DEPARTMENT OF STATE

August 26, 1952

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of United States Passport

Number 679648 issued at Washington, D.C. on

17,1952 which was surrendered by the

bearer, Ira De Augustine Reid, on this date.

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U.S. Department of State Division of Security

Philadelphia Field Office

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August 26, 1952

Miss R. B. Shipley Passport Division Department of State Washington, D. C.

RE: 130- Reid, Ira De Augustine

Dear Miss Shipley :

Acting upon your letter of August 21st, addressed to Mr. John W. Ford, a representative of the Division of Security of the Department of State called upon me today with the request that I surrender my United States Passport Number 679648 for transmittal to your office. Your letter indicated that I should write the Division should there be any necessity for correspondence in this matter.

Since the Special Agent possessed no official knowledge of the reason for the request beyond that mentioned in the letter. I am writing to ascertain that reason and to inquire if there are any steps that I need take in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Ira De A. Reid Professor of Sociology qiok

December 26, 1952

Mr. Harold Keele . Counsel Committee on the Investigation of Tax-Exempt Foundations House of Representatives Office Building Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Keele:

According to a New York Times dispatch by John D. Morris, under a December 23,1952 dateline, and published in that paper on December 24,1952, I was accused of having been or of being a Communist by Louis Budenz in his testimony before the Committee of which you are counsel. The story states that I was so identified from a list of beneficiaries of the Rockefeller Foundation which was read to Budenz by you.

Will you please advise me if this is a correct version of the accusation made by Mr. Budenz . I should like to know, also, if this testimony is to be a matter of public record.

Sincerely yours,

Ira De A. Reid Professor of Sociology

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In reply refer to 130-Reid, Ira De Augustine

Dr. Ira De Augustine Reid, 2 College Lane, Haverford, Pennsylvania.

My dear Dr. Reid:

The Department has received your recent communications in which you ask to be informed why the Department has revoked your passport.

In reply you are informed that the Department has received information indicating that your case falls within the provisions of the recently promulgated amendments to the Passport Regulations, copy of which is enclosed. Specifically, it has been stated that you are a Communist.

If you desire to have the matter reconsidered by the Department, it is suggested that you submit to the Department an affidavit of the nature outlined in Section 51.142 of the Regulations. You may also furnish to the Department, at this time, if you so desire, any further affidavit, statement or evidence which you may deem pertinent to the question of whether your case falls within the scope of Section 51.135 of the Regulations.

The Department regrets the delay which has occured in replying to your communications under acknowledgment.

Sincerely yours,

Chief, Passport Division.

Enclosure:

Supplement to Passport Regulations.

November 10, 1952

The Secretary of State Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mrs. R. B. Shipley Passport Division 130-Reid, Ira De Augustine

My dear Mrs. Shipley:

Thank you for your letter of November 6, 1952 which advised me for the first time of the nature of and the reasons for the action taken by the Department in requesting the surrender of my passport on August 21, 1952.

Your letter suggests two actions that I may take in requesting Departmental reconsideration of this action. The first is an affirmation of the facts as outlined in Section 51:142 of the Supplement to Passport Regulations, the second the submitting of any affidavit or statement that I may wish to make in connection with activities as comprehended by Section 51.135 of the same document.

I enclose both of the affidavits requested. I trust that they will be sufficient to clear up this matter. If they are not, I. wish to take such further action as may be determined as necessary in this connection.

Sincerely yours,

Ira De A. Reid 2..College Lane Haverford, Pa.

2 College Lane Haverford, Pa. Nov. 10, 1952

The Secretary of State Washington, D. C.

I cortify that this is a true copy of the original documents

As specified under Title 22; Chapter I, Part 51; Subpart B, Section 51.135 of the Supplement to Respont Regulations of the Department of State, I 3th Mereby affirm that

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2. I am not now, and have never been a member of the Communist Party.

- 3. I have not knowingly engaged in any activities because of the "result of direction, domination, or control exercised over me by the Communist movement."
- 4. I am not going abroad for the purposes of, have never gone abroad for the purposes of, and have never been asked to go abroad for the purposes of "engaging in activities which will advance the Communist movement for the purpose, knowingly and willfully of advancing that movement."

The four passports issued to me since 1932 have been utilized as follows:

1932: Europe: purposes of vacation and travel under an Open Roadutour.

1938: Caribbean Area: to round out my demographic studies of the West Indies. (Published as The Negro Immigrant. Columbia Uni. Press. NY. 1939).

1939: England: To continue demographic studies at the London School of Economics. West Africa: for vacation, research, and to visit friends and acquaintances in Liberia, Gold Coast, and Nigeria. They included the US Minister to Liberia, Lester A. Walton; Deaver P. Young, a Firestone Co. representative in Monrovia; A Caseley-Hayford, then Magistrate, Kofifidua, Gold Coast, now Minister of Agriculture; the Alake of Abeckuta in Nigeria.

1948: England and France: Conducting a Ship Orientation Program for Foreign and -American students, auspices of the American Friends Service Committee.

1949: Switzerland and France: Vacation, and to conduct a west-bound Ship Orientation Brogram for Youth Argosy.

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This statement is made under the conditions prescribed by law. I affirm that the facts cited herein are true.

Ira De Augustine Reid

commission expires 2/1/55

This is to certify that Ira De A. Reid appeared before me on this date, signed this document in my presence, and affirmed that the above statements are true. Notary DATE:

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Nov. 10. 1952

The Secretary of State Vaculanten, D. G.

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Reid, Ira De Augustine

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2 College Lane Haverford, Pa. November 10, 1952

The Secretary of State Washington, D. C.

As specified under Title 22, Chapter I, Part 51, Subpart B, Section 51.142 of the Supplement to Passport Regulations of the Department of State, I do hereby affirm, that :

- 1. I am not a Communist.
- 2. I have never been a Communist.
- 3. I am not a member of the Communist Party.
- I have never been a member of the Communist Party.
- 5. I am not a member of a Communist party.
- 6. I have never been a member of a Communist party.

This statement is made under the conditions prescribed by law. I affirm that the facts cited herein are true.

> Ira De Augustine Reid 2 College Lane Haverford, Pa-

This is to certify that Ira De A. Reid appeared before me on this date, signed this document in my presence, and affirmed that the above statements are true.

DATE: 11/11/52

Notary Public

My commission expires 2/1/53

I certify that this is a true copy of the original document.

DATE: 11/11/52

Notary Public

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