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CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAMTO : Deputy Director of Security for
Personnel Security

DATE: 31 August 1965

FROM : Deputy Chief, Personnel Security Division

SUBJECT: WILCOTT, James Bernard, Jr.
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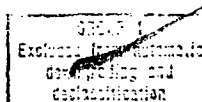
1. Tab B presents the results of an interview of the Subject conducted at Miami, Florida and Tab C directs that certain checks be accomplished prior to the polygraph of Subject.

2. The FBI has furnished extensive information concerning Ray Robinson, Jr., James Monsonis (Monsonus) and Reta Betty Rotondi.

3. Monsonis and his wife, Lenore Gensburg Monsonis, have participated in racial picketing and James Monsonis is President of the National Student Christian Federation. James Monsonis in December 1964, according to the FBI, was the Director of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, Washington, D. C. and several well known CP members were connected with SNICK or visited SNICK in December 1964.

4. The FBI furnished a copy of an investigation concerning Reta Betty Rotondi conducted in October 1964 and revealed that an informant revealed that Betty Rotondi is self identified as a CP member in June 1964 and in August 1964 as one of two CP members who worked in CORE as task force leader. Informant made available information indicating Betty Rotondi accepted in Queens County CP Club in February 1946 and registered a preference for the ALP in 1946 and from 1948 to and including 1954. Betty Rotondi's CP associates were set forth.

5. Ray Robinson, Jr. - participated in the Quebec-Washington-Guantanamo Walk for Peace sponsored by the Committee for Nonviolent Action and on 19 November 1963 was arrested by the police at Macon, Georgia for distributing literature against city ordinances. Ray Robinson has an extensive arrest record dating back to 1954, which included assault with a deadly weapon, intoxication, possession of narcotics, armed robbery, etc.

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6. Concerning Alex Passikloff, the FBI indicated they have no identifiable information pertinent to our inquiry.

7. In compliance with paragraph 2 of Reference C, a written report concerning Subject's arrest in November 1964 in Washington, D. C. indicates that Subject and one Ray Robinson, Jr. were arrested for being drunk. The arresting officer advised that Subject and Robinson were arrested for drunkenness and were also disorderly but were not so charged. Subject and Robinson, according to the arresting officer, were very intoxicated and fighting among themselves.

8. Relative to paragraph 3 of Reference C, the New York Field Office of IOS furnished information that Alexander Passikloff has been known to them since 1938. Passikloff has an extensive police record and in 1963 was arrested three times in connection with anti-segregation (pro-integration) protest demonstrations. There were indications of possible CP membership and/or affiliation of Passikloff. Information indicates that Passikloff in 1950 reportedly told someone he had been expelled from the CP. Passikloff, in 1963, participated in sit-ins sponsored by CORE on at least three separate occasions in New York City.

9. In addition Passikloff was arrested on 5 August 1964 in Jersey City, New Jersey during the course of a race riot. He was charged with disorderly conduct and the possession of a knife. It was also indicated that Passikloff had been treated at the Creedmore State Hospital for a mental disorder.

10. The New York City Police Department contained no record of Joseph and Betty Rotondi.

11. Concerning Blyden Brown Jackson, the New York Police Department indicates that Blyden Brown Jackson is Chairman of the East River chapter of CORE. Jackson has a police record dating from 1958, his last arrest was 22 April 1964 for disorderly conduct and resisting an arrest. Jackson has participated in racial demonstrations and sit-ins and in April of 1964 ~~now~~ is listed among a group of individuals furnished by the U. S. Secret Service regarding security escort to the President of the United States.

12. Jackson was arrested by the New York City Police Department on 11 January 1965 and charged with felonious assault and Jackson is known to the psychiatric division of Bellevue Hospital in New York.

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13. It is recommended that Subject be polygraphed concerning his association with the above individuals. It is recommended that coordination be effected with Jerry Mullane, Security Officer, WH Division, who is aware of this case to have Subject report to Headquarters for polygraph examination or arrange to have the Subject polygraphed in Miami, Florida, which ever is convenient.

14. It is further recommended that this polygraph examination be administered as soon as possible.

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