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TO : *mid* DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442715) (S)

DATE: 9/30/65

FROM : *Esh* SAC, CHICAGO (100-41353) (S)

SUBJECT: [AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR A
MARXIST-LENINIST PARTY, USA] (S)
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Re Chicago airtel dated 7/23/65.

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Referenced airtel set forth the results of a contact made with CHARLES LOMAN by CG [6547] (S) and CG [6328] (S) on [July 20], 1965.

On [September 23], 1965, [LOMAN] was again contacted by these informants, at which time a request was made for financial help for the [Ad Hoc Committee]. It will be recalled that [LOMAN] had indicated that he would be willing to contribute financially to the [Ad Hoc Committee] when first contacted.

[LOMAN] at this meeting, furnished \$5.00 to the informants and stated that he was sorry that he was unable to do more for them at this time since his finances were short; however, he hoped that he would be better able to help them in the future.

Part of the discussion during this meeting concerned [LOMAN]'s question as to whether or not it would be better to fight imperialism and revisionism from outside the Party rather than from within the Party. He stated that he had just received the most recent "Hammer and Steel" Bulletin and noted that [HOMER BATES CHASE] was fighting these twin dangers from a base outside the Communist Party (CP), USA.

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It was explained to him by the informants that the [Ad Hoc Committee] works from within the CP, USA since past history has shown that splinter groups have generally faded from the scene; further, that in order to make progress, the [Ad Hoc Committee] must capture the heritage and traditions of the CP, USA. It was explained that should at some time in the future the [Ad Hoc Committee] members become expelled from the regular Party that at that time, even though the membership is small, they would be willing and able to undertake the principled fight against United States imperialism.

They noted that the [Ad Hoc Committee] has differences with HOMER BATES CHASE but that the Executive Committee of the [Ad Hoc Committee] feels that they are making a contribution to the fight for a Marxist-Leninist Party in this country. They informed LOMAN that even though there have been minor difficulties between CHASE and the [Ad Hoc Committee] that as a result of our recent Bulletin on the Negro question that a group on the West Coast had congratulated us for making a valuable contribution on this question. LOMAN was informed that no one has all the answers on the Negro question and that we are not making any unilateral claims to the solution of this problem but rather are presenting the thoughts of the [Ad Hoc Committee] members in the Bulletin in order to invoke comments and criticisms from our readers.

LOMAN noted that the recent activities of the Progressive Labor Party (PLP) have left him with the impression that this group was tending to be "too Trotskyite". He stated that he was very concerned with this organization. The informants' only comments here were to the effect that the [Ad Hoc Committee] has no relationship with the PLP.

The contact between LOMAN and the informants was extremely cordial and he invited them to return to his home on any occasion so desired by them. He stated that he would like to have them see his films on China, which he felt they would enjoy. He again stated that he had no contacts in the Chicago area and was very pleased that they would stop to see him.

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CG [100-41353] (S)

It is apparent from the reception given to the informants by LOMAN that he continues to be interested in the [Ad Hoc Committee] (S) and that he accepts the informants as trusted Marxist-Leninists. (S) Further, there has been no indication since first contacted in July that LOMAN has violated the security of our informants. (S)

In view of the fact that LOMAN has been in contact with SUE WARREN FRANK and that FRANK is reputed to be the Chinese "paymaster" in this country as well as a close contact of PLP, it is felt his remark concerning this organization that it is tending to become "too Trotskyite" is significant. (S) (u)

UACB, infrequent contacts will be made with LOMAN not only to promote finances for the [Ad Hoc Committee] (S) but to gain his trust and confidence to the extent that we will be in a position to determine more information about his relationship with the PLP and SUE FRANK. (S)

*As his comment concerning the PLP is an indication that FRANK may be disenchanted with this organization also, it would be well for the [Ad Hoc Committee] (S) to continue to develop the confidence of LOMAN. (S) In this respect, New York is requested to advise if there has been any apparent change in SUE FRANK's association with the PLP. Further, if available, New York is requested to advise if FRANK continues to maintain contacts with the same individuals as she had prior to July, 1965. Chicago also requests any information relating to FRANK's overseas travels, which had been contemplated during the July, 1965 period.

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