

November 17, 1967

JOSIAH DONALD THOMPSON, JR. - 561 1929

The files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contain the following information which relates to captioned individual:

Josiah Thompson was born January 17, 1935, at East Liverpool, Ohio. He was formerly employed as an Instructor of Philosophy at Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, and is presently employed as a Professor of Philosophy, Haverford College, Haverford, Pennsylvania. He served in the United States Navy from July 1, 1957, until July 1, 1959. Records show that Josiah Thompson registered with Local Board 16, Lisbon, Ohio, on January 21, 1953. On February 24, 1961, he was classified 5-A.

Approximately 350 individuals including Josiah Donald Thompson, Jr., mailed or presented Selective Service cards to a representative of the Attorney General, Washington, D. C., on October 20, 1967, in protest of Vietnam activity.

The National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam sponsored a march on Washington, D. C., October 21-22, 1967. As a result of this, numerous individuals were arrested. Among those arrested was J. D. Thompson, Jr., 3 College Lane, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The files of the Philadelphia Credit Bureau disclose Joseph Donald Thompson, Jr., resides at 3 College Lane, Haverford, Pennsylvania, and for the past two years has been employed by Haverford College.

A Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed Professor Josiah Thompson at a "speak-out" on October 16, 1965, on the University of Pennsylvania campus, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This affair was held to protest United States action in Vietnam. Professor Thompson from Haverford College was one of the speakers and said the United States soldiers in Vietnam are common criminals and the real patriots are here, meaning the group protesting.

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JOSIAH DONALD THOMPSON, JR.

Josiah Donald Thompson, Jr., has been an active participant in nearly every organized demonstration, rally, or meeting in the metropolitan Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, area from October, 1965, to date dealing with protests of this Government's policy with regard to Vietnam. While Josiah Thompson has never been identified as a member of a subversive group, several of these demonstrations were cosponsored by such groups as the W. E. B. Du Bois Clubs of America, a Communist oriented youth group, and The Young Socialist Alliance, the youth affiliate of the Socialist Workers Party.

NOTE:

The information concerning Thompson's Selective Service card being turned into a representative of the Attorney General on 10/20/67, is contained in Bureau file 25-561929.

The information concerning Thompson's arrest during the march on Washington, D. C., October 21-22, 1967, is contained in Bureau file 62-111181-1951, page 24.

The information concerning Thompson's participation in various anti-Vietnam war demonstrations in the metropolitan Philadelphia area is contained in numerous Bureau files as set forth on search slip attached.

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