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Harold Weisberg

#### INFORMATION IN MOW REPORT DATED MAY 6, 1949

The MDW report states that surveillance reflects that foward Weisberg "reliably reported to be an avoved Communist; Member of the Washington-Go-operative Bookshop (cited by the U.S. Attorney General Biddle as a Communist fount organization)," was acquainted with the communist The MD The MDW L7C report also sets forth the following information from a confidential informant: "Confidential Informant WVI-28. who is considered highly reliable, expressed the opinion that subject was probably a Communist. This opinion was based on subject's past employment record and has personal associates. Informant indicated subject had formerly worked for the LaFollette Committee and had also worked with various other Cammittees of Congress and had been employed by various agencies all of which had been infiltrated with Communists. LaPollette Committee, for example, had as its editor one Harold Weisberg, who was described by informant as being "avowed Communist and close associate of subject."

#### **OBSERVATIONS:**

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Bureau files reflect that in March, 1940, Harold Weisberg was interviewed by Bureau Agents and he stated that he was employed by the La Follette Civil Liberties Committee until June, 1939, and thereafter did special research work for the Dies Committee. ABureau files reflect that highly confidential inurces have Edvised that Weisberg, while employed with the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), was a mutual friend of his fellow employees.

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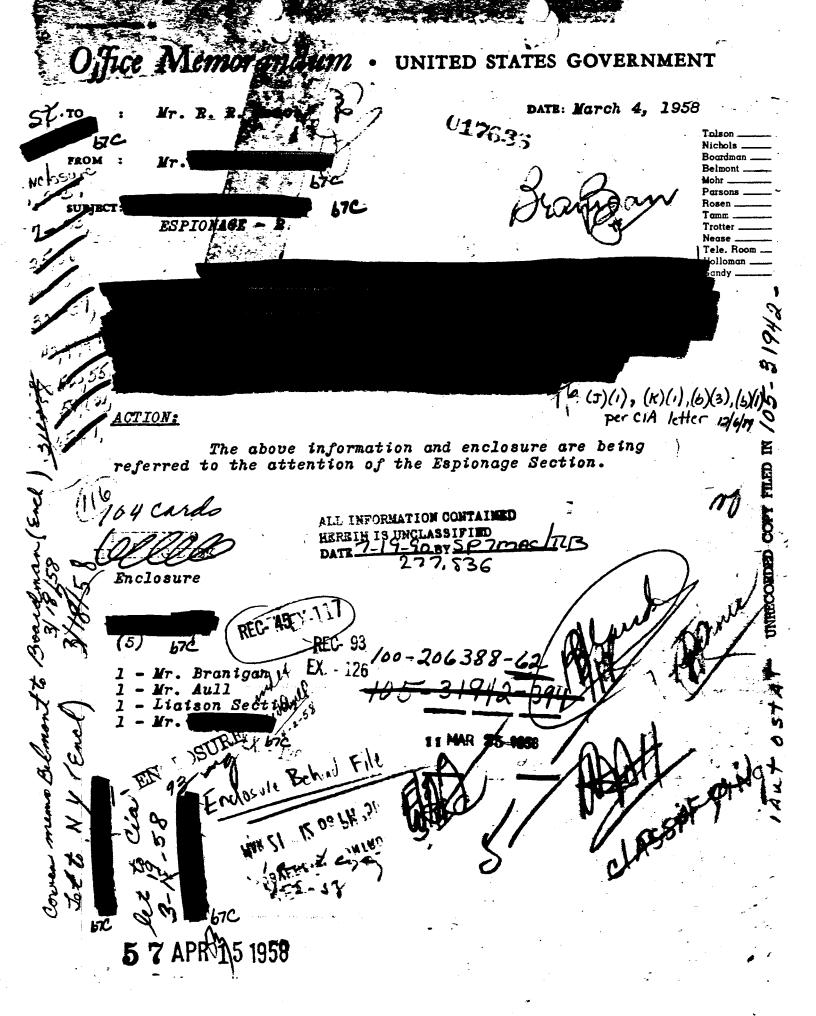
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The Washington Committee for Democratic Action has been declared as an organization coming within the purview of Presidential Order #9835.

The personnel file of HAROLD WEISBERG was reviewed at the State Department Building, 1734 New York Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. This file shows he first came to the State Department by transfer on July 1, 1946 as a Political Analyst from the Office of Strategic Services where he was a Consultant from January 15, 1945. On March 7, 1947 he was advanced to Research Analyst. He was assigned to the Division of Research for the American Republics. His file showed he resigned on June 23, 1947. His previous Government service was as follows:

- 1. 1935 1936, Department of Agriculture-File Clerk
- 2. U. S. Senate Office Building as Editor, Investigator and Assistant Secretary of the Subcommittee of Education and Labor from 1937 to 1939.
- 3. Self-employed from 1939 to 1942 as a Writer of articles on national and international affairs for various national publications.
- 4. U. S. Army from December, 1942, to November, 1944, when he was honorauly discharged.

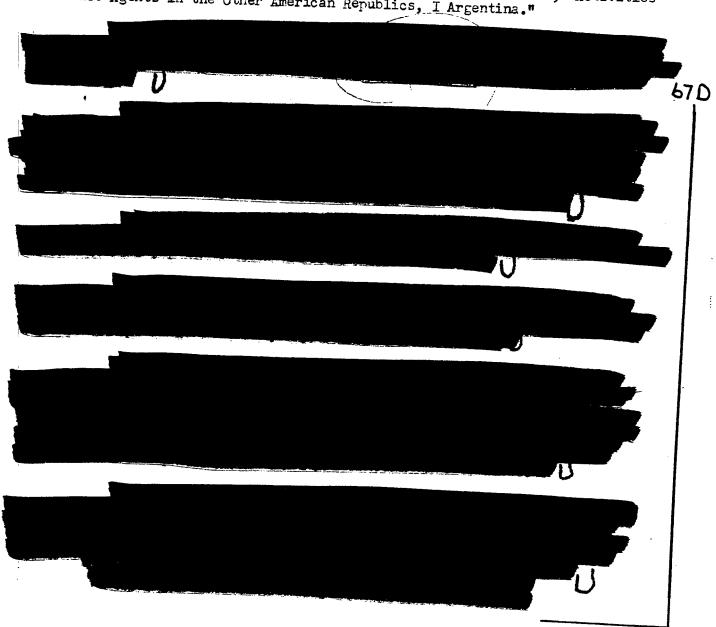
The file further disclosed his parents, TREDITICK and SARAH States. The place of naturalization was not shown.

In a letter dated June 16, 1947 he was offered an opportunity to accept an appropriate position in another competitive level. The reason was given as reduction in force. There was nothing to indicate he was disloyal or that the matter leading up to his resignation on June 23, 1947

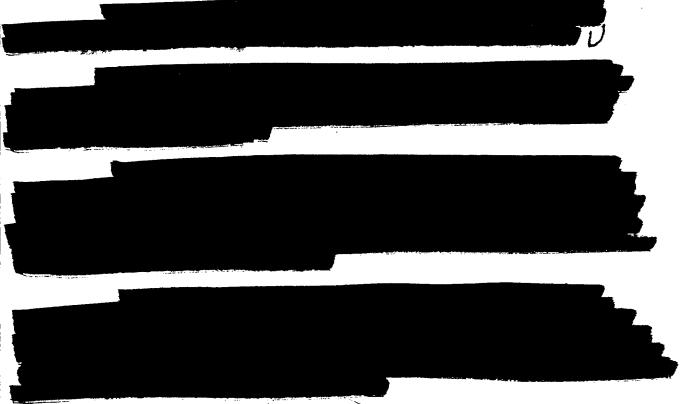
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was based on information concerning subversive activities. The reasons advanced seemingly were founded on the belief of some of his Supervisors that his work was not of a calibre they believed suitable for his rating because he did not have the background or education to properly discharge his duties.

It was noted Mr. WEISEERG worked on a report entitled, "Activities of FRANCO Agents in the Other American Republics, I Argentina."



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Washington T-7, a Federal agency that conducts personnel and intelligence investigations, has in its files an investigative report dated April 28, 1947 concerning HAROLD WEISBERG, This report disclosed that the United States Senate Disbursing Office showed that WEISBERG was an employee of the La Follette Civil Liberties Committee from September, 1936, to October, 1939, and was discharged for permitting certain information to leak to the press.

Further, the report sets forth that
stated WEISbEnG had been dismissed for a breach of trust which involved
releasing confidential information to a newspaper.
said he was quite certain the newspaper in question was the Daily Worker.
He advised he could not recommend WEISBENG to the State Department and that,
although he had not seen him since 1939, "he considered him to be a 'fellow
traveler' at that time."

Wasnington T-8, an Investigator of another Federal agency that conducts personnel and intelligence investigations, supplied Wasnington T-7 with similar information to that set forth in the preceding paragraph and,

the Laber Non-Partisan League, an erganization eppesed to the Dies Committee. Further, WEISBERG reportedly premised one DAVID MAYNE, a fermer Agent of WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY of the Silver Shirt Legion of America, one hundred dollars and a Government job if MAYNE would give him certain letters purportedly linking MARTIN DIES with PELLEY and the Silver Shirts.

According to Washington T-8, and weise the congression of the second these letters which WEISBERG ebtained from MAYNE to a Congressman who read them into the Congressional Record. The letters were proved later to be fraudulent and were stricken from the Record and MAYNE was prosecuted and given a suspended sentence for forgery. This same informant stated he is of the opinion WEISBERG knew the letters were fraudulent and that there is little doubt in his mind but that WEISBERG is a Communist or at least a fellow traveler.

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The investigation conducted by Washington T-7 and included in their report dated April 28, 1947 went on to show that WEISEERG formerly had worked for MAURICE HAIPERIN and that besides having worked for him, he was also friendly with who was dismissed from the State Department on loyalty grounds.

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As a result of the investigation of HAROLD WRISBERG by Washington T-7 and included in the above-mentioned report, it was recommended that he be removed from the rells of the State Department.

It was noted in this report that "there were certain individuals who were interviewed during the course of investigation who spoke favorably concerning HAROLD WEISBERG as regards his leyalty but that considerable information was disclosed which reflected unfavorably on his leyalty."



### CONTIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

