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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

Lucille Ball

Subject of Request: _____

FOIPA No. _____ /190-_____

Dear Requester:

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Pursuant to your request, 149 pages(s) were reviewed and page(s) are being released.

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- See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,

Chief
Freedom of Information-
Privacy Acts Section
Information Resources Division

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SUBJECT LUCILLE BALL



Federal Bureau of Investigation

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SUBJECT LUCILLE BALL

FILE NUMBER HQ 100-400465

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March 27, 1953

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41702)

SUBJECT: LUCILLE BALL, was.
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The above information is being submitted for the information of the Bureau. It is to be noted that additional information concerning Miss BALL was submitted by Los Angeles letter to the Director, dated 10/2/51, entitled [REDACTED], SECURITY MATTER-C". 100-380667-2

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

DATE: Sept. 11, 1953

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: LUCILLE BALL

[redacted] called to inquire if we could give him any guidance on Lucille Ball, the television actress. I asked him what his angle was. He then stated [redacted] had a notation earlier this week about a prominent television actress being turned up as a Communist; that their Los Angeles manager had checked the registration records (I assume voting registration records) and found Lucille Ball was listed as a Communist in 1936 and 1938. The handwriting was identical and they have checked the address back to the address of the Lucille Ball who is the actress.

I told [redacted] that I had heard a rumble; that the House Committee was holding some hearings and that he might want to check with them as they may have turned up something like this. He stated that this probably was the explanation; they would check further.

cc - Mr. Ladd

Mr. Belmont

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SAC, Los Angeles (100-41702)

September 24, 1953

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RUCILLE GALL, was.
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For the additional information of your office
and the completion of your file, there are attached

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject recently received considerable notoriety
as a result of her appearance before HCUA in Los Angeles
regarding registration to vote in 1936 and expressed at
that time preference for the CP.

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In public hearing matter of 9-27-53, in which similar
information was made available

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: September 17, 1953

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FROM : Mr. D. K. Ladd

SUBJECT: LUCILLE BALL;
DEZI ARNAZ

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SYNOPSIS:

Pursuant to your request of September 14, 1953, Bureau files were reviewed concerning Lucille Ball and her husband, Dezi Arnaz. No investigation conducted by the Bureau concerning Ball, born August 6, 1911, Jamestown, New York. Records, California Secretary of State, reflect Ball, in 1936, signed a certificate as sponsor for Emil Freed, a Communist Party candidate, and was appointed on the State Central Committee of California Communist Party, 1936. Records, Registrar of Voters, Los Angeles County, California, reflect that on March 19, 1936, Ball registered as a Communist voter.

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Ball's registration as a Communist voter in 1936 was corroborated by [REDACTED]

her admissions on September 3 and 4, 1953, before the House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings at Santa Monica, California.

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The "Daily Worker," April 10, 1951, alleged Ball was among Hollywood stars previously opposing HCUA.

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Investigation conducted by Bureau concerning Dezi Arnaz, born March 2, 1912, Santiago, Cuba. In February, 1946, Arnaz appeared on a show sponsored by the Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, a cited Communist front.

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Memo to The Director
Re: LUCILLE BALL
DEZI ARNAX

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RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

DETAILS:

On September 14, 1959, you requested a search of our files on Lucille Ball and her husband, Dezi Arnax. A complete search of our indices was made concerning the above, including all probable name variations.

~~LUCILLE BALL~~ - 11/11/59

No investigation of Ball was conducted by the Bureau.

Biographical Data:

Ball was born on August 6, 1911, at Jamestown, New York, the daughter of Henry B. and Desiree Ball. Her education consisted of high school and dramatic school. She married Dezi Arnax on November 30, 1940. Ball has been employed as a motion picture actress since 1934, and as a television actress since 1947. Her residence is given as 19700 Devonshire Boulevard, Northridge, California. (Who's Who in America, 1952-53; Current Biography, 1952)

Affiliation with Communist Party Activities:

Ball's activities as a California Secretary of the State for the period 1934 to 1940 reflect that Lucille Ball (artist)

residing at 1544 North Ogden Drive, Los Angeles, California, signed certificates as sponsors for Emil Freed, a Communist Party candidate for the Assembly, 57th District, in 1936; that Lucille Ball was appointed on the State Central Committee of the Communist Party of California in 1936.

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Re: LUCILLE BALL;
DEZI ARNAZ

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(These sponsoring certificates contained the statement that the sponsor is a member of the Party to which the candidate being sponsored belongs). (100-119-57, page 17)

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Records of the Registrar of Voters for Los Angeles County, Los Angeles, California, reflected that Lucille Ball, 1334 North Ogden Drive, Los Angeles, California, registered to vote as Communists on March 19, 1936.

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Re: LUCILLE BALL;
DEZI ARNAZ

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Rena M. Vale, a Hollywood writer and an admitted former Communist Party member in Los Angeles, California, furnished a sworn deposition to the Assembly Fact Finding Committee on Un-American Activities in California in 1949. She stated that in 1937 she attended a Communist Party new members' class at the home of actress Lucille Ball. Vale added that Ball was not present at the meeting but that the person in charge (unidentified) specifically stated that Lucille Ball knew the character of the meeting and approved of its taking place in her home. Vale originally gave this information in her appearance before the Dies Committee at Beaumont, Texas, on July 22, 1940. (100-980-667-2; Dies Committee Hearings, Volume 3, page 1216)

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Memo to The Director
Re: LUCILLE BALL;
DEZI ARNAZ

Appiliation with Communist Front Activities:

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Memo to the Director
Re: LUCILLE BALL;
DEZI ARNAZ

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The "Daily Worker," issue of April 10, 1951, contained an article captioned "Where Are the Big Stars Who Once Opposed the Un-Americans." The article asks where all of the famous Hollywood stars were who attacked the first hearings of the HCUA and are now silent about the then hearings of the HCUA. Among those Hollywood personalities named as previously being opposed to the HCUA was Lucille Ball. (100-138754-835, page 43)

Miscellaneous:

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Re: LUCILLE BALL;
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~~DESIDERIO ALBERTO ARNAZ Y DE ACHA, III~~ - 59 mifiv

Biographical Data:

Arnaz, as Desiderio Alberto Arnaz y de Acha, III, was born on March 2, 1917, at Santiago, Cuba. He was educated at Colegio de Dolores, a Jesuit Prep School at Santiago, Cuba. He served as a staff sergeant, United States Army Medical Corps, for three years during World War II. He is a musician and actor by profession. (His American citizenship status is unknown). (Current Biography, 1952; Motion Picture and Television Almanac, 1952-1953.)

Information Contained in Bureau Files:



No investigation of Arnaz has been conducted by the Bureau.

A February 28, 1946, issue of the "California Eagle," a Los Angeles newspaper, contained an article entitled "Stars Intersperse Talks for FEPC on Program at Shrine Auditorium Show." (FEPC signifies Fair Employment Practices Commission). The article stated that Dezi Arnaz was one of the many entertainers who appeared on the show which was sponsored by the Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee of Arts, Sciences and Professions (ICCASP). The ICCASP is cited as a Communist front by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report dated April 26, 1950. (100-135-26-161, page 8)

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Memo to The Director
Re: LUCILLE BALL;
DEZI ARNAZ

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California Labor School has been designated by the Attorney
General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.
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- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Harbo _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Mohr _____
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TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

DATE: Oct. 26, 1953

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

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- Belmont
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- Mr. Holloman
- Miss Gandy

[redacted] called. They have scheduled Lucille Ball for the cover of the future issue of [redacted] Magazine. [redacted] wondered if there was anything new on Lucille Ball and her so-called Red affiliations. I told [redacted] I doubted very much we could be of any assistance to her and I knew nothing offhand and she might want to check with the House Committee on Un-American Activities. She stated she would do this.

cc: Mr. Ladd
Mr. Belmont

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November 23, 1953

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LUCILLE BALL
Born August 6, 1911
Jamestown, New York

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Form A-774

This Bureau has conducted no investigation concerning the captioned individual. However, our files reflect the following information concerning the subject of your inquiry.

According to the official records of the California Secretary of State, Lucille Ball, [redacted] 1344 North Ogden Drive, Los Angeles, California, signed certificates as sponsors for Emil Freed, a Communist Party candidate for Assembly, 57th District, in 1936; that Lucille Ball was appointed on the State Central Committee of the Communist Party of California, in 1936.

[redacted] The records of the Registrar of Voters for Los Angeles County, Los Angeles, California, reflected that [redacted] Lucille Ball, 1344 North Ogden Drive, Los Angeles, California, registered to vote as Communist on [redacted] March 19, 1936, [redacted]

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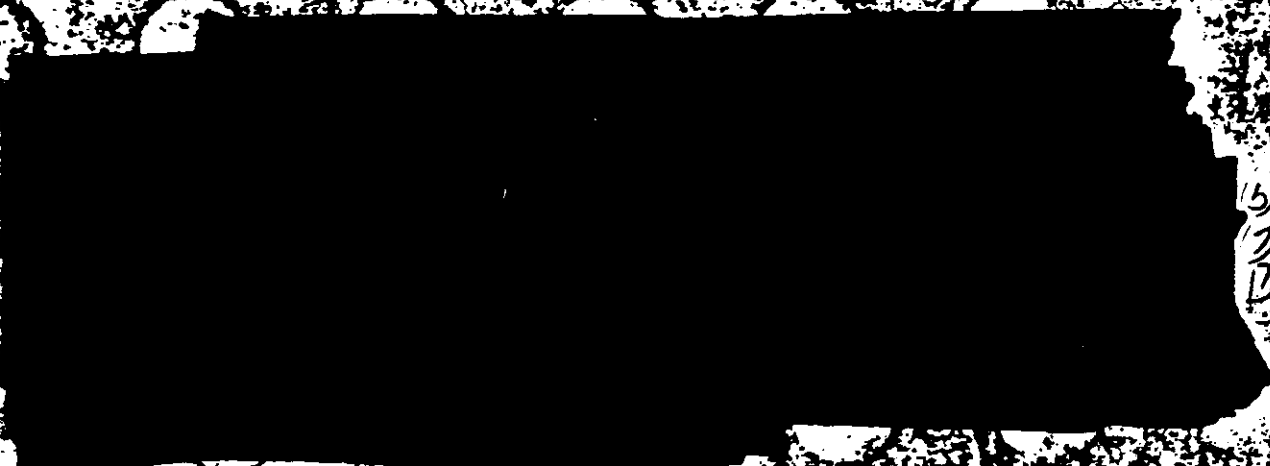
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In 1943 Anna H. Vale, a Hollywood writer and an admitted former Communist Party member in Los Angeles, California, furnished a sworn deposition to the Assembly Fact Finding Committee on Un-American Activities in California wherein she stated that in 1937 she attended a Communist Party meeting in a room at the home of Lucille Ball. Vale stated that Ball was not present at the meeting, but that the person in charge was not identified. Vale specifically stated that Lucille Ball knew the location of the meeting and approved the activities being conducted there.

In September, 1943, the Fact Finding Committee on Un-American Activities issued a press release wherein it was reported that Lucille Ball had testified before the Committee and admitted having registered as a Communist voter in Los Angeles in 1936. Lucille Ball advised the Committee that she so registered only at the insistence of her grandfather. (757-177)



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The weekly edition of the Los Angeles Times, issue dated April 10, 1941, carried an article captioned "Where Are the Big Stars Who Once Opposed the Un-Americans." The article asks the question "where are all the famous Hollywood stars who attacked the first hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and who for now silent about the later current hearings?" Among those Hollywood personalities named as previously being opposed to the House Committee on Un-American Activities was Lucille Ball.

The preceding information is furnished to you as a confidential source of information and should not be disseminated outside of your agency. This information is furnished for your confidential use and should not be disseminated outside of your agency.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-400465)

DATE: 12/16/53

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41702)

SUBJECT: LUCILLE BALL, was.
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DISTRICT 13, Los Angeles Division, IS-C" and
remyAir-Tel to Bureau 9/11/53 captioned "HOUSE
COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES".

The subject furnished an executive statement to
WILLIAM A. WHEELER, West Coast Representative, House Committee
on Un-American Activities, on September 4, 1953, at Hollywood,
California. BALL stated that in 1936 she registered to vote
as a Communist or intended to vote the Communist Party ticket
because her grandfather, FRED HUNT, now deceased, wanted her
to register as such. She stated that FRED HUNT had been a
Socialist all his life and she had registered as a Communist
to make him happy and to do him a favor. She stated she at
no time intended to vote as a Communist.

BALL stated she has never been a member of the
Communist Party to "her knowledge"; had never been asked to
become a Communist Party member; did not ever attend any
meetings which she later discovered were Communist Party
meetings; did not know whether or not any meetings were ever
held at her home at 1344 North Ogden Drive; stated she did not
know EMIL FREED and if he had appointed her as a delegate to
the State Central Committee of the Communist Party in 1936 it
was done without her knowledge or consent; did not recall
signing the document sponsoring EMIL FREED for the Communist
Party nomination to the office of member of the assembly of
the 57th District; and has never heard of the California
Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act, the
Southern California Council for Constitutional Rights, or
the Committee for the 1st Amendment.

A review of the subject's file reflects no activity
that would warrant her inclusion on the Security Index. The
subject's file is being maintained in a closed status. On
October 30, 1953, the Washington Field Office furnished the
Los Angeles Office with a copy of the subject's executive
statement which is located in Los Angeles file 100-41702-1a1.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

530 Broadway
San Diego, California WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
October 21, 1954

In Reply, Please Refer to
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DIRECTOR, FBI

100-400465

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ON 7/11/88

RE: LUCILLE BALL, aka.
Mrs. Desi Arnaz
SECURITY MATTER - C
(HCUA Hearings in San Diego)

Dear Sir:

The House Committee on Un-American Activities held hearings at San Diego, California from April 19 to April 22, 1954. The results of these hearings are reported in "Investigation of Communist Activities in the State of California". (Part 1-10)

Information concerning the above-captioned person appears as follows:

Part 1, Page 4525

On February 24, 1953, during the testimony of STANLEY B. HANCOCK, Circulation Manager, Long Island Daily Press, Jamaica, Long Island, New York, a discussion arose concerning the fact that the State Committee of the Communist Party was composed of persons who were not actually State leaders. Congressman DONALD L. JACKSON commented that Miss LUCILLE BALL, who was a member of the State Committee, had stated in an affidavit that she had no knowledge or recollection of having been so appointed.

Part 4, Pages 4710, 4711, 4713

On April 19, 1954 DANIEL POMEROY TAYLOR, Los Angeles, California, who testified he had been a member

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DIRECTOR, FBI

October 21, 1954

RE: LUCILLE BALL, aka.

of the Communist Party from 1935 until 1941, also testified concerning the State Committee that although the name of LUCILLE BALL was on the Committee, TAYLOR believed she was never a Communist.

Subsequently during TAYLOR's testimony, Congressman JACKSON commented that the LUCILLE BALL matter should be more clearly put in the record. He stated that although Miss BALL had knowledge of registration in the Communist Party she denied any activity or of having attended any Party functions during the period of time she was registered.

Since this Subject resides within the territory of the Los Angeles Division, no recommendation is being made by San Diego concerning the placing or retaining on or removal of her name from the Security Index, same being left to the discretion of the Office of Origin.

Very truly yours,

Galen N. Willis
GALEN N. WILLIS
Special Agent in Charge

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-400465)

DATE: December 3, 1954

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41702)

SUBJECT: LUCILLE BALL, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C
OO: Los Angeles

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Rebulet dated 1/18/52 captioned, "Communist Party, USA, District 13, Los Angeles Division, Internal Security - C"; and re San Diego letter to the Director dated 10/21/54.

By referenced San Diego letter the Bureau was advised of the testimony of STANLEY B. MANCOCK on 2/24/53 and DANIEL POMEROY TAYLOR on 4/19/54 before the House Committee on Un-American Activities regarding the subject.

This subject furnished an executive statement to the HCUA which was set out in Los Angeles letter dated 12/16/53.

The subject's file reflects no activities that would warrant her inclusion on the Security Index.

The subject's file is being maintained in a closed status.

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- Mr. Tamm
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- Mr. Nease
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- Mr. Holloman
- Miss Gandy

December 7, 1956

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I read your interview with Vincent X. Flaherty published in the Los Angeles Examiner, October 22 and 23, (copies enclosed) and I am wondering if there is not a mistake or misquote of some kind since it lists Lucy and Desi among your favorite entertainers who you think set a good example for the youth of America.

Lucille Ball voted for the Communist Party and was appointed as a member of the Central Committee for the Communist Party. She insisted that she did this because her poor old grandfather was ill and that she had no dealings with communists on her own. Yet, ten years later--with no contact of any kind--grandpa had passed on--when a communist speaker who is to make a radio broadcast falls ill--the communist know exactly where to reach her and that she would be their willing stooge and she takes off from her job to broadcast for them. Again, she says, "I certainly was never in sympathy with the 'Datryks', I can't remember any of the other names." Well, in the library there was a book by one of the Hollywood ten-- and it has forewords of sympathy and support by movie stars---and there is Lucille Ball with her words of sympathy and support.

She has never said she was sorry nor ashamed of these actions.

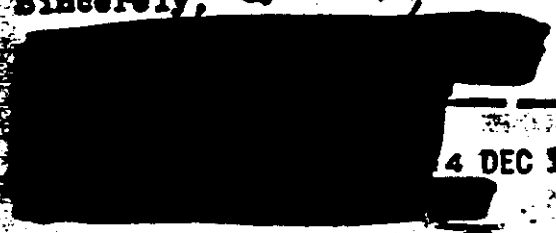
Since I'm one of the 98% of Americans who think Mr. J. Edgar Hoover is the greatest--would you mind clarifying this for me.

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VINCENT X. FLAHERTY

Delinquency Causes Told by FBI Chief



I told John Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, some people seem to think the juvenile problem is worse in Los Angeles than anywhere.

The gentleman who heads the largest and most efficient law enforcement agency in the world quickly said this wasn't true. But what followed carried small reassurance.

"It is the same everywhere," he said. "I hate to say so but the problem is worse today than ever before. You cannot sectionalize this thing. Neither can you distinguish between big cities. The same things that happen in Los Angeles also happen in New York, or in Chicago, or in any big city."

I had a lengthy interview with the chief of the G-Men in his Washington office last week. He had talked quite a little while, and it was 6 o'clock and I guessed I was keeping him far beyond his normal office hours.

I also realized he was discussing a subject about which he is desperately concerned, one with which he is better acquainted than any man in the land.

"I don't particularly care for the term juvenile delinquency," he said. "Usually parents are guilty of the original delinquency, although most of them never realize it.

"When a boy gets into trouble," he said, "the father is dumfounded. He is dismayed and he tells you: 'Why, I have given my boy everything he ever wanted. I just can't understand it.'

"There is a great difference between giving a boy everything he wants and giving him the things he really needs," said Mr. Hoover. "I mean religion and guidance and attention and things that count.

"No child is born a criminal. There isn't any such thing as a born criminal," he went on. "When you investigate the background of a criminal you invariably find various degrees of carelessness and neglect on the part of one parent or the other or both parents.

"I'd like to make clear a point. Poverty doesn't breed criminals," he explained. "There are plenty of poor people who raise fine children. One of the most shining examples is the Eisenhower family. The President and his brothers grew from a poor working family.

"No father and mother ever raised more distinguished sons than those Eisenhower boys," he said. "All of them became distinguished men in their respective fields. Why? Because they grew up in a fine home environment and were raised

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every the more. Churches must be... for teen-agers.")

2. Loss of respect for parents.

("Parents today think nothing of striking or quarrelling in front of their children.")

3. Boredom.

("In the fast modern world fathers are too occupied with worries about their jobs when they come home from work; or the father and mother are too busy with social activities to give much attention to their child. So the boy is left on his own with nothing to do.")

Emphasizing the influences of "boredom" do not differentiate between the rich and the poor, Mr. Hoover pointed out that some of the worst juvenile offenders come from fine homes in such respectable sections as Beverly Hills or Park Avenue.

"The problem of juvenile delinquency takes on even more tragic aspects," he said, "when it is realized many offenders are intelligent boys and girls— young people who, with proper guidance, could contribute greatly to the nation's welfare. Unfortunately, intelligence as measured alone in terms of material knowledge, is not in itself a bar to criminality. Many times such a quality gives the criminal added dangerousness. He is more adept in planning and executing his evil designs.

"A youth's intelligence must be anchored in morality—to give him the ability to determine right from wrong, good from bad, the true from the false."

Juvenile gangs represent a tremendous problem. The story of the young boy, led on by an older and "experienced" pal, is a repetitious one in the FBI files. At first he is hesitant to commit a crime. With companions leading the way his "courage" is bolstered, especially if someone "dares" him. One older boy often leads a number of youngsters into criminal pursuits.

Mr. Hoover is firmly convinced parents should be held directly responsible for the misdeeds of their children, from the so-called trivial misdemeanor to the serious crime. He is convinced the term "first offender," usually followed by "judicial leniency," should be stricken from the language of the courts.

"The term is misleading," he explained. "In most cases it means the first time the boy was caught."

The FBI's all-encompassing files reveal starkly startling statistics. Last year 576,000 juveniles were arrested. These do not include the thousands of youngsters who were "given another chance" by juvenile aid bureaus. Last year juveniles between the ages of 10 and 17 were involved in 82 per cent of all arrests for automobile thefts; 83 per cent of all arrests for burglaries; 87 per cent of all arrests for larcenies.

Last year's figures jumped by 11 per cent over the year before. Now, in 1956, the figures are rising even higher.

It is an unhappy and unpretty picture, but it is a problem that can be solved, Hoover told me, if parents come to their senses and take charge.

"Let the parents set the example in the home," he said. "Every boy has to have a role here. The father can be that here if he tries. If not, the adolescent imagination can glorify Jesse James or some other unsavory character."

VINCENT X. FLAHERTY

Hoover Hits Crime Trend in Movies



Last week while visiting J. Edgar Hoover in his Washington headquarters, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation expressed very real concern over the modern trend in motion pictures.

He was discussing the causes and (hopefully) the cures of juvenile delinquency. Mr. Hoover was vividly dismayed over some of the films now fouling the atmosphere. He spoke specifically of movies featuring juvenile violence and degeneracy.

The chief of the G-Men firmly believes there are hundreds of wonderful stories that can be told on the screen which could be beneficial, rather than destructive. He is convinced a movie can offer the ultimate in entertainment while being spiritually uplifting and educational.

"Why educate youngsters in the field of perversion, brutality and indecency?" he asked.

Among recent pictures he referred to one in which a little girl murders three people. It is billed as "The Big Shocker" and is "recommended for adults only."

Youthful Curiosity

"When they advertise a movie for adults only they know what they are doing," he said. "It arouses the curiosity of the youngsters and they make a point of going to see something they think they shouldn't see."

He recalled a movie of some years back in which Jesse James, a murderer, thief and scoundrel, was portrayed heroically.

"Jesse James was a terrible creature," he said. "He broke his mother's heart. Yet, youngsters were led to believe he was a hero."

I didn't want to interrupt, else I would have told Mr. Hoover 20th Century is now doing a re-make of the Jesse James story, starring Robert Wagner and Jeffrey Hunter. The new picture portrays James in his true light.

Many years ago Hoover had a talk with the late Will Hays, then czar of the movies. At that time movies glorified gangsters as courageous figures.

Hays Ordered Change

When Hoover unofficially protested, Hays brought about a change.

"For a long while," said Hoover, "they proceeded to glorify law enforcement instead of gangsters. But now motion pictures have returned to where they were years ago."

Hoover mentioned a recent life story, a perfumed version, of a figure who was dishonorably discharged from the Army during World War II. This individual had a background of robberies and all else. However, the movie gave youngsters the impression it was all right to be like this sterling character.

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could genuinely respect and admire?"

Director of the FBI also pointed to the shortcomings in feeding the juvenile delinquent a steady and insidious diet of crime.

At random Hoover named a few of his favorites of the entertainment world, Jimmy Durante, Bob Hope, Lucy and Desi, Abbott and Costello, Jack Benny, Phil Silvers, Bing Crosby and a few others.

Always Good Taste

"You never see these people entering into anything vulgar or suggestive," he said. "Why can't all of the entertainers be like them?"

Hoover thinks one of the finest motion pictures ever made was Bing Crosby's "Going My Way."

"That one picture proves they don't have to indulge in revolting things to make a great picture," said Hoover.

Hoover believes the stars of the entertainment world, as well as those who produce and write, have a job to do in the battle against the soaring juvenile crime problem. He includes stars of the sports world as well.

"As I have said," he continued, "the average boy must have a virile hero. If the father cannot be the hero, then the boy might want to be like Jesse James instead of a Joe DiMaggio."

"The stars of the movies, television or sports should be made to keep in mind they have a definite duty to perform," he said. "They should always understand they set examples for millions of youngsters. Therefore it is part of their jobs to make sure their public lives are above reproach.

"If a youngster reads about one of his heroes doing something disgraceful," Hoover said, "then he is apt to think it is all right for him to do the same thing."

Bewildering World

Mr. Hoover quickly concedes youngsters of today are living in a different and somewhat more bewildering world than that which existed 20, 30 or 40 years ago. If they don't get proper guidance from their parents, he says, then all they have to go by is what they hear and see.

"Religion must be made attractive to youngsters," he said. "I listen to some of these hum-drum Sunday sermons on radio and television and they are enough to make children turn to another channel.

"It is a shame all preachers do not have the ability to hold their audiences," he went on. "Bishop Sheen does a great job. So does Dr. Norman Vincent Peale. So did the late Rabbi Liebman. These three great men have performed wonderful jobs. Unfortunately, other fine men do not have the natural talent to strike as forcefully."

Mr. Hoover is not an Elvis Presley admirer.

"I saw him once," he said. "I have never seen such obscene contortions as this boy puts on. It just shouldn't be permitted—yet, he is the idol of the teen-agers.

"When an entertainer appeals to the evil, the baser instincts," he added, "then he no longer is an entertainer.

"Why can't they all pattern themselves after Jimmy Durante?" Mr. Hoover asked, in conclusion. "He has proved for years an entertainer doesn't have to resort to shtet and vulgarity. Jimmy's private life always has been wonderful. I know Jimmy personally. There is a really fine man."

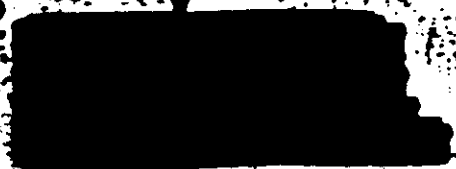
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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated December 7, 1956, with enclosures, has been received during Mr. Hoover's absence from the city. I know he will appreciate your interest in communicating with him in this regard.

Sincerely yours,

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Melen W. Gandy
Secretary

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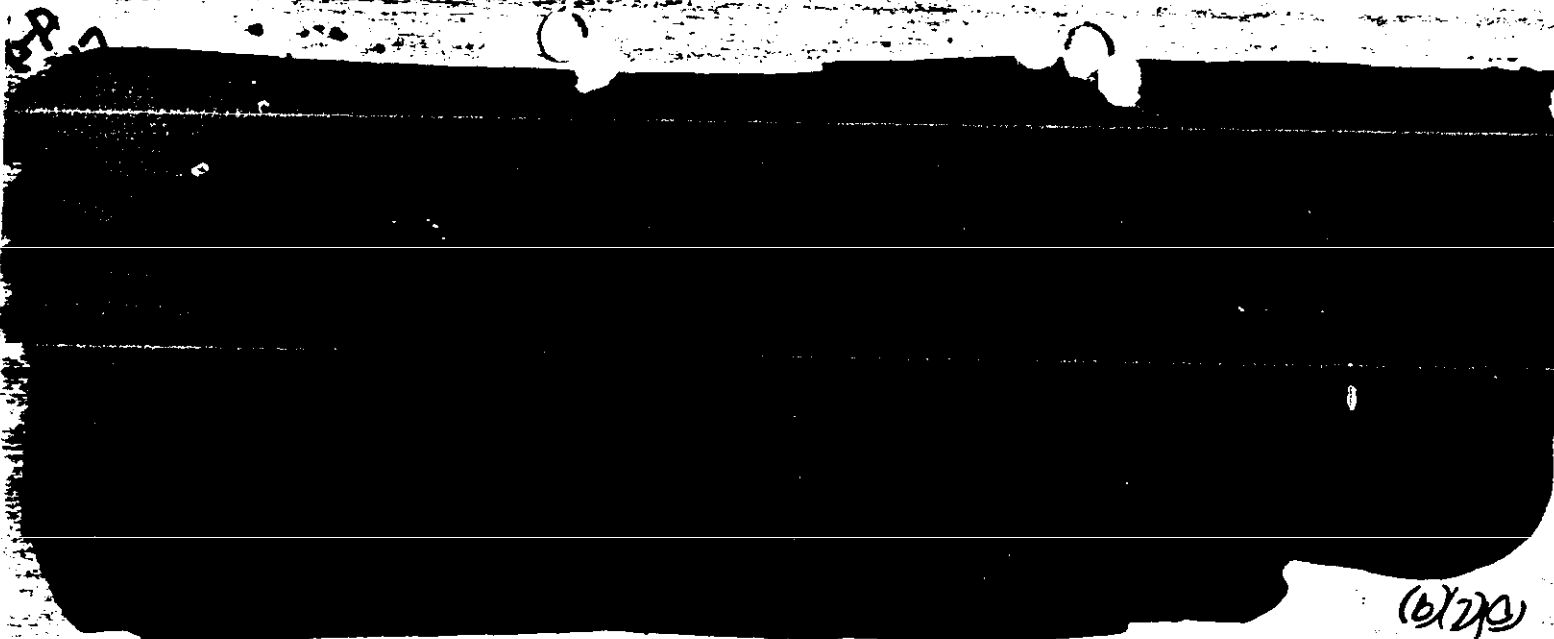
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September 10, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
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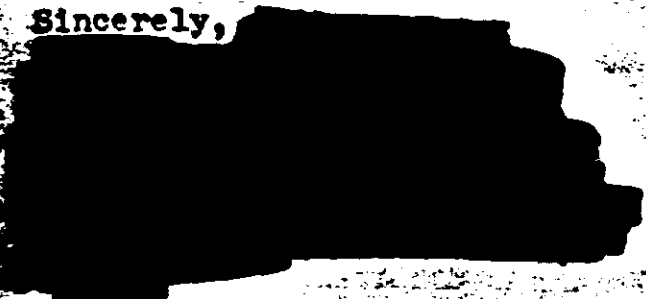
Dear Mr. Hoover:

The young people of our church have become very inquisitive regarding different international as well as national communists.

It will be of great significance to our young people if you could give us some assistance at this time regarding actor and actresses in America who are presently communists, communists sympathizers, or who in the past have been communists or communists sympathizers. It has been brought to my attention in the past that Lucille Ball fits in one of these categories.

We would deeply appreciate your help in this matter.

Sincerely,



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Dear [REDACTED]

While I would like to be of assistance in connection with your letter of September 10th, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. [REDACTED] was the [REDACTED] investigated in 1953. She registered to vote as communist in Los Angeles County in 1934 supposedly to pacify her grandfather, Fred Hunt, whom she described as being a card carrying communist. She testified before the House Committee on Un-American activities in 1953 concerning Hunt.

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Honorable Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President
The White House
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Dear Mr. Butterfield:

Reference is made to your name check request concerning Kenyon C. Bolton and some other individuals.

Attached are separate memoranda concerning the following individuals:

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[REDACTED] Mr. and Mrs. Gary Morton

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MR. AND MRS. GARY MORTON

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Mrs. Gary Morton, who you advised is the actress Lucille Ball, has not been investigated by the FBI.

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However, our files indicate Lucille Ball was born August 6, 1911, in Jamestown, New York, and reflect that she

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Ball, [redacted], signed certificates as sponsors for Emil Freed, a CP candidate for California Assembly in 1936. Ball was appointed on the State Central Committee of the CP of California in 1936.

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Ball testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1953, and stated she had registered as a communist only at the insistence of her grandfather.

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MR. AND MRS. GARY MORTON

NAME CHECK

Captioned individuals, who you advised can be contacted through Lucille Ball Productions, Inc., Universal Studios, Universal City, California, were the subjects of a White House name check request in 1971.

There is attached one copy of an FBI summary memorandum dated January 19, 1971, containing the results of that request.

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- Miss Gandy _____

Lucille Ball Probe Finds No Evidence of Red Party Ties

Star Admits Vote Registration in 1936

Congressman Donald L. Jackson declared last night that the House Committee on Un-American Activities has "no evidence" that Actress Lucille Ball "is or ever was a member of the Communist Party."

He said the red-haired, 42-year-old star of "I Love Lucy," television's most popular program, admitted she registered as a Communist voter in 1936.

It was done, she told Committee Investigator William Wheeler a week ago, under the influence of "the political reasoning of her grandfather," Fred C. Hunt, since deceased.

TRANSCRIPT

As for actual Communist Party membership, Jackson said, Miss Ball flatly denied she ever had joined or attended any meetings.

The Congressman's statement followed her request that the committee "release a full transcript of the information I gave."

Jackson said the full transcript of her statement to Wheeler, to be released today, will show she also admitted signing the nominating petition for Emil Freed, 1936 Communist candidate for the Assembly, in the 57th District.

This transcript, Jackson said, also will include the statements of Miss Ball's mother, Mrs. Desiree Ball, and her brother, Fred H. Ball, and that both of them also registered for the Communist ballot in 1936.

Jackson said the statements

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of all three were "cooperative," that all declared they never had "any Communist Party interests" other than the influence of the deceased grandfather.

The Santa Monica Republican Congressman described his own statement as "unusual" and brought about only because of public disclosure that Miss Ball had registered, and the committee's subsequent desire to "be fair and just in all instances."

Had not the matter, of which he said the committee has been aware "for several years," been disclosed by another source, the committee would not have divulged it.

'Couple of Points' to Be Checked

"The investigation of the committee will, of course, continue with respect to this case," he said, but fastened to explain:

"No case is ever closed. There are a couple of points we want to check."

Jackson said, however, there is no present plan to call Miss Ball as a witness and that the committee has received "no identification" to contradict her own flat declaration she is not and never was a Communist Party member, or that she never attended a Communist meeting.

As for her name appearing as a member of the Communist Party State Central Committee in 1954, Miss Ball insisted it was done without her permission and testimony of the then-state chairman of the Communist Party, Jackson added, was that he never knew or had met Miss Ball.

Jackson's unprecedented disclosure of committee information "at the investigation level" came after a telephonic poll of other committee members about the nation, giving him approval to go ahead.

Arnaz Makes Public Statement

The news of the Congressman's action was received happily by Desi Arnaz, her husband and co-star of the "I Love Lucy" show just before they began filming an episode before a live audience of 300 in Hollywood.

"I was very anxious for all this to come out," said the Cuban bandleader, going before the audience with a public statement.

"I know that you would find the truth, that Lucy had nothing to do with this and that she's completely clear."

"We both despise anything and everything that smells of Communism."

Earlier, Desi had said:

"This whole thing is very silly. There's no doll more patriotic than this one. I've been married to this doll for 13 years and I know she's not a Communist."

"I know Communism. I saw it in my own country. I was thrown out of my country by Communists."

Arnaz won the audience cheers when he concluded:

"Lucy's never been a Communist, is not now a Communist, nor never will be a Communist."

'Nothing to Fear,' Declares Lucille

Miss Ball said: "When you're right, you're right. I had nothing to fear." The affidavit of registration, on file at the office of the Los

Angeles County Registrar of Voters, bears No. 847,884, and was signed March 20, 1954.

The signature appears as "Miss Lucille D. Ball," declares intent "to affiliate at the ensuing primary election with the Communist Party," lists "actress" as the signer's occupation, and gives the residence address of 2944 North Ogden Drive.

(This registration was voided December 29, 1954, for non-compliance. On September 26, 1944, records reflected Mrs. Lucille Ball Arnaz registered as a Democrat.)

An admitted ex-Communist, Rosa M. Vale, signed an affidavit that in 1957 she attended a Communist Party "new members class" at North Ogden Drive.

She said she shortly was informed as that we were the guests of the screen actress,

Lucille Ball, and showed us various pictures, books and other objects to establish that fact, and stated she was glad to have her home for a Communist Party new members' class."

Miss Ball, speaking through personal representative, denied that, "to her knowledge" he Ogden drive home ever was used for a Communist meeting. Arnes said that he and Miss Ball, both "voted for Eisenhower" at the last general election.

The couple rank as the best known of the entertainment industry in American homes having won virtually every honor TV could bestow and the success of their "I Love Lucy" show.

They are presently filming new episodes for the series which is scheduled to return to the air Monday, October 15.

Through the TV medium, an audience estimated at 60,000,000 shared a portion of their personal lives last year while "Ricky and Lucy" of the show became parents at the same time Miss Ball became a mother in fact.

That child, a son, Desiderio Alberto Arnes IV, was delivered by Cesarean section in January.

They also have a daughter, Lucie Desire, now 2.

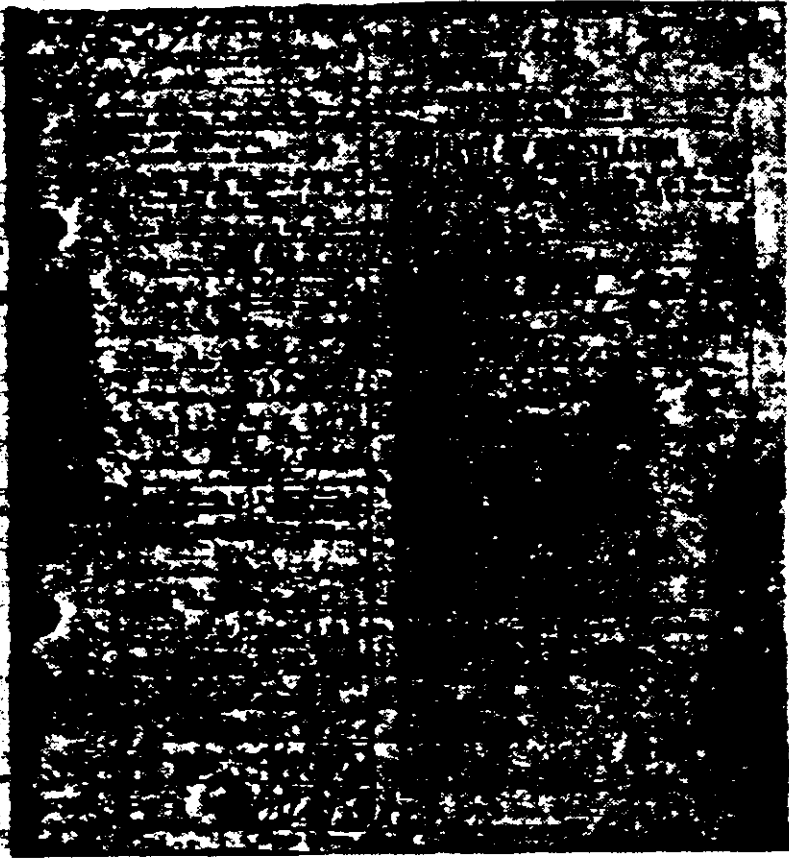
AFFIDAVIT of registration, on file at office of W. H. Kerr, L. A. County Registrar of Voters, bearing No. 247,293 and signed March 15, 1954, in registered show, signature of

Miss Lucille D. Ball, corporation officer and agent for affiliate of the General Industry Union with the Communist (Soviet) Party, 270 N. Grand, shows no registration.

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The evidence.

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REQUEST that secret testimony she gave a congressional committee be made public will be granted Actress Lucille Ball (above) today according to Congressman Donald L. Jackson, House Un-American Activities Committee has "no evidence" Miss Ball ever was a member of the Communist Party Jackson said in "national" statement last night.

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