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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

ATTENTION: Mr. Sam J. Papich

SUBJECT: COURT FOSTER WOOD
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

Reference is made to a 25 March 1961 and a 6 July 1961 investigative report on captioned Subject which have previously been furnished to this Agency.

[Michael Weimer Stratton, born 21 January 1941, Austin, Texas], who is a current Agency employee, has recently been interviewed concerning his knowledge of Court Foster Wood whom [Stratton] had known since mutual attendance in high school. Attached is a detailed report of the information furnished by [Stratton] concerning his knowledge of Wood.

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Since [Stratton] personally has sufficient reason to question the activities of Wood and the activities of the associates of Wood, [Stratton] has been advised to discontinue any further contact with Wood. 5

It would be appreciated if your Bureau would furnish this Agency any additional information brought to your attention concerning Court Foster Wood and of particular interest would be any information received by your Bureau concerning past association of Court Foster Wood with [Michael Weimer Stratton].

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It would be appreciated if your office would forward this letter to the
any individual or organization brought to your attention concerning Count Foster.
You will, of particular interest, would be given information received by your
office concerning the consideration of Count Foster etc. with the other
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[Michael Weimer Stratton] has recently advised that Court 3 Foster Wood was a relatively close high school friend of [Stratton] during mutual attendance at George Mason High School, Falls Church, Virginia, during 1957 to 1959. [Stratton] described Wood as an average high school student who had no particular problems with the exception that there were domestic difficulties between the father and mother of Wood.

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[Stratton] became acquainted with the parents of Wood and made occasional visits to their home during the above period of time. The father of Wood, Foster Wood, is an attorney who was then living in Falls Church. Some time ago the father and mother of Court Wood split up and Court Wood and father moved into an apartment on Columbia Road, Washington, D.C.

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[Stratton] advised that after graduation from high school in June 1959 he lost any close contact with Wood who then started to attend George Mason College, where he seemed to have an interest in philosophy. 3 [Stratton] started to attend a military school and Wood expressed extreme opposition to military schools.

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[Stratton] married in 1960, which also helped to move [Stratton] somewhat out of the social circle of Wood. 3 [Stratton] believed that for approximately a year, during 1959 to 1960, he did not actually see Wood but advised that after this period in which he did not see Wood he has had a number of contacts with Wood, many of which occurred during mutual attendance at the University of Virginia Extension School (night school) in early 1961. On one occasion

3 [Stratton] attended a party at the apartment occupied by Wood and father at the invitation of Wood, and on this occasion came into contact with the "new set of friends" of Court Wood, whom [Stratton] described as being "beatnik types." Girls in attendance at the party, according to [Stratton], appeared to be of the "street pickup" type.

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After the above party Wood occasionally telephoned [Stratton] and about Christmas 1960 Wood called and stated that he was going to Cuba under the auspices of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

3 [Stratton] called on Wood after the return of Wood from Cuba and at that time Wood lauded Castro very highly. The father of Wood was also present and [Stratton] obtained the impression that the father was also in sympathy with Castro. 3 [Stratton] recalled that he again, at a later date, had visited the Wood apartment, this being an occasion when Wood had been visiting somewhere in Falls Church and contacted [Stratton] to ask [Stratton] to take Wood home. On this

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The author is recently graduated from the University of Virginia, and is now a member of the faculty of the Church of the Virgin Mary.

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the University of Michigan, which occurred in in 1941. It was to
concern with the arrest of a Negro man (right 50-01) in early 1941.
The University of Michigan administration, which (right 50-01) in early 1941,
at the suggestion of the Negro man, had the Negro man arrested by
a local police officer at the invitation of Dr. K. H. of this office who
met with the Negro man at Court House, and Dr. K. H.
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midnight a 1700 Wood called and stated that he was going to come under the
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very highly. The father of Wood was also present and Stratton spoke
of his impression that the father was ill in sympathy with Castro. Stratton
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In conclusion, **Strutton** stayed at the Hotel Apartment for approximately an hour, and advised that on this occasion he observed some Soviet propaganda pamphlets in the apartment, and that these pamphlets had been printed in England. Strutton also observed a number of copies of the "USA Today" newspaper in the apartment.

3. [Stratton] also advised that, as previously indicated, he would soon
attend the University of Virginia Extension School which was conducting
night classes at the Washington and Lee High School. Both Wood and
[Stratton] were attending the night classes but were not attending mutual
classes. [Stratton] recalled that on one of the occasions when he had
met Wood while attending night classes Wood talked about going to Cuba
or Mexico for permanent residence, and made some statement to the effect
that he could be willing to become an United States citizen if he

British Legion's annual meeting from 1919-1920 to the present
date, no one who "concerned" had been better qualified
by the newspaper's school and compilations than the Fair Play for Cuba
Committee, which did its best to maintain good publicity in the United States.

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George Mason College with Wood. [Stratton] also recalled that at the first party which he attended to which was at the apartment of Wood and of whom David Leibman was also present. Leibman, according to Stratton, attended the George Mason High School, or graduated from the Lincoln High School in June 1951.

[Stratton] recalled that the last time he saw Wood in October but did not know his address then. At the above party Wood indicated that he was moving to Philadelphia so that his wife could continue her college education, but Stratton at the time of the interview did not know whether Wood has actually moved to Philadelphia.

Wood, during conversation with [Stratton] made the remark to [Burton] that he, Wood, did not know if his wife was a Communist but thought her, Mary, however, did not appear to be. Stratton could not recall.

At the time of the above party [Stratton] indicated that Wood was employed as a proselytizer agent for the CPUSA. [Stratton] could not recall the name of the group in the CPUSA which Wood was affiliated with but he knew it was the CPUSA.

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In regard to specific association of Wood, [REDACTED] advised that the party which he attended at the apartment occupied by Wood and Wiltz there were probably thirty individuals present, a number of whom he actually met but whose names he did not recall. [REDACTED] also recall that the following individuals were present: "Wilt" [REDACTED], now believed living in Washington, D. C., but who had attended George Mason College with Wood; and Charles [REDACTED], who lived in a millington, D. C., and who would

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