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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-30067)

DATE: JAN 31 1974

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SUBJECT:

JOHN ORION PITTMAN
SM-CPUSA (NATIONAL COUNCIL)

11-1-94
Classified by *SP5 Mac/rde*
Declassify on: OADR (*JFK*)

ReNYlet and LHM, dated 1/11/74.

Enclosed are six copies of an LHM reflecting travel
on the part of the subject from Prague, Czechoslovakia, to
NYC in January, 1974.

The source utilized in the LHM is [NY 2705-S.] (*3*) (*4*)

The enclosed LHM is classified "~~Confidential~~" to
protect [NY 2705-S.] (*3*) (*4*)

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NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will follow and report the
activities of the subject, including his projected permanent
assignment to Prague, Czechoslovakia.

DECLASSIFIED BY *5668-SLB/rde*
ON *11/10/97*
(*JFK*)

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1 Xerox 922 ENCLOSURE

- ② - Bureau (Encls. 6) (RM)
- 1 - New York

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8 By R/S (info) 2/8/74



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Memorandum

TO :
FROM :

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-30067)

DATE: JAN 11 1974

SAC, NEW YORK (100-88368) (P)

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SUBJECT:

JOHN ORION PITTMAN
SM-CPUSA (NATIONAL COUNCIL)

11-794
Classified by SP8 Mac/rde
Declassify on: OADR (JFK)

Enclosed are six (6) copies of an LHM reflecting
travel on the part of captioned subject to Prague,
Czechoslovakia, 1/3/74.

This investigation is based on information
which indicates that captioned subject is engaged in
activities which could involve violation of Title 18,
USC 2385 (Advocating Overthrow of the Government),
2383 (Rebellion or Insurrection), 2384 (Seditious
Conspiracy); or Title 50, USC 781-798 (Internal
Security Act of 1950 and the Communist Control Act
of 1954).

On 12/19/73, [NY 2705-S] advised that JOHN
ORION PITTMAN, Co-editor of the "Daily World", East
Coast Communist newspaper, was then also a member of
the National Committee, and also a member of the Political
Committee, CPUSA.

The CPUSA has been designated by the Attorney
General pursuant to Executive Order 10450. The CPUSA
was described on 5/28/42 by the then Attorney General
as "...from the time of its inception in 1919 to the
present time, is an organization that believes in, advises,
advocates and teaches the overthrow by force and violence
of the Government of the United States." The CPUSA was
also cited on 12/4/47 and 9/21/48 by the then Attorney
General as a "subversive" organization which seeks "to
alter the form of government of the United States by
unconstitutional means." There has been no evidence that
the primary aims and objectives of the CPUSA have changed
over the years.

- 2 - Bureau (Encls 6) (RM) EX-112
1 - New York (100-88368) (M. PITTMAN)
1 - New York (100-137025) (WORLD, MARXIST REVIEW)
1 - New York (100-26603) (NY DISTRICT CP)
1 - New York

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NY 100-88368

"World Marxist Review" also referred to as "World Marxist Review-Problems of Peace and Socialism", and "Problems of Peace and Socialism", mentioned in the enclosed LHM, has been subject to past inquiry in Bufile 105-71639 and NY 100-137025.

CG 5824-S advised on 11/15/73 and on 12/15/73 that PHIL BART (Bufile 100-3284) (CV 100-1207) (NY 100-56579) and his wife, CONSTANCE BART (Bufile 100-6885) (CV 100-21637) (NY 100-12959), recently returned to NYC from Prague where he represented the CPUSA on the editor board of the "World Marxist Review"; that JOHN PITTMAN, who might now be seriously ill, volunteered for the job since it would give him an opportunity to secure expert medical aid in Prague. Further, that his wife, MARGRIT PITTMAN, wants to go with him, but she wants to live in Berlin, East Germany, only a one hour flight from Prague, where she could act as a "Daily World" correspondent.

CG 5824-S advised that the CPUSA is apprehensive about MARGRIT PITTMAN's "petty bourgeoisie nationalistic" feelings for the East German CP which cause her to put down the CPUSA. Further, that the CPUSA feels that she must be restrained from dominating her husband, and that if she goes to East Germany, that Party, must be told that she is not a representative of the CPUSA in East Germany.

CG 5824-S noted on 1/3/74 that MARGRIT PITTMAN, a naturalized US citizen, born in Germany, has strong feelings favorable to the East German CP; and, that her daughter, CAROL PITTMAN (Bufile 100-450605) (NY 100-164468) is a college student in East Germany. On 1/3/74, [NY 2705-S] advised that CAROL [S] (u) PITTMAN, who visited her parents in NYC during the summer of 1973, is reportedly still studying in East Germany.

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NY 100-88368

The above information, primarily secured from CG 5824-S, is not set forth in detail in the LHM, since because of its very nature it would tend to identify this sensitive source.

The enclosed LHM has been classified "Confidential" to protect the identity of NY T-1 through NY T-5.

Informants utilized in the LHM are as follows:

Source

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NY T-1
CG 5824-S

Instant LHM
CG 134-46A-11007
100-88368-1166

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~~(NY 7844-S)~~ (S)

Instant LHM

NY T-3
~~(NY 2705-S)~~ (S) (u)

[134-3911A-4678] (S) (u)

NY T-4
~~(NY 4816-S)~~ (S) (u)

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NY T-5
~~(NY 2010-S)~~ (S) (u)

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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will follow and report the activities of the subject including his projected permanent assignment in Prague.

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