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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

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TO: The Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

SUBJECT: COURT FOSTER AND
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to a March 1961 letter from the Bureau to the Bureau of the Central Intelligence Agency regarding the activities of Court Foster and his associates in the United States and abroad.

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The Bureau has been advised that Court Foster and his associates are active in the United States and abroad, and are engaged in activities which are of a subversive nature. It is requested that you keep the Bureau advised of any information received regarding the activities of Court Foster and his associates.

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It is requested that you keep the Bureau advised of any information received regarding the activities of Court Foster and his associates, and of any information received regarding the activities of any other persons who are active in the United States and abroad, and are engaged in activities which are of a subversive nature.

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 Richard Weiner, Director.

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FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

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Acting Director of Security

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SUBJECT: Court Foster Wood

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[] has recently advised that Court 3 Foster Wood was a relatively close high school friend of [] during mutual attendance at George Mason High School, Falls Church, Virginia, during 1957 to 1959. [] 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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[] 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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[] 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 [] started to attend a military school and Wood expressed extreme opposition to military schools.

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[] married in 1960, which also helped to move [] 3 somewhat out of the social circle of Wood. 3 [] 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 [] 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 [] 3 described as being "beatnik types." Girls in attendance at the party, according to [] 3, appeared to be of the "street pickup" type.

3 After the above party Wood occasionally telephoned [] 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 [] 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 [] obtained the impression that the father was also in sympathy with Castro. 3 [] 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 [] 3 to ask [] 5 to take Wood home. On this

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1. The first of these is the fact that the present day world is a world of nations, and that the nations are the primary units of international organization. This is a fact which has been recognized for many years, and it is the basis of the present system of international law. The second fact is that the nations are not equal in power, and that the powerful nations are able to impose their will on the weaker nations. This is a fact which has also been recognized for many years, and it is the basis of the present system of international politics. The third fact is that the nations are not united by a common interest, and that each nation is concerned only with its own interests. This is a fact which has also been recognized for many years, and it is the basis of the present system of international relations. The fourth fact is that the nations are not united by a common law, and that each nation is governed by its own laws. This is a fact which has also been recognized for many years, and it is the basis of the present system of international justice. The fifth fact is that the nations are not united by a common government, and that each nation is governed by its own government. This is a fact which has also been recognized for many years, and it is the basis of the present system of international administration. The sixth fact is that the nations are not united by a common culture, and that each nation has its own culture. This is a fact which has also been recognized for many years, and it is the basis of the present system of international education. The seventh fact is that the nations are not united by a common religion, and that each nation has its own religion. This is a fact which has also been recognized for many years, and it is the basis of the present system of international morality. The eighth fact is that the nations are not united by a common language, and that each nation has its own language. This is a fact which has also been recognized for many years, and it is the basis of the present system of international communication. The ninth fact is that the nations are not united by a common history, and that each nation has its own history. This is a fact which has also been recognized for many years, and it is the basis of the present system of international identity. The tenth fact is that the nations are not united by a common future, and that each nation has its own future. This is a fact which has also been recognized for many years, and it is the basis of the present system of international hope.

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1. The first step is to identify the problem or question that needs to be answered. This involves understanding the context and the specific requirements of the task.

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After the above party, Wood occasionally telephoned [redacted] and about Christmas 1960 Wood called and stated that he was going to Cuba under the auspices of the F. I. D. - for Cuba Committee. [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. [redacted] recalled that he again, at a later date, had visited the Wood apartment, also being an occasion when Wood had been visiting somewhere in Falls Church and contacted [redacted] to visit [redacted] at the Wood home. On this

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3 [redacted] were attending the night classes but were not attending mutual class. [redacted] recalled that on one of the occasions when he had

that Americans were not told of the "Communist" and were being misled by the newspapers. Kool had complained that the Fair Play for Cuba Committee was unable to obtain its proper publicity in the United States.

and wife, together with Bill and Thomas Varney, Washington Boulevard, Washington, who had also started high school with Strickland, the wife of

after the wife of Bob is still in being, and the wife of Bob is still in being, but that they were at the time of the murder.

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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 Straton, David Lichtenman was also present. Lichtenman, according to Straton, attended the George Mason High School, or United States George Mason High School in June 1951.

[redacted] recalled that the first name of the wife of Wood is Marion but did not know her maiden name. At the above party, Wood indicated that he was moving to Philadelphia so that his wife could continue her college education, but Straton at the time of the interview did not know whether Wood has 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 believe in this remark.

At the time of the above party, [redacted] understood that Wood was employed as a reservation agent for airlines. [redacted] will not recall the exact date of the party but the party was held and was identified and his wife was a college student. [redacted] also recalled that Wood was a member of the George Mason High School.

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In regard to specific associates of Wood, [redacted] testified that at the party which he attended at the apartment occupied by Wood and wife, there were approximately thirty individuals present, a number of whom he actually met but whose names he did not recall. [redacted] did recall that the following individuals were present: "Will" McDonald, now believed living in Washington, D. C. but who had attended George Mason College with Wood; and Charles Kiser, who lives in Washington, D. C. and who attended

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