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ReNYairtel 11/13/67 recommending [the Ad Hoc Committee (S)] arrange through Charles Roman to establish contact with Sam Frank, who has been identified in the past with the Progressive Labor Party (PLP) but who is currently reported in ideological dispute with PLP leader Milton Rosen. The purpose of this contact would be to seek the support and guidance of Frank who has extensive domestic and foreign pro-Chicom contacts and who may be engaged in Chicom intelligence activities. The contact with Frank very likely may be the first step in the development of a fraternal relationship between the PLP and [the AEC and thus expand the intelligence potential of this operation.] (S)

The Bureau concurs with the comments and recommendation of the New York Office.

As noted in reairtel, the establishment of contact with Frank has been an objective of [this operation almost since its inception. To continue] to avoid any contact with the PLP, the most significant domestic pro-Chicom party, does not appear logical [from our intelligence interests and also could cause suspicions to be directed towards the bona fides of this operation. Available intelligence indicates] the Chicoms desire sympathetic organizations to seek unity and common ideological ground. Consistently, foreign pro-Chicom contacts and significant domestic contacts have questioned why [the AEC] has [no contact with the PLP. Jack Scott, leader of the Canadian Progressive Workers Movement (PWW) which is currently in disagreement with the PLP line relating to Soviet aid to North Vietnam, in his recent letter to [the AEC] admitted the discontinuance of contact between the two organizations was the fault of the PLP and not the PWW. Scott left the decision regarding [AEC contact] with the PLP up to [the AEC] only cautioning against support of the PLP line opposing Soviet aid to Vietnam.] (S)

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Chicago, Chicago
AT THE COMMITTEE
MINES (S)

Speculations that the PLP was possibly CIA or Soviet controlled or infiltrated have been previously discussed and resolved as not factually supported. Recent suspicions that the PLP is supported financially or guided ideologically by an unknown "manufacturer" or "agent" appear to have originated with a PLP leader Clayton Van Lydegraf who obviously is affiliated with the PLP leadership. Van Lydegraf is undoubtedly the source of similar suspicions which have been voiced by Earl Browder and the PLP which probably evolved from his statement to the AWP that "Milt Rosen claims that he had gotten \$200,000 from 'a guy' and that he could get \$75,000 whenever he needed it." (S)

Last month Michael Laskey, leader of the Communist Party, USA (Marxist-Leninist) advised a foreign pro-Chicom that "if it weren't for a certain son of a Texas millionaire, there would not be any PLP newspaper." Laskey probably was referring to Albert Kasater Maher, the son of Houston millionaire industrialist John Fielding Maher. In August, 1964, Albert Maher put up a \$10,000 bond for Harlem PLP leader William Epton after the latter was indicted under a New York State law against anarchy. His older brother, John Fielding Maher, Jr., was reported by PLP defector Philip Luce as having supplied the funds in 1965 to set up the Free University of New York, a left-wing pseudo-educational center including on its staff PLP defectors Milt Rosen, Levi Laub, and Sue Frank. Laub is married to Nancy Maher, sister of John and Albert. John Maher, Sr., has admitted giving his three children a considerable sum of money, including securities which have advanced in value, and has described them as financially independent. It is likely one or several of the Maher children represent the so-called unknown "manufacturer" or "agent" suspected by Van Lydegraf of subsidizing the PLP. (S)(u)

As to Van Lydegraf's allegation that the PLP is receiving ideological guidance from an unknown source, this could be one of a number of people, including Frank, Ira Gellolin, or other pro-Chicom in this country or abroad. (S)(u)

(S) It is not felt the [intelligence potential of this contact] should be delayed by holding in abeyance contact with [] until after the several possibilities raised by the recent [] contact with Liebel Bergman have been resolved. The [] suggested by Bergman will not begin to be realized until the spring and in the interim [] has the opportunity to strengthen its position through development of Frank. If (S)

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to Chicago
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... conference proposed by Bergman is held in the (S)
... it would be far more desirable for [the ANC] to
... with some working arrangement with the FBI through
... likely the FBI will have representation or contacts
... so it would seem practical for the [organization] (S)
... [provisionary] to the conference. (S)

Chicago is requested to submit recommendations for [the
ANC] to establish contact with Sue Frank through Charles Loman. (S)

NOTE: [ANC is FBI intelligence operation projected as true] (S)
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Re Chicago letter, 11/2/67.

Unless there is agreement on what PLP really is, it
will be difficult to get agreement on what [the AHC] policy
should be toward PLP. (S) Susan Frank (S)

In referenced letter, Chicago suggested the
possibility that PLP from early in its history has been a
KGB Third Country operation against the Chinese. Referenced
letter also states that when MILT ROSEN left the CPUSA, there
was no evidence that he was ideologically motivated toward
the Peking brand of Communism. Chicago has also used certain
information supplied by HOMER BATES CHASE in judging PLP,
and Chicago has held that PLP has had an unprincipled line
or position on Marxist-Leninist theory and practice. (S)(u)

New York believes that PLP has been the pre-eminent
pro-Chinese Communist Party in the United States since its
inception, and [that AHC] policy should be based upon this
premise, although [the AHC] statements to others could not
admit this. The theory that the KGB controls the PLP, or
even, as yet, has an informant in PLP, cannot be supported
by information supplied by NY [5812-S] (S)(u)

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NY [100-154902] (s)

MILT ROSEN left the CPUSA before the Sino-Soviet split was as clearly defined as it is now. When he was looking for followers for his new organization, he may have tried to play down Left wing - Right wing differences, but he has followed what it is believed the Chinese would consider a consistent line. (u)

New York is enclosing the following material for review by the Chicago office. It is felt that this material will, in part, substantiate the conclusions arrived at by New York.

1. Xerox copy of New York airtel to Director, dated 12/22/61, captioned, "Progressive Labor; IS-C". This airtel contains a report GUS HALL sent to Moscow in which he states that the ROSEN group has been distributing Chinese material for a whole year and has campaigned for the immediate dissolution of the CP. (NY file 100-147372-2).

2. Xerox copy of New York airtel to Director, dated 1/10/62, captioned "Progressive Labor". This airtel reports that PLP was contemplating the publication of articles written by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, which defended the Chinese position with regard to coexistence and the inevitability of war. (NY file 100-147372-5).

3. Report by SA CHESTER A. REILLY, dated 2/23/62, captioned, "Progressive Labor". This is the first New York report on the ROSEN Group. (NY file 100-147372-84).

4. Report of SA CHESTER A. REILLY, dated 5/18/62, captioned, "Progressive Labor". This is the second New York report on this group. (NY 100-147372-180).

Until recently, it has been an [accepted AHC] (s) objective to meet with PLP. Now Chicago has cited the PLP position on Soviet aid to North Vietnam and the possible KGB penetration of PLP as reasons for staying aloof from PLP. (s)

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NY [100-154902] (S)

New York agrees that these reasons can serve as a reason to others for not meeting PLP, but they are not the best reasons we have for ourselves for not meeting PLP. [If the AHC were a real organization] (S) it would be hard to believe so many years could pass without any contact between the two organizations. Even now, we are constrained to explain to others why there has been no contact with PLP, and the question of PLP comes up at every turn. (S)

The best reason for not meeting PLP or for being careful about all meetings, is that none of [the AHC informants would ring true as an AHC leader] (S) to the CP members who know the informant. If any one of them were publically identified as [an AHC leader] (S), this could pose serious problems [to the AHC] (S)

Recommendation

For some time, it has been an [accepted AHC] (S) objective to meet with SUE FRANK, who is thought to [be the PLP's link with the Chinese. Recently, CHARLES LOMAN made an unsolicited offer to introduce SUE FRANK to] (S) [AHC representatives.] (S) This comes at a time when New York sources have reported SUE FRANK has had some dispute with MILT ROSEN over an ideological matter, possibly the PLP position on Soviet aid to North Vietnam. The source of this information cannot be recontacted. Since this dispute, which took place three or four months ago, there has been no known contact between SUE FRANK and MILT ROSEN, whereas previously they were in almost daily contact. (S)

New York recommends we encourage LOMAN to arrange the meeting with FRANK. If he does not succeed we still look better than if we try to avoid the meeting. If the informants meet FRANK, they can acquaint her with [the AHC] (S) explain they seek no organizational tie with PLP for reasons already discussed, but would like support and guidance [from the Chinese. This would be the same line they have used with the Albanians, the Belgians and the Canadians.] (S)

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NY [100-154902] (S)

If there was ever any merit to the idea of meeting with SUE FRANK, and this was [an AHC] (S) subjective for a long period of time, then we should do it now, because we have never had a better opportunity, and if SUE FRANK's split with MILT ROSEN goes very deep, she may be willing to assist and work with [the AHC.] (S)

It is recognized there is more risk in meeting FRANK than there would be in making other contacts, but the risk is no greater now than it ever was, and if we turn down the meeting with FRANK because of the risk involved, how can we [justify sending an AHC informant to China, where the risk] (S) applies not only to [the AHC] (S), but to the informant as well? (S)

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