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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.

<sup>3</sup>  
[Michael Weimer Stratton, born 21 January 1941, Austin, Texas], who is a current Agency employee, has recently been interviewed concerning his knowledge of Court Foster Wood whom [Stratton] had known since mutual attendance in high school. Attached is a detailed report of the information furnished by [Stratton] concerning his knowledge of Wood. <sup>3</sup>

Since <sup>3</sup>[Stratton] personally has sufficient reason to question the activities of Wood and the activities of the associates of Wood, [Stratton] has been advised to discontinue any further contact with Wood. <sup>3</sup>

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 [Michael Weimer Stratton]. <sup>3</sup>

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FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

R. L. Bannerman  
Acting Director of Security

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Reference is made to a 15 March 1961 and a 16 May 1961 report, both of which are attached to this report, and a 16 May 1961 report, both of which are attached to this report.

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Since she was personally known to and known of by the author of her, and the activities of the educational work, it is a good thing to ascertain any further contact with her.

It would be appreciated if your Bureau would furnish this Agency any additional information brought to your attention concerning Court Foster Hood and of particular interest would be any information received by your Bureau concerning past association of Court Foster Hood with Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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SUBJECT: Court Foster Wood

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

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

After the above party Wood occasionally telephoned [Stratton] 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 [Stratton] 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 [Stratton] obtained the impression that the father  
was also in sympathy with Castro. 3 [Stratton] 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 [Stratton] to ask [Stratton] to take Wood home. On this  
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In June 1961 the subject of said case was invited to Washington, D.C. to recall the time in connection with the following individuals in August and early September 1961. Wood, a friend of the subject in regard to the church, was a bicyclist and rider on a bicycle or through some mutual friends. Strickton returned on the same day. The subject of said case was created in meeting the wife of Wood, and invited Strickton and wife to the home of the subject for a party and also so they could meet his wife. Strickton and wife, together with Gail and Thomas Varney, Washington Boulevard, Arlington, who had also attended high school with Strickton, the wife of Strickton, and Wood, accompanied Strickton and wife to the above party. The other individuals at the party were of the "football crowd" with several of the men wearing beads, and the girls appearing to be of the "street girl" type. In view of this, Strickton 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. Strickton stated that the sister of the wife of Wood is still in contact with the subject of said case but that they were not in contact with each other at the time of the party.

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

[Stratton] recalled that the first time he saw Wood in 1961 was at the party but did not know her maiden name. At the same party, Wood indicated that he was moving to Philadelphia and that his wife could not have had college education, but Stratton at the time of the interview did not know whether Wood has actually moved to Philadelphia.

Wood, during conversation with [Stratton], made the remark to [Stratton] that he, Wood, did not know if his wife was a Communist but she might be. Wood, however, did not answer any further questions.

At the time of the above party, [Stratton] understood that Wood was employed as a receptionist but for [Stratton] could not recall the exact address of the party. [Stratton] also recalled that [Stratton] did not know the name of the woman who was identified as [Stratton] and [Stratton] did not know the name of the woman who was identified as [Stratton].

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

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1. The following information was obtained from the records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Prisons, and the United States Department of Justice, Office of the Inspector General, regarding the activities of the following individuals:

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