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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

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TO: The Director
FROM: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
SUBJECT: COURT FESTER
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Reference is made to a letter dated March 1961 and a letter dated August 1961, both of which were received from the Bureau of the Internal Security - Communist Party, U.S.A. (CP, USA) and the activities of the CP, USA in the United States of America. The CP, USA is a subversive organization and its activities are of a nature which are inimical to the national defense and the national security of the United States. It is requested that you advise the Bureau of any further contact with the CP, USA or any of its members or sympathizers. It would be appreciated if your Bureau would furnish this Agency any additional information brought to your attention concerning Court Fester and of particular interest would be any information received by your Bureau concerning past association of Court Fester with the CP, USA or any of its members or sympathizers.

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FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION:

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Acting Director of Security

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SUBJECT: Court Foster Wood

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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], appeared to be of the "street pickup"
type. 3

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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] to ask [redacted] to take Wood home. On this
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