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The Commissioner
Immigration and Naturalization Service

December 24, 1958

Director, FBI

Attention: Mr. Raymond P. Powell
Assistant Commissioner

62-95834-19

JOSEPHINE BAKER
DEPARTMENT OF STATE - FR

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EX-102

Reference is made to your memorandum dated December 18, 1958, your reference 2-95834-19, 1958, concerning that your Bureau desires to conduct an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the subject's activities and reported to be obvious by such an investigation would interfere with any investigation of the subject by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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It is requested that you continue to furnish your agency information we receive concerning the subject and her activities.

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NOTE: No investigation has been conducted by the Bureau concerning the subject. The information from Bureau files was furnished to the McCarran Committee on July 19, 1958, to the Attorney General on October 14, 1958, and to DHE on November 2, 1958. Baker is a colored singer, American born, French citizen. By virtue of her marriage to a Frenchman in 1937,

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SECRET - AIR COURIER

Date: January 7, 1953

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To: Director, FBI (62-95834)

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From: Legat, Paris (105-245)

Subject: JOSEPHINE BAKER BOUILLOU

MRS. JO BOUILLOU

INTERNAL SECURITY - FR

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ReBulet 11/21/52.

Attached hereto are seven copies of a blind memorandum which the Bureau may desire to disseminate to the Department of Justice, Department of State and the Immigration and Naturalization Service. No dissemination has been made at Paris.

This memorandum represents all data on the subject now available to this office, including that contained in Paris cable to the Bureau dated 11/2/51 entitled "JOSEPHINE BAKER; SPECIAL INQUIRY."

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Date: January 30, 1953 DECLASSIFIED BY SP-1 GS/PSK
ON 9/2/61

To: Mr. John W. Ford
Chief, Division of Security
U. S. Department of State
515 22nd Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: JOSEPHINE MAKER
INTERNAL SECURITY - PR

Attached for the information of each of the agencies receiving this memorandum is a communication, dated January 7, 1953, which contains information concerning the captioned individual, a French citizen by marriage.

These data are being furnished for your confidential use with the request that they not be further disseminated. No investigation will be conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the absence of a specific request.

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

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cc - 1 - The Commissioner (Attachment)
Immigration and Naturalization Service
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Date: February 18, 1953 ~~SECECR~~

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To:

Mr. John W. Ford
Chief, Division of Security
U. S. Department of State
525 22nd Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

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From:

John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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9/2/82

Subject:

JOSEPHINE BAKER
INTERNAL SECURITY - FR

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Reference is made to our memorandum of January 30,

Attached is a copy of a memorandum dated November 14,

1952, containing information from our files concerning the
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~~SECRET AIR COURIER~~

Date: March 3, 1953

To: Legal Attaché
Havana, Cuba

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: JOSEPHINE BAKER
INTERNAL SECURITY - PR

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A news article in the "Washington Star" of February 19, 1953, reflected that Josephine Baker was quizzed by Cuba's military intelligence service on February 18, 1953, concerning Baker's alleged Communist leanings. The article also reflected that she was released after "full questioning" and that she denied any connection with Communism.

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TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : SAC, New Orleans
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TO : Director, FBI (62-95834) **SECRET** **RS**
FROM : Legal Attaché, Havana, Cuba
SUBJECT: JOSEPHINE BAKER
FOREIGN MISCELLANEOUS

DATE: March 11, 1953
Havana, Cuba

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Apparently BAKER had a contract to appear on the CMQ radio and television network but the story was put out by CMQ that because she did not show up on the date agreed upon the contracts were canceled. BAKER had also made an arrangement with an advertising agency here to appear on their television show which advertises a cigarette, but the manager of CMQ refused to let her enter the studios. BAKER promptly staged a sitdown strike at the CMQ entrance, which, according to GOAR MESTRE of CMQ, was reinforced by the assistance of a Communist clique.

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There was not much attention given to BAKER here in Havana and Dr. Release JACOB CANTER, U. S. Cultural Affairs Officer, American Embassy, Havana, Cuba, advised on 3-3-53 that his contacts with the principal negro leaders of Havana resulted in his being informed that JOSEPHINE BAKER made no particular impression upon the Cuban negro population even if the Communist per STATE Dept. daily newspaper HOY did play up the racist views of BAKER.

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To: Director, FBI (62-95854)

March 11, 1953
Havana, Cuba

Subject: JOSEPHINE BAKER
FOREIGN MISCELLANEOUS

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While in Cuba BAKER was received by President FULGENCIO BATISTA but the press did not make much out of the incident.

About two years ago when JOSEPHINE BAKER was in Havana there was some publicity at the time about her being refused a room at the Hotel Nacional, which is the leading hotel in this country. Just prior to her current arrival in Cuba she cabled to the Hotel Sevilla Biltmore in downtown Havana for a reservation, but the Sevilla Biltmore replied that they were filled up. During her stay in Havana, BAKER lived in an apartment building at Calle N & 21. This apartment house caters to American tourist trade and is known to be well patronized by American gamblers.

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Representative news clippings are attached.

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Josephine Baker Fails In Try To Force CMQ To Let Her Perform

Josephine Baker "picketed" the Vedodo studios of CMQ yesterday afternoon and evening in an unsuccessful attempt to force the radio-TV station

owners to employ her services.

Station Owner Oscar Mestre said the actress, whose contract he cancelled after three postponements on her part, could stand outside the building "until hell freezes over" before he would permit her to perform.

Mestre charged the American-born French performer with using a "Communist clique to create a scandal" to force him to hire her. "She had a 'show' all set up to pull for when she was refused entrance into the building," he commented.

The station owner said he would not permit Miss Baker or anyone else "to order me around." His station, he added, "does not make any distinction between a famous international star and the humblest local performer."

Mestre said his troubles started around 1:30 yesterday afternoon when Miss Baker forced her way into the building and took over a studio "for rehearsals." She was ejected, he explained, but returned an hour and a half later - "with a Communist clique" - to provoke a disorder.

When he sensed her purpose, Mestre said, he sent down a chair for her to sit down in and told her to make herself comfortable for she was in for a long wait if she thought she was going to be admitted into the building again.

"I also sent down a Beware! crew to film the 'show,'" he added, "to show to the Cuban public that CMQ has only one policy, and that it is applied no matter who it hurts." He said that Miss Baker had "insisted" that she must be presented on the Cabaret Regalias TV program last night, and "I cannot be ordered around."

Mestre had contracted Miss Baker in January, while she was in Buenos Aires, for a \$14,000 fortnightly series of theater, television and nightclub shows. When she arbitrarily postponed her opening date three times, he added, he advised her by cable that her contract was cancelled.

When Miss Baker replied "rejecting" his cancellation, Mestre said, he warned her twice that she would proceed to Havana "at her own risk and expense." Mestre displayed photostatic copies of the cables exchanged to support his statement.

After her arrival in Havana, Mestre said, Miss Baker negotiated a contract with a local advertising agency to appear on the tobacco sponsor's Wednesday night program, but without the station's prior consent, as is required in all of its time contracts. He notified the agency that Miss Baker was unacceptable. Mestre said, since CMQ already had cancelled her prior contract with them.

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"The agency acted on its own," she declared. "No client can use talent without first clearing it with the station. The station has refused her. Our decision is irrevocable."

Earlier, in a press conference called for local newsmen, Miss Baker had expressed "pain" over the coolness of her reception in Cuba and inferred she was being "persecuted" for her convictions. The anti-American sentiments she expressed in Buenos Aires, she alibied, "were to defend myself from the uncalled-for aggressions of North Americans."

In the press conference, held at her apartment in the Pizzarro Building, N and 21 Streets, Vedado, Miss Baker denied she was "in anybody's service." (She has been accused by American newspapers of being a "transmission belt" for Communist anti-American propaganda.)

Miss Baker also denied she was seeking publicity. She said she

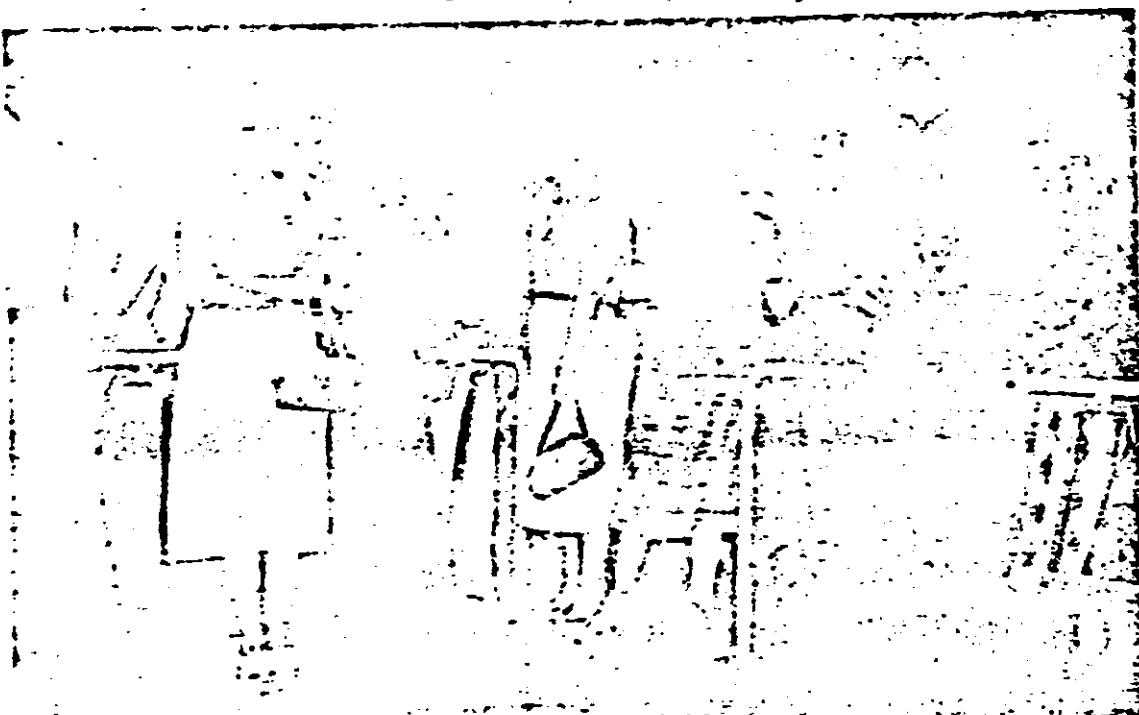
had come to Cuba to "work as an artist... and not to lecture... but in view of what I see and hear, I feel I must (speak out)..."

"When one is gravely ill," she added, "one must do something to save one's self."

She said that since her arrival she had "almost" signed a contract to appear at the America Theater but that the manager Gabriel Guzman, had backed out because he did not want to run the risk of losing his American films franchise.

She said if her alleged "persecution" continued, she would "not hesitate" to appeal for support of the "millions of human beings of beaten races."

She reiterated her admiration for Argentina's dictator, Juan Peron, and said his "friendship" was worth much more to her "than the enmity of a number of foreigners."

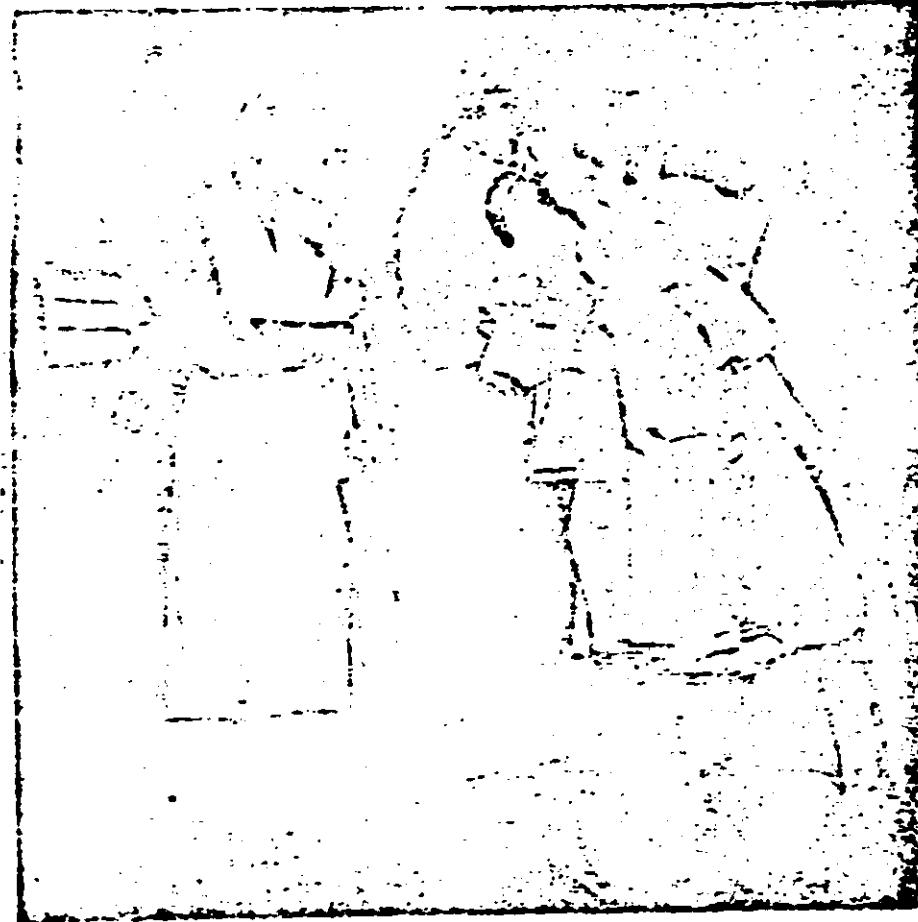


PICKET — Miss Dorothy Baker attempted to enter the CMQ studios at 111 and 2nd Streets yesterday afternoon to protest the cancellation of her contract to appear on the "Cabaret Negra" program. She was detained by a guard, and refused admittance. Miss Baker is seen above (left, facing camera) with her costume thrown over the rail at her side. She remained at her post for several hours until her lawyer arrived. (HERALD photo by Suarez)

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Tina hermosa batalla por la libertad



"A mi me interesa más ganar esta pelea por la dignidad humana, que ganar 12 mil dólares." Así se pronunció Josephine Baker en la puerta de la CMQ, al serle notificada, que había sido contratada en Caracas. Ante la insistencia y persistentes gritos de los compradores de la emisora de radio y televisión, negándose la entrada a los estudios a la famosa actriz, donde tenía que cumplimentar su contrato, Josephine Baker anunció su firme decisión de no irse de Cuba, para reclamar sus derechos a actuar ante el público cubano.

de los compradores de la emisora de radio y televisión, negándose la entrada a los estudios a la famosa actriz, donde tenía que cumplimentar su contrato, Josephine Baker anunció su firme decisión de no irse de Cuba, para reclamar sus derechos a actuar ante el público cubano.

"En las batallas por la libertad, muchos han caído: quizás a mi me toque ser sacrificada, pero eso no me importa: hay que luchar por el progreso"

Hernández batalla por la libertad, la justicia y los derechos humanos libró ayer en la CMQ Josephine Baker. Niégare la empresa radiotelvisora a permitirle la entrada en los estudios, para que no pueda cumplir su contrato

"A las cuatro de la tarde de hoy he recibido una oferta de la CMQ que anhaga para lanzar una más abajo extensos: dicen también: que ganar un contrato de 12 mil dólares. Esto no me sorprende. Tengo que luchar por el progreso. A mí me interesa más ganar el dinero compra a muchos, pero tal vez seríamos libres".

Eso declaró para ROY Josephine Baker.

Y en esta misma entrevista, realizada en los excepcionales circuns-

Por O. PINO

Libertad, justicia, amor, cariño, Quisiera que mi sueño tocado sea la sacrificada. Eso no me importa. Hoy que luchar por el progreso; si mu-

eran, que ahora tiene que saber que ellos no habrían causado en esta batalla. La entrevista fue en el estudio de los estudios de la CMQ Televisión.

En ese lugar, ayer por la tarde, una grande y valiente artista protagonizó una hermosa batalla

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"En las batallas...

—CONTINUACIÓN DE LA PRIMERA—

por la libertad, la justicia y los derechos humanos con su gallarda actitud frente a los monopolios yanquis y sus testaferrados en nuestro país.

Josephine Baker, la genial actriz francesa, permaneció ayer durante varias horas, en el citado lugar, de pie, mientras varios policías y porteros, obedeciendo las órdenes de la empresa CMQ-TV, impedían su entrada a los estudios para cumplimentar su contrato.

La Baker tenía un contrato con la firma "Regalias El Cuhío", para trabajar anoche miércoles en el programa "Cabalet Regalias".

En cumplimiento de los fórmulos del mismo, la artista concursó ayer por la tarde, a efectuar los ensayos correspondientes.

La Empresa CMQ-TV, sin embargo, le manifestó que había decidido rescindir el contrato.

CMQ-TV, seguidamente, denunció la contraria demanda de la Embajada yanqui de impedir la actuación en Cuba de la gran defensora de las atrocidades de la discriminación racial en Estados Unidos.

LLEGADA DE LA ARTISTA

La Baker concursó a ensayar —tal y como se había convenido— ayer a la una de la tarde.

Se le impidió entonces que ensayara.

Volvío a la una y media; tampoco pudo hacer nada.

Entonces se le dijo que a las tres y media podía volver.

A esa hora exacta volvió... para encontrarse que se habían dado órdenes a la Policía para que impidiera su entrada.

Lo que sucedió entonces es un episodio del que debe quedar constancia en nuestra historia.

Es ésta un caso de los más escandalosos de sumisión de un sector de la clase dominante a una orden siniestra del imperialismo.

Implica un verdadero ultraje a la cultura, a lo más noble del arte, a lo más esencial de la dignidad humana.

Y es también un ejemplo de firmeza, de valentía, de pura fibra, brindado por una extraordinaria mujer.

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"ANGELLOS QUE RECIBEN ORDENES DE EE. UU. Y LAS EJECUTAN, VAN PERRIDO SU SENTIDO DE LA DIGNIDAD" - JOSEPHINE BAKER

"Me duele pensar que aquí en Cuba el "pulpo" tenga una tan grande influencia"

ANUNCIA LA EXIMIA ACTRIZ QUE DARA CONFERENCIAS EN EL PAÍS

Revela Josephine Baker la presión de los monopolios yanquis para que impidan su actuación en Cuba

Por Hugo CERVANTES

"Me duele pensar que aquí en La Habana, en Cuba, el "pulpo" habiere ganado esa influencia tan grande". Así dice a los periodistas cubanos Josephine Baker, en la Conferencia de Prensa que convocó, antes de ayer para explicar las agresiones de que viene siendo objeto, y a la que asistieron en representación de nuestro HOY.

"Si alguien me hubiere dicho —continúa la eximia actriz— que esto pasaría aquí en Cuba, yo hubiera jurado que se equivocaba."

Y a continuación con un rierte de tristeza en su expresivo rostro:

"La fuerza del "pulpo" es tan grande aquí en Cuba, que domina todo lo financiero y lo político en este país."

Josephine Baker es una afamada artista, cuya fama corre por todo el mundo. Supe levantarse, paso a paso, hacia los últimos peldaños de la popularidad y de la gloria.

Pero Josephine Baker, es sobre todo una gran mujer de su tiempo. Cuando Francia la exigió, Josephine se unió a la resistencia francesa. Su arte no sirvió para deleitar a los nazis. Hoy, ante los brutales atropellos de que son objeto sus hermanos de raza en los Estados Unidos, Josephine se sitúa en el puesto de honor, justo al lado del gran patriota americano Paul Robeson.

Esa doble personalidad artística y cívica, le ha granizado a la Baker el cariño entrañable de los pueblos de Nuestra América, que aprendieron con Martí a aborrecer a los discriminadores, a los que, por motivos inconfesables, no desmedida explotación, quieren mantener a los pueblos afric平ndos, divididos y subyugados por barreras raciales o de creencias.

Y se ha ganado, por otra parte, la sefida persecución de los discriminadores, de los tenebrosos buitres, de los luchadores que promueven a cada rato una horrenda caeriza de negros en el "mismo momento y lugar".

La simpatía que sienten los pueblos se acrecienta cuando la mujer, la infatigable luchadora por los derechos de sus hermanos proletarios, supera a la artista y detallando fuertes contrastes, que astillan a su disposición tan pronto abjurara de sus principios, manteniendo su valerosa actitud de siempre,

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Me duele pensar que aquí en La Habana, en tan grande", expresa Josephine Baker alzando
Cuba, el "pulpo" haya ganado una influencia se en toda su vibrante dignidad

"Aquellos que reciben órdenes de EE. UU. y las cumplen, han...

Entrevistas a la actriz

«Me fui a nadie ni a nada, con el valor de sus convicciones».

HABLA LA ACTRIZ

La esbelta figura de Josephine se agita en su asiento. De pronto se pone de pie. Sus ojos, bellísimos, se hacen más expresivos y en su rostro, tenso y frescor, a pesar del tiempo, se retrata su valiente decisión.

«Ha llegado la hora de romper el silencio. Explicaré muchas cosas que han ocurrido antes y después de mi llegada a La Habana, a fin de que quede claro que no soy una provocadora, ni una agitadora», nos dice la Baker.

Y explica inmediatamente:

«Soy fundadora de la "Asociación Cultural Mundial, contra la discriminación racial y religiosa", que estoy organizando en diez países del mundo... Las asociaciones son para incentivar la buena voluntad y las relaciones armónicas entre la Humanidad, haciéndole conocer las realizaciones de las gentes de color del mundo, en el terreno de las artes, la ciencia, las profesiones y los deportes. También para darles a conocer a las gentes de color del mundo, las realizaciones de sus hermanos blancos, en este mismo terreno.»

«La asociación es para proteger firmemente los derechos humanos de todos los individuos, sin distinción de raza, color o credo. Para luchar por la completa abolición de los prejuicios raciales y religiosos, donde quiera que se encuentren. Para defender con lógica y justicia, a todos aquellos que son objeto de represalias, o de ataques debido a su raza, raza o credo.»

«Creo que ha llegado el tiempo para todas las razas, religiones y credos, de unirse para la futura paz del mundo.»

«La Asociación se propone dictar conferencias que tiendan a acercar a todas las gentes del mundo. Existe un dicho que expresa: "La ignorancia es bendita", pero para mi manera de ver, el enemigo mortal de la civilización y el progreso, es la ignorancia.»

Josephine se detiene. Se sienta en su cuerpo esbusto, su peineta es más firme ahora:

«Esa es la razón de por qué mal atacan los gobiernos norteamericanos, las insinuaciones de los Estados Unidos. Pero se equivocan si creen que y les ejecutan, en mi opinión, que habrá sido error y han perdido su sentido de dignidad de mi lucha en fa-

tor de la Humanidad. Este campo ha la manzana en los propios Estados Unidos durante todo el tiempo que permaneció allí, pese a las amenazas de que fue objeto.»

PRETENTOS PARA IMPEDIR SU ACTUACIÓN

«Para impedir mi actuación en Cuba —explica Josephine Baker— se ha pretextado que llegué después de la fecha señalada para comenzar mi actuación. Esto no es cierto, pues mi debut estaba fijado para el día 3 de febrero y yo llegué el día 4.»

Y como para fijar el verdadero origen de la agresión incalificable, relata en seguida cómo, después de

lograr rescindir el contrato firmado para actuar en CNIQ, en televisión y en un cabaret, se puso en contacto con ella el señor Gabriel Guzmán intercambiando lograr su actuación en el Teatro América.

«Cuán no sería mi sorpresa al visitarme el Sr. Guzmán, no para firmar el contrato moral que ya existía, sino para decirme que sentía mucho no poder hacer negocios conmigo, porque si lo hacía la Metro Goldwyn-Meyer, que le sirve películas, rompería su contrato con él.»

Josephine Baker habla con calor y sus palabras, ayudadas musicalmente por las manos, los ojos, por todo su expresivo cuerpo, hacen casi innecesario el traductor.

«¡Qué vergüenza —dice con la ira retratada en el rostro—, qué cosa tan terrible quitar ilusiones a las gentes sencillas que no pueden ver la vida de una manera más dulce, de la maravillosa manera que los cubanos la veían antes!»

«Siento mucho no poder cumplir este contrato. Lo siento porque no puedo presentarme ante el querido público cubano, al que

adoro y creo que también me adora. Pero sucede así, aunque están en su país han perdido sus derechos y el privilegio de disfrutar de un espectáculo de una artista que tiene a su país... Eso es triste, pero desgraciadamente verdadero.»

Pensando en sus palabras todo el fuego de su temperamento extraordinario, Josephine clara en la mirada a los sometidos al imperialismo yanqui:

«Aquellos que reciben órdenes e atan los gobiernos norteamericanos, insinuaciones de los Estados Unidos, pero se equivocan si creen que y les ejecutan, en mi opinión, que habrá sido error y han perdido su sentido de dignidad de mi lucha en fa-

T agrega enfática:

«La mayoría de los cubanos no son responsables de esto, pero los responsables están cometiendo el crimen más grande que el hombre pueda concebir".

La mujer digna y clara que hay en la eximia actriz, acepta, con toda las responsabilidades inherentes, el reto que le han lanzado los discriminadores y guerrilleros del Norte, en cuyas entrañas ha vivido Josephine Baker. Ella, que no tuvo miedo enfrentarse a los nazis intóxicos de su patria, tampoco lo tiene ahora al enfrentarse a los que han tomado el lugar de Hitler.

«Cuando un enfermo está grave, el deber del médico es hacer todos los esfuerzos posibles por salvarle la vida", dice ella, y termina expresando su decisión inquebrantable: «No había previsto dar conferencias en Cuba, pero ahora creo necesario dorias para que la gente comprenda lo que está sucediendo".

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To:

Mr. John E. Foye
Director
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Department of State
215 22nd Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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From:

John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject:

JOSEPHINE BAKER
INTERNAL SECURITY - PR

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Reference is made to our memorandum of February 27, 1953, a copy of which was designated for the Central Intelligence Agency, containing information from our files concerning the captioned individual.

Recent news articles reflect that the subject was in Mexico, City, during the month of February, 1953.

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Report that Josephine Baker made a particular impression upon the Cuban Negro population through the Communist daily newspaper "Boys" etc. giving racial views of Baker. (S)

(S) While in Cuba, Baker was received by President Fulgencio Batista; however, the press did not publicize this incident to a great extent.

These data are being furnished for your confidential use with the request they not be disseminated outside of your Agency.

cc - 2 - The Commissioner (your reference T-2321267 dated Immigration and Naturalization Service December 9, 1952 INT:FKH)

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With even less fanfare than at her arrival, Josephine Baker left by air for Europe on February 25 after a three-week stay in Havana during which she vented anew—but with limited results—her views on racial discrimination in the United States and her admiration of President Perón.

Miss Baker's visit to Cuba must be considered of little value to her cause. She failed to enroll President Batista in her World Association Against Racial and Religious Discrimination. She made no talks, and the press conference she called was attended only by communist-line reporters and a few from papers of little significance.

She did not appear on television or at the night club where she originally had been booked, but did entertain for a week at the Teatro Campomanor, a run-down house which a year ago was a burlesque palace. She is also reported to have attended a play put on by a company under the Argentine director Francisco Petrone, and sang one or two numbers afterward. The applause given her was termed perfunctory.

Miss Baker's artistic activities were a far cry from what she had expected in Cuba. Her contracts on CMQ-TV and at the Montmartre night club were cancelled because she had delayed her arrival date so many times by telegram that her local employers said they were fed up. The Communist press, naturally, charged the American Embassy had intervened, which was not the case.

All in all, Miss Baker's influence on Cuban Negroes may well be appraised as negligible. The Negro press ignored her, and Negro societies made no fuss over her.

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Gastón Baquero, city editor of Diario de la Marina, explained to an Embassy officer that the attitude of the Cuban Negro toward the United States has changed radically in the last few years and that the Cuban Negro is now aware that real progress is being made in the United States toward the elimination of racial discrimination.

For the Ambassador:

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March 27, 1953

Director, FBI

JOSEPHINE BAKER
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Reference is made to our memorandum to the Attorney General dated October 15, 1952, entitled "Josephine Baker" with an attachment containing information taken from our files concerning Baker.

Attached for your information is one copy of a memorandum dated March 27, 1953, to the State Department, which contains information concerning the captioned individual.

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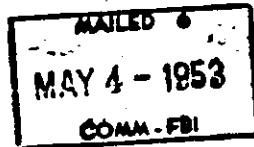
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: JOSEPHINE BAKER
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Reference is made to our memorandum of
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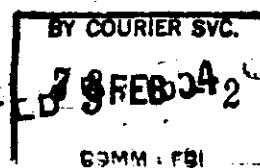
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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: JOSEPHINE BAKER
INTERNAL SECURITY - PR

Reference is made to memorandum dated March 23,
1954, furnishing information on the captioned individual and
requesting any additional pertinent data on subject in our files.

Your attention is invited to our memorandum dated March 27,
1954 to the Department of State, [REDACTED] and to previous communications in this case which
contain a summary of all of the pertinent information on the subject
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We would appreciate receiving any additional information
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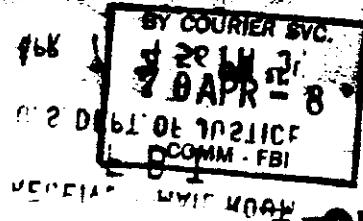
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American Embassy
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Date: April 5, 1954

To: Director, FBI (62-95834)

From: Legal Attaché, Paris [105-245] (S)

Subject: JOSEPHINE BAKER
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enclosed herewith one copy of a Confidential report prepared by
WILLIAM A. CRAWFORD, Political Section of the U.S. Embassy
Paris. The Report is dated March 23, 1954, and is on the subject
JOSEPHINE BAKER on Race Prejudice. (X)(U)

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Jessie Mae Baker on Race Prejudice

In the light of Embassy Copenhagen's reference despatch on Miss Baker's recent public talk in Denmark on race prejudice, it would be desirable to comment on her activities in France in this connection. Highly regarded in France as an entertainer, she has established something of a reputation here in the past for being a defender of the racially oppressed. Although her activities in this regard have occasionally exposed her to charges of pro-Communist bias, the Bureau has uncovered no supporting evidence to give them substance. It is known that an article of hers appeared in 1949 in a Soviet review and that she has supported several racial cases much publicized by the Communist press involving American negroes.

Miss Baker long since gave up her American citizenship to become a citizen. According to her statements, she had suffered the terrible consequences of racial discrimination in the United States, apparently she is now bent on exposing such conditions wherever she goes. In doing so, she represents a French organization, the "Solidarnete contre le Racisme et l'Antisemitisme" (SCRA), under the leadership of which she has made a number of speeches in France and elsewhere. The last such speech prior to her Copenhagen trip was delivered on December 26, 1953 in Paris at the Palais de la Mutualite. The text, as published in serial form in the January, February and March issues of "L'Art de Vivre", was almost identical to that given in Copenhagen. In both talks, she was careful to state that she was not hostile to any of the countries she mentioned but was merely fighting against the bad and intolerable conditions wherever she found them. She also stated that whereas she has been charged with being a Communist because of the stand she has taken on race prejudice, she is not associated with any political party.

At the same time, it is worth noting that Miss Baker's attacks on race prejudice are preponderantly directed against the United States and that any criticism of race prejudice in Soviet-controlled countries is conspicuously absent from her remarks. Moreover, after a trip to South America and the United States, Miss Baker in 1949 wrote an account of her experiences entitled "Mon Voyage aux Etats-Unis," which was published in the French Communist youth front weekly "Front Syndicaliste" Vol. 26, for October 26-November 2, 1949, with the notation that it was

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reproduced from the Soviet review, l'Actualité du Monde. The article was highly critical of racial conditions in the United States, and its appearance in such periodicals was an indication that she apparently had no objection at the time to the use of her name and address by the Communists. Moreover, she has not hesitated to defend such Communist-touted "causes célèbres" of so-called racial discrimination in the United States as those of Silvie McKee and Julian Leet.

However, LICRA, with which she is associated, is not a Communist front, unlike its local counterpart in the sphere of racial relations, the Mouvement Contre le Racisme, l'Anti-Sémitisme et pour la Paix (M.R.P.). LICRA was organized in 1927 and claims to be one of the oldest groups of its kind in the world. Its monthly organ, Droit de Vivre, takes a vigorous stand against what it regards as racial discrimination wherever it occurs, and it has from time to time published strong denunciations of anti-Semitism behind the iron curtain, particularly at the time of the Prague trials. Although it has a left-wing orientation, it is strongly anti-Stalinist. A list of its officers, elected at the 16th National Congress in October 1953, is attached (Enclosure 1). There are some ex-Communists and neutralists among them, but none is known to the Embassy as a member of the Communist Party.

In sum, Miss Baker appears to have confined her political interests to the question of race prejudice. Although in several instances she has identified herself with Communist-supported causes, her activity of a representative character seems to have been limited to her association with LICRA, an anti-Communist organization against racial discrimination, whose position in regard to the Silvie McKee case and other cases in question happens to have coincided with that of the Communists. There is no evidence, however, that she has otherwise identified herself with campaigns backed by the Communists, or a Communist herself or has been associated with any Communist organization or front. In view of her occasional visits to the United States, it is believed particularly desirable that the Department be fully informed of the foregoing views of the Embassy in her regard.

G. McMurtrie Godley
First Secretary of Embassy

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[REDACTED] attached hereto is a photostat of a memorandum dated November 14, 1958, concerning Josephine Baker, born June 3, 1906, at St. Louis, Missouri. There is also attached a memorandum dated January 7, 1959, concerning Josephine Baker.

[REDACTED] In addition to the attached information, newspaper articles during the month of February, 1959, indicated that Josephine Baker was in Havana, Cuba.

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The representative of another government agency advised on March 3, 1959, that his contacts with principal Negro leaders in Havana, resulted in his being informed that Josephine Baker made no particular impression upon the Cuban Negro population even though the Communist Daily Newspaper "Troy" did play up the racist views of Baker.

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While in Cuba, Baker was received by President Fulgencio Batista. However, the press did not publicize this incident to a great extent.

(62-95834-2B) You may also desire to check the records of the State Department, Immigration and Naturalization Service for information concerning Josephine Baker. S

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Date: April 21, 1954
To: Legal Attaché
Paris, France
From: Director, FBI
Subject: JOSEPHINE BAKER
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The following appeared in Walter Winchell's column of April 9, 1954, in the "New York Daily Mirror":

"How does the U. S. Consul at Paris, France, explain issuing an American visa to anti-American speech maker, Josephine Baker? Isn't he acquainted with her rantings against the U. S. in Argentina and elsewhere? Isn't he familiar with the regulations at U. S. Immigration? They stopped admitting persons to these shores for being a Nazi, Commy or Fascist sympathizer...We aided in getting this Ingrate into the U. S. a few years ago. After her manager said: 'She asked me to find out what you would do or say about her giving up her U. S. citizenship,' to which we said: 'Oh, how's her act?'...we plugged her act into \$26,000 a week until she staged a 'show' at the Stork Club...When her trick boomeranged, she staged some 'shows' against the U. S. and has been since."

You should determine from the U. S. Embassy, Paris, if the captioned individual has recently been issued a U. S. visa or if the foregoing information pertains to a U. S. visa which she was issued when coming to the United States in 1953. You should also be alert to furnish the Bureau any information reflecting her return to the United States.

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From: Legal Attaché, Paris [105-245] [REDACTED]
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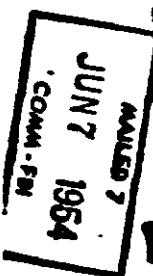
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Los Angeles
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Dear Sirs -

Daily papers proclaim Josephine Baker to be - allowed to roam U.S.A - She is a renowned Red - defiant of law & order. I am ashamed to admit I paid money to see an ignorant, insulting and the poorest performer I ever saw at our downtown theatre her last time here. her innuendos to public on behalf of Blk & white sex stuff too much -- lets watch who employs this trouble maker She's here for no good., an intermediary for something or some one--

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Dear Sirs & Madam's Angles,
Daily papers are circulating
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allowed to roam U.S.A.
She is a renowned Red
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I am ashamed to admit
I paid money to see an
ignorant, insulting and the
greatest performer Jerry
Sayer at our territorial
theatre her last time here.
Her intentions to public on
her return to Paris to say
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who employ this trouble maker
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
NEW YORK, 7/9/54

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

JOSEPHINE BAKER - IS-FRENCH. REBULET 6/7/54 AND NY AIR-TEL
6/9/54. RECORDS USDC, SDNY, CIVIL DOCKET NUMBER 72-74, REFLECTS THAT JOSEPHINE BAKER FILED A LIBEL ACTION 12/21/51 VERSUS WALTER WINCHELL, HEARST CORP., AND KING FEATURES, INC. INDIVIDUALLY AND JOINTLY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000. BAKER ALLEGED THAT WINCHELL IN HIS COLUMNS INDICATED THAT BAKER WAS "A FASCIIST, A COMMUNIST, OR ONE WHO CONSORTS WITH COMMUNISTS, AN ANTI-SEMIT, AN ANTI-NEGRO, AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE OF HER OWN RACE, INTELLECTUALLY DISHONEST, A FRAUD, AND A PERSON OF LOW OR DOUBTFUL CHARACTER." DOCKET REFLECTS THAT ON 6/28/54 CASE WAS "ON CALL OF SPECIAL PRETRIAL BEFORE JUDGE KNOX. HEARING ADJOURNED TO 10/27/54."

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Transmit the following Teletype message to: ~~BUREAU~~

JOSEPHINE BAKER. OFFICE OF INS, INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, NY.
ADVISED ON 6/9/54 THAT JOSEPHINE BAKER, INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN
NEGRO ENTERTAINER, ENTERED THE US ON 6/5/54 AT INSTANT AIRPORT.
BAKER HAD VISITOR'S PERMIT TO STAY IN US FOR ONE MONTH. INS
ADVISED THAT BAKER STATED THE PURPOSE OF HER VISIT WAS TO SUE
WALTER WINCHELL FOR COMMENTS WRITTEN BY HIM IN HIS DAILY COLUMN
ABOUT HER. ABOVE SUBMITTED TO BUREAU FOR INFORMATION.

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③ - BUREAU (REGULAR MAIL)

Mr. Belmont

cc: MR. BELMONT
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JOSEPHINE BAKER, 16 - FR. REUR AIR-TEL 6-9-54, AND BULET
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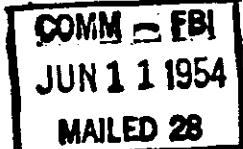
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In addition to the attached information, newspaper articles during the month of February, 1953, indicated that Josephine Baker was in Havana, Cuba. b1

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The representative of another Government agency, released advised on March 3, 1953, that his contacts with principal Negro leaders in Havana, resulted in his being informed that Josephine Baker made no particular impression upon the Cuban Negro population even though the Communist Daily newspaper "Río" did play up the racist views of Baker. b1

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While in Cuba, [REDACTED] was received by President Fulgencio Batista; however, [REDACTED] did not publicize this incident as a great achievement.

The records of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, Civil Docket Number 72-74, reflects that Josephine Baker filed a libel action on December 31, 1951, against Walter Winchell, Hearst Corporation, and King Features, Inc., individually and jointly, in the amount of \$400,000. Baker alleged that Winchell in his columns indicated that Baker was "a Fascist, a Communist or one who supports with Communists, an Anti-Semite, an Anti-Negro, in enemy of the people of her own race, intellectually dishonest, a Crude, and a person of low or doubtful character." The docket also reflects that on June 28, 1954, the case was "on call of special pretrial before Judge Knox. Hearing adjourned to October 27, 1954."

You may desire to check the records of the State Department, [REDACTED] and the Immigration and Naturalization Service for information concerning Josephine Baker.

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TO : Director, FBI (62-95834)
 FROM : JK SAC, New York (105-8241)
 SUBJECT: JOSEPHINE BAKER

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Record of the Clerk of Court, SDNY, under Civil Docket No. 72-74, reflects that on 12/21/51, JOSEPHINE BAKER, represented by Attorneys HAYS, ST. JOHN, ABRAMSON and SCHULMAN, filed a libel action against WALTER WINCHELL, Hearst Corporation and King Features, Inc. individually and jointly charging that defendant WINCHELL indicated in his syndicated column that the plaintiff, JOSEPHINE BAKER, was a Fascist, Communist or one who consorts with Communists, an Anti-Semitic, an Anti-Negro, an enemy of the people of her own race, intellectually dishonest, a fraud and a person of low or doubtful character.

A claim for \$400,000 damages was filed as follows:

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| 1. Damage for unemployment | \$100,000 |
| 2. Publication caused damage | 200,000 |
| 3. Punitive damage | 100,000 |

The complaint filed by ARTHUR GARFIELD HAYS, 320 Broadway, Attorney-at-Law, alleged that on or about 10/16/51 JOSEPHINE BAKER, in company with friends, visited the Stork Club, was treated discourteously. It continued that friends of BAKER formed a picket line for a few evenings thereafter. It alleged that WALTER WINCHELL was present on 10/16/51 at the Stork Club and resented publicity and thereafter embarked upon a public campaign to vilify, libel and damage BAKER in her reputation and professional standing in the community. Further, the complaint alleged that on or about 10/22/51 and day to day up to 12/21/51, WALTER WINCHELL maliciously, wantonly and recklessly printed and published information of and concerning BAKER in the "NY Daily Mirror" and in various papers throughout the US.

Further that on 10/28/51 an article was written by WINCHELL intended to mean that BAKER was an Italian Fascist or sympathizer of Italian Fascists, that she invited and

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planted incidents for purposes of publicity and self-display; that on 10/29/51 an article by WINCHELL intended to mean that BAKER has "horn swoggled", deceived and cheated colored people into accepting her as a heroine and champion; that she has in some improper way been connected with Communism, pro-Communists and fellow travellers; and that she approved of their views and philosophy; that she did not protest against discrimination in Cuba; that the Stork Club incident was a "job"; that she engaged in lascivious dancing; that the places where she performed did not want colored patronage; that she did not mix with colored people and did not want to be associated with them and that she was anti-Negro and wanted to be only with the white people.

The complaint further alleged that an article written by WINCHELL on 11/4/51 intended to mean that JOSEPHINE BAKER planned to act in a disorderly fashion in a Washington, D.C. Department Store in order to incite publicity against discrimination, but the newspapers having failed to help her in a false endeavor she did not go ahead.

It alleged that an article written by WINCHELL on 11/5/51 intended to mean that there was something illegal or suspicious in connection with the status of BAKER in the US and that she was under surveillance by the Government and might be prevented from ever entering the US again; that she was intellectually dishonest and a complete opportunist.

According to the complaint, an article written by WINCHELL on 12/9/51 intended to mean that JOSEPHINE BAKER hates Jewish people.

The record reflected that the Attorney for defendants WALTER WINCHELL, Hearst Corporation and King Features, Inc. was MC CAULEY and HENRY, 959 8th Ave., NY, NY.

The following notations appeared on the docket:
12/21/51 filed complaint and summons issued.
12/27/51 issued additional summons as of 12/21/51.

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- 1/2/52 filed summons and returned.
1/14/52 filed additional summons and returned.
1/15/52 filed stipulation and ordered extending time to answer to 2/11/52.
2/6/52 filed answer of defendant.
2/6/52 notice of taking disposition of plaintiff.
2/20/52 filed stipulation and order adjourning disposition of plaintiff to 4/25/52.
4/30/52 filed and ordered adjourning disposition of plaintiff to 5/28/52.
6/5/52 filed stipulation and order adjourning disposition of plaintiff to 9/24/52.
1/26/53 filed stipulation and order adjourning disposition of plaintiff of 2/26/53.
12/15/53 special pre-trial before Judge KNOX. Hearing held and adjourned to 4/1/54.
1/3/54 filed notice of issue for trial.
3/12/54 filed jury demand by defendants.
4/1/54 on call of special pre-trial before Judge KNOX. Hearing adjourned to 6/28/54.
6/28/54 on call of special pre-trial before Judge KNOX. Hearing adjourned to 10/27/54.
Inasmuch as no further action in connection with instant law suit is scheduled until 10/27/54, this investigation is being placed in a pending inactive status.
- The Bureau will be kept advised of all developments.

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Office Memorandum • UNITEL GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (62-95834)

DATE: DEC 2 1954

cc: SAC, New York (105-8241)

SUBJECT: JOSEPHINE BAKER
IS-FR

ReNYlet, 8/30/54.

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Referenced NY letter advised that the records of the Clerk of the Court, SDNY, under Civil Docket # 72-74 reflected that the pre-trial hearing before Judge KNOX scheduled for 6/28/54 was adjourned to 10/27/54.

The Docket, under dated of 10/27/54, contained the following notations:

"On call of special pre-trial before Knox, Ch.J.
Hearing adj. to 3/31/55."

It is also noted that the records of the INS, NYC under file # T 2321267 reflects that JOSEPHINE BAKER departed from the United States from Idlewild Airport NYC on 6/16/54 via Pan-American Airlines flight 140.

Under investigation. All files checked.

Inasmuch as no further action in connection with instant law suit is scheduled until 3/31/55, this investigation is being placed in a pending inactive status.

The Bureau will be kept advised of all developments.

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The Commissioner (original and 1 copy)
Immigration and Naturalization Service

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You will be notified promptly when the results of
this inquiry are determined.

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cc - 2 - New Orleans (b6k)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : MR. E. E. BOACH

OCT
DATE: December 10,
1954

FROM : H. S. PHILCOFF

SUBJECT: JOSEPHINE BAKER
INTERNAL SECURITY - FR
(Bureau File 62-25834)

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On December 8, 1954, Mr. Mario Noto, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), advised that Commissioner Swing of INS has taken a personal interest in the case of Josephine Baker and has directed that INS obtain sufficient information with which to order her exclusion from the U. S. Mr. Noto explained that recently the Department ruled that there was insufficient derogatory subversive information to use as a basis for her exclusion, and, therefore, INS is conducting additional inquiry in order to attempt to obtain additional information.

Mr. Noto has requested that Bureau files be reviewed to insure that all pertinent derogatory information in possession of the Bureau has been furnished to INS. Mr. Noto also directed attention to Bureau memorandum dated November 14, 1952, page 4, paragraph 5 (Serial 15).

Mr. Noto stated that he would forward this request to the Bureau in a formal communication.

ACTION:

It is requested that this memorandum be furnished to the Espionage Section for handling.

ADDENDUM:

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cc G. T. Stacey

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Director, FBI (62-95834)

December 15, 1954

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JOSEPHINE RAKER, INTERNAL SECURITY - PL. NUMBER 10-13-54,
12-23-54. REPORTER REQUESTED INVESTIGATE AND MAILED-OUT IMMEDIATELY.

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NOTE:

As info is classified for their 9/1/54 letter. Before release.
Liaison advised that the Commissioner of INS has taken a
personal interest in captioned case. INS requested that leads be
expedited.

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JOSEPHINE BAKER, INTERNAL SECURITY - FR. REBUAIRTEL TO

NEW ORLEANS DATED 12-28-54.

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Mr. Belmont

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Order - Mr. Stacey

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The Commissioner [original and 1)
Immigration and Naturalization Service
Director, FBI

January 6, 1955

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R JOSEPHINE BAKER
INTERNAL SECURITY - PR

Reference is made to your memorandum dated December 10, 1954, containing the numbers and initials T-2321267, INV:C3B:emp, and this Bureau's memorandum dated December 22, 1954, concerning captioned individual.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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NY 1/28/55
Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU
JOSEPHINE BAKER, IS-FR. THE "NY HERALD TRIBUNE"
OF 1/21/55 CONTAINED AN ARTICLE AND PHOTO OF THE
SUBJECT STATING SHE ARRIVED AT IDLEWILD AIRPORT FROM
PARIS, FRANCE ON INSTANT DATE, EN ROUTE TO MEXICO CITY.
SHE WAS DETAINED FOR FOUR HOURS BY IMMIGRATION AGENTS,
NO EXPLANATION WAS GIVEN. BAKER LEFT FOR MEXICO
CITY AT 12:15 PM THE SAME DATE. SUBMITTED FOR INFO
OF BUREAU.

Mr. Glavin
Mr. Hartman
Mr. Hays
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
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Special Agent in Charge

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Office Memo. - Bureau • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (62-95834)
FROM : SAC, New York (105-8241)
SUBJECT: JOSEPHINE BAKER
IS - PR

DATE: 5/5/55

Re NY letter 12/2/54.

ReNYlet advised that the records of the Clerk of Court, U. S. District Court, SDNY, under civil docket number 72-74 contained a notation indicating that a hearing on the subject's libel suit against WALTER WINCHELL was adjourned to 3/31/55.

The docket checked again on 5/2/55, contained the following notations under the dates indicated:

Date

3/31/55

Entry

Special pre-trial before KNOX.
Hearing held. Case dismissed
with leave to reopen by 6/30/55.
Settle order on notice, etc.
Counsel to return 4/28/55 unless
final order is entered beforehand.

4/12/55

Filed unsigned order.

4/12/55

Filed order dismissing complaint
with leave to modify or vacate
as indicated above. CH. J. KNOX

In view of the fact that the case was dismissed, but
with leave to modify or vacate, the complaint by 6/30/55, the
case in the NYO will be maintained in a pending inactive status
awaiting the final disposition of the court action.

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FROM SAN FRANCISCO

5-3-55

MR 032252

7:33 PM

DIRECTOR

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JOSEPHINE BAKER, NEGRO ENTERTAINER FROM FRANCE PRESENTLY
IN SF. INFORMATION CONCERNING

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Boardman _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tamm _____
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Mr. Belmont

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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Date: May 10, 1955

To: Mr. Dennis A. Flynn
Director
Office of Security
Department of State
515 22nd Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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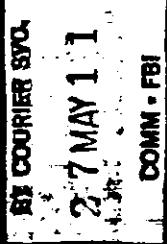
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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DATE [redacted] BY [redacted]

Subject: JOSEPHINE BAKER
INTERNAL SECURITY - PR

DECLASSIFIED BY SP-1684/PSK
ON 9/1/93

Your attention is invited to previous correspondence furnished
your Department and other receiving agencies concerning the subject.



The above is for your information and the information of the
other receiving agencies and is not intended for further dissemination.
No investigation concerning Baker is contemplated by this Bureau.

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b2 BY COURIER SERVICE

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W.B. ✓
W.A.B. ✓

cc - 1 - San Francisco (Information)
cc - 1 - New York (105-8241) (Information)

5 MAY 27 1955 Assistant Attorney General (By O-6, same date)

William F. Tompkins

VTKS:jmm
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SEE NOTE ON PAGE two

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cc - 1 - The Commissioner [our reference 7-231267 REV. 08/14/68]
Immigration and Naturalization Service December 25, 1954

NOTE: Josephine Baker is a negro entertainer who gave up her American citizenship and secured French citizenship in the 1930's. Information concerning Baker's connections with pro-Communist organizations has previously been furnished to the Department as well as to State and INS.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (62-95834)

FROM : SAC, New York (105-8241)

SUBJECT: JOSEPHINE BAKER
IS-FRANCE

DATE: 8/31/55

38908

Re MY letter 5/5/55.

Civil docket #72-74 at USDC, SDNY, was checked on 8/31/55 and the following entry was noted:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Entry</u>
6/29/55	Filed Judgment dismissing action and that deft. recover their costs

In view of the fact that the act by the subject has been dismissed by the court and since this case had been maintained in a pending inactive status for the purpose of reporting the final disposition of the case, no further action is contemplated by this office and the case is being closed.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (62-95834)

~~SECRET~~

DATE: October 18, 1955

cc: ~~SECRET~~
FROM: Legal Attaché - Havana, Cuba (62-19)

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SUBJECT: JOSEPHINE BAKER
INTERNAL SECURITY - PR

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Released
per State
Dept.

On 10/17/55, Mr. Richard G. Cushing, the Public Affairs Officer of the U.S. Embassy in Havana, advised that he has been informed that the CMQ Radio and Television Network now has a new contract with JOSEPHINE BAKER for her services as an entertainer in Havana starting November 1, 1955. Mr. Cushing states that BAKER is reported to be in Montreal, Canada, at the present time traveling under a French passport. He had no other pertinent information concerning her proposed trip to Cuba.

You will be advised of any available information re her future itinerary. UACB this office will conduct no active investigation of subject.

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Extra copies of this letter are submitted in the event the Bureau desires to forward them to the Ottawa or Paris representatives.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (62-95834)

DATE: December 20, 1955
Havana, CubaFROM : *bill* Legal Attaché, Havana, Cuba (62-19)

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SUBJECT: JOSEPHINE BAKER
INTERNAL SECURITY - FRANCE~~SECRET~~ - AIR COURIER

Released per State Dept.
Rebassy October 18, 1955, advising that information had been received to the effect that JOSEPHINE BAKER had contracted with CMQ Radio and Television Network in Havana for performances starting November 1, 1955.

Mr. RICHARD G. CUSHING, Public Affairs Officer of the U. S. Embassy in Havana, advised on December 19, 1955 that the original contract between subject and CMQ had been broken because subject had become involved in a law suit in Montreal, Canada and was unable to fulfil her engagement.

CUSHING states that executives of CMQ TELL him that they have no future plans for a contract with the subject and there is no information indicating that she intends to come to Cuba at the present time.

Extra copies of this letter are submitted in the event the Bureau desires to forward them to the Ottawa or Paris offices. RUC.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON.

June 7, 1957

REF : CGenGen's Desp. No. 271, May 15, 1957

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SUBJECT: Anti-American Propaganda in French West Africa

Part 1

The anti-American press campaign being waged in French West Africa through the local press, with the tacit approval if not material support as well of the French Government, has received added impetus from an unexpected quarter, in the person of Josephine Baker and her travelling companion, Bernard Lecache.

Miss Baker and Mr. Lecache arrived in Dakar the last week in May 1957 on a brief but busy tour of the area, which included a visit to Abidjan, Ivory Coast. Utensilily in Dakar as the guest of honor at a ball given by the local chapter of the Order of the Legion of Honor in behalf of its charitable organizations, both Miss Baker and Mr. Lecache found the time to engage in a great deal of verbal anti-American propaganda. They both spoke at a series of conferences and meetings held in Dakar and Abidjan. One of the meetings took place in Dakar at the Rialto open-air movie theater in the presence of 4,000 persons. It was one of the occasions on which Josephine Baker and Bernard Lecache were most vehemently outspoken in their attacks on the United States and its domestic and foreign activities. Especially taken to task was American aid for underdeveloped areas which, in the words of Miss Baker, was merely a cloak to disguise the real twin motives of the United States: cultural domination of the populations and the economic exploitation of their lands. She frequently cited Liberia as the best that could be expected as a result of American interest and assistance. The recent African trip and subsequent report of Vice President NIXON was cited by Miss Baker as a fore-runner of the dire things that would befall the underdeveloped areas of Africa if left to the double-edged solicitude of the United States, with its lynchings and double standards where black peoples are involved. The continuation of the evils of discrimination in the United States, despite the laws passed abolishing segregation, was a recurrent theme in all of Josephine Baker's speeches.

It must be said that both Miss Baker and Mr. Lecache were well-received by their audiences, and their utterances, for the most part, brought sympathetic and at times enthusiastic applause from African and European listeners alike. Josephine Baker made a point at one of her conferences of putting Uncle Sam, Colonel NASSER, and King IBN SAUD all in the same basket for, as she put it, the first was a racist, the second anti-Semitic and the third a slaver. Her criticism of Nasser did not go over well, as a large proportion of her audience consisted of Moslem Africans. Nasser appears, threatened to throw her out if she continued on the Nasser anti-Semitic theme.

Touring Dakar and Abidjan under the auspices of the International League against Racism and Anti-Semitism, the former Paris music-ball star reminded her audiences again and again of her American East St. Louis origin and subsequent naturalization.

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as a French citizen. Bernard Lescache, an excellent speaker incidentally, made no attempt to disguise the fact that he is left-wing and made it abundantly clear where his political sympathies lie. Josephine Baker at 51 is still an arresting personality on the stage or rostrum and can convey her thoughts orally with warmth and conviction, completely captivating her African listeners in particular.

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: June 19, 1959

FROM : R. R. Rocca

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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

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DATE: February 10, 1960

FROM : MR. G. H. SCATTERDAY

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SUBJECT: JOSEPHINE BAKER

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Pursuant to Mr. Tolson's request 2-9-60 Bureau files reviewed on Josephine Baker, former Negro singer and entertainer. Bureau has not investigated Baker; however, considerable information received re her activities during past several years. She was born in St. Louis in 1905 or 1906; began her career in 1925 in Paris and has spent most of time since then in France. Married several times, last in 1947 to French (white) band leader Jo Bouillion. Reportedly worked for Free French Air Force in intelligence during World War II.

In October, 1951, was involved in incident at Stork Club, alleged that she was being discriminated against in food service. Walter Winchell's column in 1951 contained information re this alleged discrimination indicating he had been urged to denounce Stork Club and Sherman Billingsley. Subsequently she brought suit against Winchell and Hearst Corporation \$400,000 for libel in connection with this incident; case was dismissed at pretrial hearing.

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In recent years, Baker has been lecturing in numerous countries throughout world; most of her speeches denounce U.S. and point up the vicious atrocities against Negroes in the U.S. State Department has furnished considerable information re her activities and consider her not definitely procommunist but pro-Negro and primarily interested in fight for racial equality.

In 1954 in Tokyo, Japan, she adopted two Japanese boys; expressed hope they would follow footsteps of Paul Robeson, whom she described as great man who has fought the battles for racial justice and world peace. Gave last stage performance in 1956 in Paris. Recent information indicates she has continued her anti-U.S. statements throughout the world.

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DETAILS

In accordance with the request of Mr. Tolson on February 9, 1960, Bureau files have been reviewed concerning Josephine Baker, former Negro singer and entertainer.

The Bureau has not investigated Baker; however, our files contain considerable information regarding her activities during the past several years. She was born in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1905 or 1906. Her mother was a washerwoman. Our files contain little concerning her early life. According to an article in "Life" magazine in 1951, she began a Paris night club career in 1925 and has spent most of her life since that time in France; however, in recent years she has traveled over much of the world. She was reported to have at one time been married to a Negro tap dancer and purportedly married one Pepito Albertino in the 1920's. In 1937 she gave up her United States citizenship and married a French broker by the name of Jean Lion. This marriage was dissolved in 1940. Baker married a French band leader, Jo Bouillion, in 1947. During World War II and the occupation of France by the Germans, she spent her time in North Africa. The magazine article stated that while in North Africa, Baker became a lieutenant in the Free French Air Force, did intelligence work, drove an ambulance, and entertained troops.

In the early part of 1951 the Communist Party took a great interest and engaged in extensive activities in the defense of Willie McGee, a Negro who had been convicted in the State of Mississippi on a charge of rape of a white woman. He was executed for that offense in May, 1951. "Counterattack" in March, 1951, carried an item entitled "Josephine Baker Won't Support Communist Fronts." This article stated that Baker canceled a speaking engagement at a "Save Willie McGee Rally" scheduled for March 19, 1951, when she learned that the rally was sponsored by the American Labor Party and that Paul Robeson, well-known Negro singer and Communist Party apologist, would speak at the rally.

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On October 16, 1951, according to newspaper articles appearing in numerous newspapers throughout the country, Josephine Baker; Mrs. Bessie Buchanan, Harlem service leader; and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Rico of the French theater alleged that they had been made to wait an unreasonable length of time before being served food at the Stork Club in New York City. The principals involved complained that they had been subjected to racial discrimination. Walter Winchell, in his broadcast on October 21, 1951, referred to the incident at the Stork Club stating that he had been at the Club at the same time as Baker but had left before she did and at no time while he was there had he noted anything proximating an incident. Winchell stated that he himself deplored the situation but he was equally

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perturbed by being brought into the picture and that pressure was being brought to bear upon him to denounce the alleged discriminatory actions of the Stork Club management against Baker and her party. He stated that he would not be pressured into denouncing Sherman Billingsley and the Stork Club. There was indication that the Stork Club had been periodically picketed since the Baker incident.

In Winchell's column on October 29, 1951, Winchell quoted a letter which he had received from George S. Schuyler, New York editor of the "Pittsburgh Courier," a leading Negro newspaper. This letter in effect accused Baker of being "used" by the communists and Communist Party front organizations and denounced the criticism of Winchell which resulted from the alleged discrimination against Baker at the Stork Club.

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According to the November 12, 1951, issue of the "Daily Worker," a conference on Equal Rights for Negroes in Arts, Sciences and Professions was held on November 10, 1951, in New York City under the auspices of the National Council of

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the Arts, Sciences and Professions (cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities). One of the measures adopted at this conference was a telegram to Josephine Baker commending her for her forthright action in the Stork Club Incident.

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On April 16, 1952, an Associated Press release, date lined Mexico City, contained information that Baker in Mexico City had announced the formation of an organization known as the "World League Against Racial Discrimination." This release pointed out that the League would fight discrimination not only against the Negro race but all others who were the targets of restrictive practices. Baker announced in this release that headquarters of the League would be in Mexico and branches would be established in many other countries.

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Subsequent to this time, our files contain voluminous information pointing up vicious anti-American remarks made in various countries in the world by Baker. They appear to stem from her establishment of the World League Against Racial Discrimination and her efforts to organize this League. The State Department, [redacted] have furnished copies of speeches wherein she denounces the United States and points out vicious atrocities against Negroes in this country. One such statement made by Baker was to the effect that she had personally seen a number of lynchings of entire Negro families. Underlined per 9/2/63 State Dep't letter GSK/PSX/MJW.



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