

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-104)

DATE: 9/12/61

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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Remylet 9/12/61.

Informants have advised that [REDACTED] member, an [REDACTED] are attempting to form a chapter of Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) in San Francisco and have applied for a charter to the National Office of CORE.

The Richmond Office has advised that the field secretary of CORE stated that CORE will refuse to grant a charter on the basis of word of mouth information as to the CP connections on the part of persons applying for a charter.

It is suggested that this Office be granted authority to write an anonymous letter to the National Office of CORE in New York and advise them of the plans of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to form a chapter in San Francisco and relate they are both CP members. The letter will be written indicating that the writer was approached by [REDACTED] for membership in the CP and will indicate disgust with attempts to infiltrate such an organization. All necessary precautions will be taken not to disclose any connections with the FBI.

Inasmuch as the application has already been sent in, the Bureau is requested to furnish an answer as soon as possible.

- ② - Bureau (REG.)
1 - San Francisco

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: September 18, 1961

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT:

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The San Francisco Office by letter dated September 12, 1961, advised that two leading communists in the San Francisco area, namely, [redacted] member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) and [redacted] member of the San Francisco County Communist Party (CP) Committee, are attempting to form a chapter of Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) in San Francisco and have already applied to the national office of CORE in New York City for a charter.

CORE is a nationwide organization which, during the past few months, has been active in seeking desegregation throughout the country. It has conducted freedom rides and workshops teaching nonviolent resistance. The Richmond Office has advised that the field secretary of CORE has stated that CORE will refuse to grant a charter on the basis of word of mouth information as to the CP connections on the part of persons applying for a charter.

The San Francisco Office letter of September 12, 1961, suggests that counterintelligence action be taken to prevent these two communists from getting a charter to start a San Francisco Chapter of CORE. The San Francisco Office requests authority to write an anonymous letter to the national office of CORE in New York City and advise of the plans of [redacted] to form a chapter in San Francisco and relate that they are both CP members. The letter will be written indicating that the writer had been approached by Wheeler for membership in the CP and the letter will indicate disgust with the attempts of communists to infiltrate such an organization as CORE.

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Enclosure

- 1 - Belmont
- 1 - Sullivan
- 1 - Baumgardner
- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - [redacted]

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100-3-104
The Vanguardier to Sullivan.
RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

It is believed that this suggestion of the San Francisco Office is well considered and should be authorized.

RECOMMENDATION:

There is attached herewith for your approval an airtel to the San Francisco Office authorizing sending the anonymous letter to the headquarters of CORE. An airtel is being used inasmuch as the San Francisco Office requested an answer as soon as possible. The usual precautionary instructions are included in the airtel.

H-K *yes.*
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ADDENDUM: Suggest Mr. DeLoach also alert his sources so that the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate CORE can be given publicity, thus we will be also striking at the Communist Party as well as alerting CORE.

Keep me advised of developments

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yes.
A. H. Belmont 9/19/61

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - [redacted]

September 19, 1961

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To: SAC, San Francisco [redacted]

From: Director, FBI (100-3-104) - 2964

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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ReSFlet September 12, 1961.

Authority is granted the San Francisco Office to immediately send an anonymous letter to the headquarters of Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) in New York City. The letter, as you suggested, should advise that [redacted] had approached the writer for membership in the Communist Party, and the letter should indicate disgust at the attempt of communists to infiltrate such an organization as CORE. Commercially purchased stationery should be used and the usual precautions should be taken so this anonymous letter cannot be traced back to the FBI.

The Bureau should be advised as soon as this mailing has been completed together with the wording of the anonymous letter.

Any tangible results noted from this counter-intelligence operation should be promptly called to the attention of the Bureau.

1 - New York [redacted]
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NOTE ON YELLOW:

See memo Baumgardner to Sullivan, same caption, dated 9/18/61; HOB:cdb.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-104)

DATE: 9/22/61

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA,
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ReBuairtel 9/19/61.

The following anonymous letter was mailed to the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) on 9/21/61. This letter was prepared in longhand:

"Dear Sir:

"Recently [REDACTED], a CP leader in San Francisco, stopped me on the street and asked me if I would be interested in joining a chapter of CORE she was forming in San Francisco. A few years ago this same woman asked me if I would be interested in joining the Communist Party and helping in the CP fight to help the Negro. As a member of NAACP, I know the trouble the communist can cause in a group and I am sure CORE wants no more to do with the CP than we do in the NAACP.

"I know that this woman was one of the persons brought before the HCUA in San Francisco last year for communist activity and she still talks like a communist.

"For what its worth this will alert you to the fact that she and others of her kind have plans to have a CORE chapter in San Francisco and use your group for their own purposes."

Any tangible results noted will be immediately forwarded to the Bureau.

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TO: SAC, San Francisco [REDACTED]

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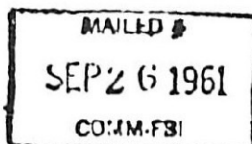
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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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ReBuairtel dated 9-19-61.

Suairtel as soon as the anonymous letter has been sent to the headquarters of Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) in New York City and furnish the wording of the anonymous letter. The Bureau is extremely interested in this situation.

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