 Bay State Road, Boston. (u)

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II. ACTIVITY

A. American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS)

BS T-1, on March 30, 1966, made available an invitation to a testimonial dinner honoring HERBERT APTHEKER on the occasion of his fiftieth birthday, the publication of his twentieth book, and the second anniversary of the AIMS, to be held April 28, 1966, at the New York Hilton Hotel, New York City. The invitation set forth a list of sponsors, about 200 in number. Included in the invitation was the name of Professor HOWARD ZINN as a sponsor. (u)

A characterization of AIMS, including a characterization of HERBERT APTHEKER, appears in the appendix of this report. (u)

B. Other Activity

By report dated March 2, 1966, the Naval Investigative Service Office (NISO), First Naval District, advised that a Vietnam symposium sponsored by the Boston University Students for Peace, an approved student peace group at Boston University, was held February 16, 1966, at which a four-member panel discussed the subject "What is Wrong with U. S. Foreign Policy". Professor HOWARD ZINN, who was reported to be a member of this panel, accused the United States of being the main aggressor in South Vietnam. The report stated that approximately fifty students attended this symposium.

By report dated April 7, 1966, NISO, First Naval District, advised that a symposium on Vietnam was conducted at the Harvard University Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, on March 23, 1966, and attended by about 125 students, at which there were three guest speakers including HOWARD ZINN of Boston

~~SECRET~~APPENDIX1.AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR MARXIST STUDIES, Also Known As AIMS

A source advised on April 9, 1963, that on April 7, 1963, at a meeting of the District Committee of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA) of New England, held in Boston, Massachusetts, HERBERT APTHEKER stated he was developing an organization called American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS), which would eventually legalize the CP. He stated AIMS would publish literature on History, Science, Physics, Archeology and other subjects which would be put out quarterly with various supplements.

A second source advised on June 30, 1966, that HERBERT APTHEKER was elected to the National Committee, CP, USA, at the 18th National Convention of the CP, USA, held June 22-26, 1966, in New York City.

A third source advised on June 7, 1963, that on June 3, 1963, HERBERT APTHEKER spoke at the CP, USA, New York District Board meeting concerning AIMS. APTHEKER stated that AIMS would unite and strengthen the CP although the CP would not be connected with it. He stated AIMS was being formed to operate within the scope of the McCarran and Smith Acts and would legally bring Marxist material and opinions to the attention of American scholars and the general public.

A fourth source reported on August 29, 1966, that AIMS was located on the fifth floor west of 20 East 30th Street, New York, New York, and issues a "Newsletter" every other month. This source made available the information that AIMS issues publications and holds symposiums concerning Marxism.

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To: SAC, Boston (100-31648)
From: Director, FBI (100-3-104-5)
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There appears to be no reason why this communication should have come in under this caption. This proposed counterintelligence activity is not directed at the Communist Party, USA. If you propose to furnish public source data regarding Zinn to [redacted] you should submit your request under Zinn's caption and specify exactly what public source data you intend to furnish. No action is being taken on your request at this time.

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NOTE:

Zinn was a member of the CPUSA in early 1950's. He has supported antidraft and anti-Vietnam activities and made a trip to Hanoi, North Vietnam, in 1968.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

June 9, 1972

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

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

RE: **HOWARD ZINN**

Dear Sir:

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

1. Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
2. Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
3. Threatening or abusive statement about U. S. or foreign official.
4. Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U. S. demonstrations or hostile incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.
5. Illegal bombing, bomb-making or other terrorist activity.
6. Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.
7. **Potentially dangerous** because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

Photograph has been furnished enclosed is not available.

Very truly yours,

L. Patrick Gray, III
Acting Director

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

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SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL

TO : Director, FBI (100-360217)
FROM : SAC, New York (100-90892)
SUBJECT: HOWARD ZINN, wa
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DATE: 11/25/53

SECURITY INFORMANT PROGRAM
NEW YORK DIVISION.

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ReNYlet to the Bureau, 10/12/53.

On 11/6/53, the residence of the subject was placed under discreet surveillance by SAS [redacted] and [redacted]

The subject was observed leaving his home and discreetly surveilled from the immediate vicinity. He was contacted between Fifth and Sixth Streets and Avenue D, NYC, by the above-mentioned agents. The agents introduced themselves to ZINN and advised him that they had a confidential matter to discuss with him. ZINN was advised that the agents were contacting him in the above-described manner because they desired to avoid any possible embarrassment to him at his home or employment. The Bureau's responsibilities in the internal security field were noted to ZINN and he was advised that it was for this reason that he was being contacted. He was told that he was not being contacted with the idea of intimidating or having him incriminate himself but for the purpose of determining his attitude towards aiding the United States Government. It was noted that he was a citizen of this country, a parent and veteran and had certain responsibilities to himself, his family and country.

He was advised that the Bureau had received information concerning his associations with the CP and was affording him this opportunity to discuss it with agents of the FBI. ZINN stated that he was not now or was he ever a member of the CP. He acknowledged that perhaps his activities in the past had opened him to charges that he was associated with the CP as a member; however, he was not. He also denied that his wife was or had been a CP member. He stated that he was a liberal and perhaps some people would consider him to be a "leftist." ZINN said that he had participated in the activities of various organizations which might be considered Communist fronts but that his participation was motivated by his belief

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It will be noted that the Civil Rights Congress is an organization designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

It will also be noted that ZINN denied CP membership and having attended the New York State Convention of the Communist Party as a delegate of the Sixth Assembly District, Kings County, New York.

Informant T-6, of known reliability, advised about May 3, 1948 that HOWARD ZINN of 926 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, had indicated that he was a member of the CP and that he attended party meetings five nights a week in Brooklyn, New York.

Informant T-7, of known reliability, made available information on July 15, 1948, which indicated that HOWIE ZINN was a Fraternal Delegate from the Sixth Assembly District, Kings County CP, to the New York State Convention of the CP.

ZINN also advised that he could not recall having attended a conference of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee as a representative of the American Veterans Committee.

Records of the New York City Police Department, Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, reviewed about March, 1949, indicated that HOWARD ZINN of the Kings County Committee, American Veterans Committee, advised an employee of the JAFRC on February 11, 1947 that the American Veterans Committee was sending as one of the delegates to the conference of the JAFRC to be held February 16, 1947, HOWARD ZINN, 926 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

It is noted that the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The following physical description of HOWARD ZINN was obtained through personal observation of the subject by SA [redacted] and the writer and the records of the New York State Motor Vehicle Bureau reviewed by SE [redacted]

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Name	HOWARD ZINN
Alias	HOWIE ZINN
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	8/24/22
Residence	890 East 6th Street, Apt. 5G, New York City

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-360217)

DATE: 2/11/57

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-90892)

SUBJECT: HOWARD ZINN, wa.
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The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The Atlanta Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The Atlanta Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence Address: 44 Fourth Avenue, S.E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Business Address: Spelman College
Atlanta, Ga.

Check the following applicable statements:

- This individual has been the subject of a Communist Index Card.
- This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card. (The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The Atlanta Division should affix the addresses reflected above and the appropriate case file number.)
- This subject was tabbed for Detcom.
- This subject was tabbed for Comsab.
- This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.
- Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.
- A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.
- A security flash notice has been placed with the Identification Division.

The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new office of origin with its copies of this letter:

- Security Index Cards
 - Serials (specify)
 - Rep of SA [redacted] 3/9/49, N.Y.
 - Rep of SA [redacted] 8/21/50, N.Y.
 - Rep of [redacted] 2/24/54, N.Y.
- (Cancelled from SI per NY let dated 7/29/55)
Report follows.

cc: Atlanta Division (Enc.) (100-5643)

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The New York Division should then institute additional investigation in an effort to substantiate or disprove the allegations of [redacted] and submit the results of such investigation with respect to each of the captioned subjects in reports suitable for dissemination.

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The Atlanta Division is authorized to conduct a security investigation of Howard Zinn in accordance with instructions set forth in section 87D of the Manual of Instructions governing individuals holding academic positions in an institution of learning.

Simultaneously, a current security investigation should be conducted concerning Roslyn Zinn. At the conclusion of these investigations, you should submit your recommendations with respect to interviewing both subjects and any recommendations you might have concerning the possible inclusion of their names in the Security Index.

The New York Division should clearly understand that this instruction to recontact [redacted] with respect to specific information furnished by him in the past does not in any way countermand the instructions in Bureau letter of 11-30-56 that he should not be considered for development as a panel source or security informant.

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NOTE ON YELLOW: The SI card on Howard Zinn was canceled 8-9-55. Zinn was reportedly a member of the CP from 1948 to 1951 and had past activity in the American Labor Party, the American Peace Mobilization, the American Veterans Committee and the International Workers Order. Interviewed in 1953 and 1954; he denied CP membership but admitted front activity.

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Roslyn Zinn is not on the SI and is the wife of Howard Zinn. Sole source of her past CP membership is that of [redacted]. She was reported to be a member of American Women for Peace in 1950. Circulated and signed a CP nominating petition in New York in 1946 and member of IWO in New York in 1949.

Howard Zinn has recently joined the faculty of Spelman College, a Negro girls school in Atlanta.. He and wife are white.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 11-27-62

FROM : M. A. Jones

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The New York Post of 11-16-62 carried an article entitled "The FBI and the Battle of the South" which related to a report issued by the Southern Regional Council (SRC), a body of white and Negro southern leaders, which reviewed the Albany, Georgia, racial situation. This report, which was critical of the FBI's civil rights investigation in Albany, was prepared by Dr. Howard Zinn, Professor at Spelman College, Atlanta, Georgia. The Director noted on the clipping of this article, "What do we know of Zinn?"

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

Summary

Howard Zinn is a Professor of history and social science at Spelman College, which is a Negro women's college. Zinn was born 8-24-22 at New York City and resided in that city until he obtained employment with the Atlanta college in 1956. He served in the U. S. Army in World War II and thereafter attended New York University, receiving a B. A. degree in 1951. He thereafter received a M. A. degree at Columbia University in 1952 and a Ph. D. at that school in about 1956.

Zinn has been the subject of a security investigation by the Bureau and informants have reported that he was a member of the Communist Party in New York from 1949 to 1953. He was also known to have been associated with communist front groups in New York including the International Workers Order, the American Peace Mobilization and the Committee of One Thousand. Zinn was interviewed by Agents in New York in 1953 and again in 1954. He denied membership in the Communist Party but admitted association with communist front groups. He described himself during the interview as a liberal interested in civil rights but claimed that he would never be involved with any organization detrimental to the security of this country. It is to be noted that Zinn is white.

The SRC of Atlanta, Georgia, issued another report by Zinn concerning the Albany racial situation in January, 1962. In this report, as in the one just released by this organization, Zinn sets out information which is slanted and biased in a manner

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To: SAC, Boston (100-35505)

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Subject's name being included in Reserve Index, Section A, since he is a professor and writer who has a background of known membership in the Communist Party (CP) and has continued to demonstrate procommunist and anti-United States sympathies. Cards being forwarded separately.

NOTE:

Zinn has been repeatedly critical of Bureau concerning civil rights investigations and in speech January, 1964, before American Jewish Congress in Boston made additional inaccurate statements concerning Bureau's civil rights investigations in Georgia. Active CP member 1948-49. In 1952 he was described as procommunist. In 1953 his name was linked with CP underground. Although he denied CP membership in 1953 his denial not supported by facts. In 1956 a former CP member was of opinion Zinn probably still a CP member then. In 1961 he attempted to recruit students to attend 8th World Youth Festival and was described as pro-Castro in 1962. He publicly protested United States demand for withdrawal of Soviet missiles from Cuba.

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SYNOPSIS:

HOWARD ZINN resides 44 Fourth Avenue S.E. and is a full time instructor at Spelman College, both in Atlanta, Georgia. Subject reported as a CP member about 1950-1951 and believed to be a CP member as of October, 1956; signed a CP Independent Nominating Petition for the 1949 New York City Elections and subscribed to the "National Guardian" in 1953.

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T-1, who has admitted his Communist Party (CP) membership from about 1948 to 1951 in the Manhattan-Brooklyn, New York, area, advised on October 4, 1956, that HOWARD ZINN was a CP member about 1950-1951 and is believed to be a member currently due to the past knowledge the source had of him. Informant advised he could not substantiate current membership on the part of ZINN. T-1 also made available a photograph of ZINN taken in about 1951 which showed him instructing a class in Basic Marxism at the Twelfth Assembly District, CP Headquarters, Brooklyn, New York.

Evidence of CP Sympathies

The records of the New York City Police Department, as reviewed by SA AUGUST J. MICEK and SE [redacted] on November 9, 1949, revealed that HOWARD ZINN, 369 Vernon Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, Kings County, witnessed a CP Independent Nominating Petition, pages 1564 and 1565, for BENJAMIN J. DAVIS for the office of City Councilman, Twenty-first Senatorial District, Borough of Manhattan, for the November, 1949 elections in the City of New York.

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Mr. THOMAS E. WAGGAMAN, Marshal of the Supreme Court of the United States, made available around October 1950 correspondence addressed to the Supreme Court urging that the Court review the case of "The Trial of the Eleven."

One of these pieces of correspondence was a letter post marked August 18, 1950 and dated August 15, 1950, which was addressed to the United States Supreme Court, Washington, D.C. The letter stated, "I respectfully urge you to fulfil the traditional rule of the Court as the watchdog of the Bill of Rights, by revoking the Court of Appeals decision of the 11 Communist Leaders.

"Free speech is the cornerstone of a free America and it cannot be preserved unless the Smith Act is declared unconstitutional.

"Howard Zinn"

BS 100-35505

ZINN is a familiar and prominent anti-war activist who has participated in and spoken at numerous anti-war rallies in the Boston area since accepting a position as a professor at Boston University in 1964. He has given active support to the SDS, PLP, and BPP in the past.

In 1968, he went to Hanoi as a representative of the "Peace Movement" in the release of three United States prisoners.

He is the author of "The New Abolitionists--Vietnam," "Disobedience and Democracy," and "Logic of Withdrawal" and is a chief critic of the Federal Government and the war in Vietnam.

An admitted CP member from about 1948 to mid 1953 in the Manhattan--Brooklyn area, New York City, said he attended numerous CP meetings between 1949 and the summer of 1953 with ZINN. In an interview with Special Agents of the FBI on 11/6/53, ZINN advised he was not a CP member; that he was in his opinion a "liberal."

On 7/15/48, ZINN was a fraternal delegate from the Sixth Assembly District, Kings County, CP to the New York State convention of the CP.

In August, 1970, subject requested and received from prison authorities at Danbury Federal Prison, Danbury, Connecticut, permission to visit DANIEL BERRIGAN and also, during August, 1970, requested permission to visit with DANIEL BERRIGAN and his brother, PHILIP BERRIGAN, at the same Federal prison.

It is recommended that subject be included in ADEX, Category III, because he has participated in activities of revolutionary organizations within the last five years as evidenced by overt acts and statements established through reliable informants.

The next report or LHM will be received by the Bureau by 5/12/73.