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7 October 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

ATTENTION: Mr. Sam J. Papich

SUBJECT: COURT FOSTER WOOD
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

Reference is made to a 25 March 1961 and a 6 July 1961 investigative report on captioned Subject which have previously been furnished to this Agency.

[redacted] who is a current Agency employee, has recently been interviewed concerning his knowledge of Court Foster Wood whom [redacted] had known since mutual attendance in high school. Attached is a detailed report of the information furnished by [redacted] concerning his knowledge of Wood.

Since [redacted] personally has sufficient reason to question the activities of Wood and the activities of the associates of Wood, [redacted] has been advised to discontinue any further contact with Wood.

It would be appreciated if your Bureau would furnish this Agency any additional information brought to your attention concerning Court Foster Wood and of particular interest would be any information received by your Bureau concerning past association of Court Foster Wood with [redacted]

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FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

R. L. Bannerman
Acting Director of Security

Attachment:
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TO: The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
 FROM: Mr. E. J. Fallon
 SUBJECT: COURT FOSTER AND
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Reference is made to a report dated 10/10/61 and a report dated 10/11/61, both of which were furnished to the Bureau by the New York Office of the FBI. The New York Office advised that the information was obtained from a source who is known to be reliable and who has provided information in the past which has been of value to the Bureau. It would be appreciated if your Bureau would furnish this Agency any additional information brought to your attention concerning Court Foster and of particular interest would be any information received by your Bureau concerning past association of Court Foster and with [redacted] Bureau.

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FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

R. A. Barragan
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[redacted] has recently advised that Court 3
Foster Wood was a relatively close high school friend of [redacted]
during mutual attendance at George Mason High School, Falls Church,
Virginia, during 1957 to 1959. [redacted] described Wood as an
average high school student who had no particular problems with
the exception that there were domestic difficulties between the
father and mother of Wood.

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[redacted] became acquainted with the parents of Wood and made
occasional visits to their home during the above period of time.
The father of Wood, Foster Wood, is an attorney who was then living
in Falls Church. Some time ago the father and mother of Court Wood
split up and Court Wood and father moved into an apartment on
Columbia Road, Washington, D.C.

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[redacted] advised that after graduation from high school in
June 1959 he lost any close contact with Wood who then started to
attend George Mason College, where he seemed to have an interest
in philosophy. 3 [redacted] started to attend a military school and
Wood expressed extreme opposition to military schools.

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[redacted] married in 1960, which also helped to move [redacted] 3
somewhat out of the social circle of Wood. 3 [redacted] believed that
for approximately a year, during 1959 to 1960, he did not actually
see Wood but advised that after this period in which he did not
see Wood he has had a number of contacts with Wood, many of which
occurred during mutual attendance at the University of Virginia
Extension School (night school) in early 1961. On one occasion
3 [redacted] attended a party at the apartment occupied by Wood and
father at the invitation of Wood, and on this occasion came into
contact with the "new set of friends" of Court Wood, whom [redacted] 3
described as being "beatnik types." Girls in attendance at the
party, according to [redacted] 3, appeared to be of the "street pickup"
type.

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After the above party Wood occasionally telephoned [redacted] 3
and about Christmas 1960 Wood called and stated that he was going
to Cuba under the auspices of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.
3 [redacted] called on Wood after the return of Wood from Cuba and at
that time Wood lauded Castro very highly. The father of Wood was
also present and [redacted] obtained the impression that the father
was also in sympathy with Castro. 3 [redacted] recalled that he again,
at a later date, had visited the Wood apartment, this being an
occasion when Wood had been visiting somewhere in Falls Church
and contacted [redacted] 3 to ask [redacted] 3 to take Wood home. On this

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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After the above party had occasionally telephoned [REDACTED] and about Christmas 1960 Hood called and stated that he was going to Cuba under the auspices of the State Planning Com. Committee. [REDACTED] called on Hood after the return of Hood from Cuba and that [REDACTED] had lauded Castro very highly. The father of Hood was also present and [REDACTED] obtained the impression that the father was also in contact with Castro. [REDACTED] recalled that he again, at a later date, had visited the Hood apartment, this being an occasion when Hood had been visiting somewhere in Falls Church and contacted [REDACTED] to ask [REDACTED] as this Hood home. On this

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On occasion [redacted] 3 visited at the Wood apartment for approximately an hour, and advised that on this occasion he observed some Soviet propaganda pamphlets in the apartment and that these pamphlets had been printed in English. Stratton also observed a number of copies of the USSR map also in the apartment.

[redacted] 3 also advised that, as previously indicated, he would meet Wood at the University of Virginia Extension School which was conducting night classes at the Washington and Lee High School. Both Wood and [redacted] 3 were attending the night classes but were not attending mutual classes. [redacted] 3 recalled that on one of the occasions when he had met Wood while attending night classes Wood talked about going to Cuba via Mexico for permanent residence, and made some statement to the effect that he would be willing to renounce his United States citizenship. Stratton also recalled that Wood at some time stated that the fact that Americans were afraid of the word "Communism" and were being misled by the newspapers. Wood also complained that the Fair Play for Cuba Committee was unable to obtain the appropriate publicity in the United States.

In June 1961 the above mentioned party were reunited and Stratton does not recall the exact date but with Wood going to until late August or early September 1961. Wood also discussed the subject in regard to the purchase of a bicycle and either a bicycle or through some mutual friends Stratton returned Stratton and advised that the wife of Wood, created in visiting the wife of Wood, and Wood invited Stratton and wife to the home apartment for a party and also advised that they could meet his wife [redacted] 3 and wife, together with Gill and Thomas Warkley, Washington Boulevard, Arlington, who had also attended high school with Stratton, the wife of [redacted] 3 and Wood, accompanied [redacted] 3 and wife to the above party. The other individuals at the party were of the "beatnik crowd" with several of the men wearing beards, and the girls appearing to be of the "street glamor" type. In view of this [redacted] 3 and wife only remained at the party for a very short time but did meet the wife of Wood. The wife of Wood had been attending Bryn Mawr College and was expected to attend Bryn Mawr during the school year of 1960-1961. [redacted] 3 noted that the sister of the wife of Wood is still in contact with [redacted] 3 but that they were strictly friendly.

[redacted] 3 was also present at the apartment party which was attended at the apartment for [redacted] 3 and [redacted] 3. [redacted] 3 was also present at the apartment party which was attended at the apartment for [redacted] 3 and [redacted] 3. [redacted] 3 was also present at the apartment party which was attended at the apartment for [redacted] 3 and [redacted] 3. [redacted] 3 was also present at the apartment party which was attended at the apartment for [redacted] 3 and [redacted] 3. [redacted] 3 was also present at the apartment party which was attended at the apartment for [redacted] 3 and [redacted] 3.

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George Mason College with Wood. [redacted] also recalled that at the first party which he attended and which was at the apartment of Wood and [redacted] David [redacted] was also present. [redacted] according to Stratton, attended the George Mason High School, or attended the George Mason High School in June 1961.

[redacted] recalled that the first wife of the wife of Wood is [redacted] but did not know her maiden name. At the above party Wood indicated that he was moving to Philadelphia and that his wife would continue her college education, but Stratton at the time of the interview did not know whether Wood had actually moved to Philadelphia.

Wood, during conversation with [redacted] made the remark to [redacted] that he, Wood, did not know if his wife was a Communist but she might be. Wood, however, did not discuss any other details of this party.

At the time of the above party [redacted] understood that Wood was employed as a psychiatrist but [redacted] could not recall any other details of the party and [redacted] did not identify any of the other persons who were present at the party.

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