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Report of CI 104-S re Communist Party meeting held 12/8/63, at home of GENNE KUHN, 6105 Front St., Wheeling, West Virginia.

Remarks: Utmost care should be taken that any information taken from this report is paraphrased to protect informant, since only seven individuals attended the meeting.

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24- Cincinnati

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105-2505 (LEE HARVEY OSWALD)
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100-8359 (Strategy in Industry)
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100-9142 (FLOYD WELLS)
100-7006 (GENNE KUHN)
100-12474 (JOHN FABRY)
100-12475 (SHIRLEY FABRY)
100-6386 (FRED WALCHLI)
100-1910 (ARNOLD JOHNSON)
100-1083 (ANTHONY KRCHMAREK)
157-195 (LEE M. JOHNSON)
100-14096 (HUGH GILMORE CROCKARD, JR.)
100-8402 (Youth Matters)
134-142 (ADOLPH PACIFICO)
100-12707 (Cominfil, Labor Unions)

Informant's report set forth below:

"Steubenville, Ohio.
December 8, 1963

"On the above date a group from Steubenville, Met at 610 S. Front St. Wheeling, W. Va. the home of a Genne (Crockard) Kuhn. This was a Communist Party Meeting. The persons who were in attendance who were recognized were:

- 1 - Floyd Wells: - A Carpenter and treasurer of his local Union from Steubenville.
- 2 - CHARLES PALMER: - A steel worker and former grievance Committeeman from the Wheeling Steel Corpn. and Member of Local Union #1190 U.S.W.A. C.I.O. A.F.L.
- 3 - Randal Gorby: from the Wheeling Steel Corpa and a former shop stewart is a Member of Local Union #1190 U.S.W.A. C.I.O. A.F.L.
- 4 - Arnold Johnson: A former state chairman of the Communist Party of Ohio and who now is a sort of public relations man for the Communist party working out of New York City, New York. He secures speakers for any engagements such as Colleges and Campus lectures
- 5 - John Fabrey a Miner from Smithfield. He is know as the smiling Slovak.
- 6 - Mrs. John Fabrey his Wife
- 7 - Genne (Crockard) Kuhn the hostess is a long time C. party worker former wife of Hugh Crockard Now deceased and she since Married Emil Kuhn who now resides at her home. Genne has three children two to her first husband and the other to the latter. She has a son about 19 yrs old who is being schooled and worked over by the C. party in New York.

Genne Kuhn Continued: The C party wanted to take her son Gill Crockard out of her influence so he could be taught

something Constructive. This Gill recently, a few years or less ago Made a trip to the Soviet Union etc on the Youth Conference Know as the 'World Youth Conference.' He will probably emerge from the New York thing as a full time organizer in some special field such as youth.

At the start of the Meeting Genne brought out her brief case full of clippings (Newspaper) etc she also had a lot of penciled notes which she was undoubtedly going to use to show what she was doing and to give others hell for not co-operating with her.

But the first discussion by A. Johnson centered around the late Pres. Kennedy.

Arnold explained that since Oswald was Considered a Communist then a wave of hysteria was about to explode against the C. party of America but by the time the re-actionaries were getting started it was announced that it had been disclosed that it seemed like the extreme right had been active. This was bore out by the declaration of Russia that it was not the C. party that had done it because Kennedy was a friend of the Working class but the work of the extreme right or almost a fascist act. This seemed to sober the masses that it was the same caliber of people who had insulted Stevenson only Weeks before in Dallas, Texas.

Arnold stated he was asked by C.B.S. News about this Oswald as to a letter he had written to the party, he told them he gets lots of letters of enquiry about the C. party and he probably answered it as he does hundreds of others and even sent him literature if he requested it. They (C.B.S.) wanted him to go on the air with a statement but he stated to them he would have to dig the letter out and be sure before he Made any statement. Randal Gorby asked Arnold Johnson if when he got back to New York to look in the files if he had a letter from a Wm Pokas, formerly from Bellaire, Ohio, and also an inmate of Cambridge Asylum for a period of time, Gorby

asked Johnson to compare the letter of Pokey's with Oswald's to see if they didn't have a lot in Common. Palmer stated that he thought the statement by the Methodist Minister Covered the situation very good when he stated that the fact that the Murder of Bill Moore, M Edgar Evers and others in the south going by without punishment had set the stage for the Assassination of Pres. Kennedy. Everyone readily agreed.

Arnold Johnson further stated that no real Marxist Could do such a thing. There is not Much doubt that since the Soviet Union had expelled him by not giving him a Citizenship in the Soviet Union because they thought him to be an Agent of Fascism. Genne Meanwhile was Chomping at the bit trying to get her story told about the N.A.A.C.P. and CORE.

She finally got her Chance to unload.

She stated that about the time of the Civil Rights March on Washington a few days before she had been working with CORE and NAACP the reporter from the Wheeling paper Intelligencer had Called and wanted to talk about her. She gave him answers on the phone and finally hung up on him. from the time this phone conversation was completed She had been quoted in the newspaper and exposed as a Communist party Member, which brought about her expulsion from the N.A.A.C.P., but since has been restored to Membership. Then lately a Man (Negro) by name of Johnson head of the local CORE group was indicted for robbing a bus driver in Steubenville, Ohio. Genne had got in touch with R. Gorby as she thought Johnson was being framed. Gorby found out and told her at this Meeting that he had did the robbing and was Not being framed. The best thing to do stated Gorby was to give him help but do not put CORE and the NAACP out on a limb by doing it.

"Palmer stated that it was News to him as the only thing he knew about it was the articles in the paper and the first one looked as if Genne had stayed on the phone too long should have hung up quick. He also stated that in 1948 when he had this trouble everyone knew about it and then he got more help and was successful in defeating the reactionaries. You have to always work together on these matters if you will be successful. The hour was drawing near ten o'clock P.M. and the Steubenville delegation had to work that Nite.

Lunch was furnished by each and everyone with the exception of A Johnson and he put away plenty.

Johnson stated that he had been down this way about one week ago and had contacted some of his old friends by phone, one in particular was Adolph Pacifico he wanted to talk to him on a so called Appalachian Coal project which has been going on for some time Adolph wanted to meet with him if he could find time later Was unable to see him at this time.

Everyone present asked A. Johnson When he was coming back but he would not state exactly only he would notify the Next time he could make it.

No literature

No Collections

During the time Genne Kuhn was belly aching about not getting help from the Valley group it was pointed out by A Johnson that some years back when the Wheeling group was a part of W. Virginia group that difficulties existed and now with the Wheeling group in with Ohio Valley the trouble still exists. He also pointed out that distance has a lot to do with it too. Genne stated that Fred Walchli was supposed to show up with the Beer. She was urged to call him against her wishes but she got no answer on the phone"