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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: April 22, 1948

FROM : SAC, Omaha

SUBJECT: STANLEY GRIFFIN
EDNA GRIFFIN
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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In view of the most recent Bureau instructions to the effect that leaders of the Communist Party who are dangerous or potentially dangerous to the internal security of the country are to be placed on the Security Index list, the captioned subjects have been extremely active in the Des Moines Branch of the Communist Party and EDNA GRIFFIN is at the present time secretary and treasurer of the Des Moines Branch of the Communist Party.

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According to Confidential Informant [redacted] meetings of the Communist Party are being held at the home of [redacted] and according to the informant subject EDNA GRIFFIN has been very enthusiastic in her activities relative to the Communist Party in Des Moines. The informant stated that EDNA GRIFFIN, due to her position as secretary and treasurer of the Des Moines branch of the Party, corresponds with the Communist Party District Headquarters in Omaha. He further advised that in the event records are kept relative to membership in the Communist Party she would have those cards in her possession at her home.

Enclosed herewith are requests for Security Index Cards to be made on each of the captioned subjects.

Active investigation is being conducted relative to the captioned subjects and a report reflecting their activities will be submitted to the Bureau in the near future.

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Director, FBI

EDNA GRIFFIN TAM/DCG/JW
RE: SECURITY MATTER - C

Dear Sir:

It is recommended that a Security Index card be prepared relative to the individual named below:

Name: GRIFFIN, EDNA
Aliases:

Residence Address: 1108 Third Street
Des Moines, Iowa

Business Address: Student, Drake University
25th and University Streets
Des Moines, Iowa

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communist	<input type="checkbox"/> German	<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous
<input type="checkbox"/> Fascist (Italian)	<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date of Birth _____
 Place of Birth _____
 Entered U. S. _____ at _____
 Naturalized (date) _____
 Naturalized (place and Court) _____

Very truly yours,

(Signature)
J. L. DALTON
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contribution to the Defense Fund of our Party, a true and steadfast friend of the negro people." This letter, dated March 19, 1947, included a five dollar contribution.

The same informant furnished a copy of the letter forwarded to the Communist Party members in District #32 by WARREN BATTERSON, District Secretary of District #32. This copy was apparently forwarded to the New York Office of the Communist Party in order to inform the New York Office as regards the activities in District #32. This copy, dated December 30, 1947, with return address of Post Office Box #445, Omaha, Nebraska, advises the various members (names not set out) that the Nebraska-Iowa-Kansas District Communist Party Convention would be held on January 11, 1948, at 10:00 A.M. in Des Moines, Iowa; that the meeting place could be obtained by telephoning EDNA GRIFFIN, #2-6422, at 1108 Third Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Both of these communications have been forwarded to the Omaha Division and are being retained in the Omaha Case File on the instant matter.

Through the assistance of Dean GEORGE BERRY, Drake University, it was ascertained that EDNA MAY GRIFFIN is a Graduate Student of Drake University and is pursuing the courses of English and Education. Her transcript of record at Drake University indicates that she was born October 23, 1909 in Massachusetts. She graduated from Lenox, Massachusetts, High School and attended Fiske University at Nashville, Tennessee, from 1928 to 1933, graduating with a B.A. Degree. Her maiden name is EDNA MAY WILLIAMS. According to the transcript, she also attended Pittsfield High School, Pittsfield, Massachusetts, from 1923 to 1926.

STANLEY GRIFFIN, on October 26, 1946, when registering for the purpose of voting at Des Moines, Iowa, indicated that he was born on February 9, 1913, in North Carolina. He also indicated that he had been a resident of the United States for life.

As previously indicated, the subjects, both of whom are negroes, reside at 1108 Third Street.

From available information, it is believed that the GRIFFINS came to Des Moines, Iowa, in 1946 and that EDNA entered Drake University as a Graduate Student in February of 1948.

[redacted] advises that STANLEY, a student at the Still College of Osteopathy, will probably complete his course within a short period and will then enter into a one year period of internship and that he intends to establish his practice in Des Moines, Iowa.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA

FILE NO. 100-22656 MFA

REPORT MADE AT BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS	DATE WHEN MADE 8-9-1949	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6-27, 7-13, 19, 25/1949.	REPORT MADE BY [Redacted]	b7C
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TITLE EDNA MAY GRIFFIN, also known as: Mrs. Stanley Griffin, Edna May Williams	CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER-C
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

School records, Pittsfield, Massachusetts, reflect Subject born October 23, 1909 in Walpole, New Hampshire, attended high schools, Lenox, Massachusetts, September, 1923, to June, 1924, and Pittsfield, Massachusetts, from September, 1924, to June, 1926. Resided Lenox, Massachusetts, 42 Edison Street and 74 Edison Avenue, both Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Parents moved from Pittsfield, Massachusetts, nine years ago. No information developed regarding Subject's activities in Pittsfield, Mass.

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Reference:

Report of Special Agent [Redacted] February 3, 1949, at Omaha, Nebraska.

Details:

AT PITTSFIELD, MASS.

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EDUCATION

[Redacted] Pittsfield High School, who was interviewed in absence of registrar, advised records indicate Subject attended the school from August 24 to June 23, 1926, on which date she graduated. She also had attended Walpole Junior High School, Walpole, New Hampshire, and Lenox High School, Lenox, Massachusetts. Subject used the name EDNA MAY WILLIAMS, was born October 23, 1909, in Walpole, New Hampshire, and her Father was EDWARD W. WILLIAMS. Her residence at the time she attended school was 42 Edison Avenue, Pittsfield, Mass. Her record reflected that transcripts of her scholastic record had been forwarded to Oberlin College, March 28, 1947, to the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, New York, and to Fiske University on

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1108-3rd St.
Des Moines, Iowa

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July 29, 1951

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Dear [Redacted]

This is that rare moment of peace and quiet after the children are in bed when my thoughts are free of diapers, dishes, and denting. Last week's evening paper carried a story of your early morning arrest before you could feed your children or arrange for their care. Later I found out how to write to you.

I think I hunted up my writing paper to say that I've seen that there are many who admire your courage just as I do. The trouble with us is how to tell you so, how to make our admiration of your courage count.

I write tonight to let you know that a Negro mother draws inspiration and energy to find ways and means to help for peace - that no child shall be hunted into measures that mama might be taken away.

May you soon be free.

With love,

Edna Griffin

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1227 Laurel St
Des Moines, Iowa

March 19, 1947

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Treasurer
35 East 124th St.
New York 3, N.Y.

Dear Friend;

Please find enclosed the first part of our
contributions to the Defense Fund of our Party,
a true and steadfast friend of the Negro people.

Sincerely yours,

Stanley + Edna Griffin

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TO : Director, FBI (100-355489)

DATE: 12-13-51

FROM : SAC, Omaha (100-4095)

SUBJECT: EDNA MAY GRIFFIN, Aka: Mrs. Stanley Griffin, Edna May Williams
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ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

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ON 02-09-2006

By report of SA [redacted] dated July 13, 1949 at Omaha, captioned as above, photostatic copies of subject's handwriting were forwarded to the Bureau. As enclosures to the same report, a letter addressed to ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, Communist Party - USA, New York, sent by the subject and her husband, was also forwarded to the Bureau as handwriting specimens.

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Enclosed herewith is a photostatic copy of the communication addressed to [redacted]

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[redacted] in the WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN Case, CP-USA, Los Angeles Field Division. This letter is dated August 20, 1951, bears the address 1108 3rd Street, Des Moines, Iowa, and is signed EDNA GRIFFIN.

The Identification Division is requested to compare the handwriting of the letter addressed to [redacted] and the letter addressed to ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN with known handwriting specimens of the subject in the possession of the Bureau and advise if all three are identical.

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Enclosure

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

To: SAC, Omaha

January 11, 1952

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on December 19, 1951.

Re: EDNA MAY GRIFFIN, aka, Mrs. Stanley Griffin
Edna May Williams
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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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YOUR FILE NO. 100-1095
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LAB. NO. D-141003 DG

Examination requested by: SAC, Omaha

Reference: Letter 12/13/51

Examination requested: Document

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Specimens:

Qel Photostat of a letter addressed to [redacted] signed "With love, Edna Griffin." The handwritten letter is dated August 20, 1951 at Des Moines, Iowa.

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Results of examination:

It was concluded that the Griffin signatures on specimen Qel and on the letter addressed to ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN were prepared by EDNA MAY GRIFFIN whose known handwriting was previously submitted in connection with this case. However, it could not definitely be determined whether or not she prepared the bodies of the two letters in question because of the limited amount of known handwriting available for comparison purposes. However, some handwriting characteristics in common were noted.

The evidence submitted is being retained in the files of the Bureau.

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Re: EDNA MAY GRIFFIN, aka, Mrs. Stanley Griffin
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Examination requested by: SAC, Omaha (100-4095)

Date of reference communication: let 12/13/51 Date Received 12/19/51

Examination requested: Document

Result of Examination: Examination by:

*Griffins sig Qc1 of on Flynn letter ident
Edna May Griffin (Key sig file). Remainder HW these
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Specimens submitted for examination

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Q1 *Q1* Photostat of a letter addressed to signed, "With
love, Edna Griffin." The hw letter is dated Aug. 20, 1951 at Des Moines,
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ATTN: IDENT DIV.

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Photostatic copy of letter addressed
to [redacted] dated 8/20/51,
bearing signature EDNA GRIFFIN

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As indicated in the attached Summary Report of SA [redacted] [redacted] dated December 13, 1951, at Omaha, Nebraska, subject has recorded the same birth date on three separate occasions but on each instance has recorded a different birth place.

Records of Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, indicated subject as EDNA MAY WILLIAMS, born October 23, 1909 at Carlisle, Kentucky, the daughter of EDWARD HEARST WILLIAMS and HENRIETTA WILLIAMS.

The records of the Registrar's Office, Drake University, reflected subject was born October 23, 1909 in Massachusetts.

Records of Pittsfield High School, Pittsfield, Massachusetts, reflected subject was born October 23, 1909 at Walpole, New Hampshire and listed her father as EDWARD WILLIAMS.

The Louisville Field Division at the State Bureau of Vital Statistics is requested to check the records for complete birth data concerning the subject.

In the event no record is located in Kentucky, the Omaha Field Division will request similar investigation in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OMAHA

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TITLE: EDNA MAY GRIFFIN, Aka: Mrs. Stanley Griffin, Edna May Williams	CHARACTER OF CASE: SECURITY MATTER - G
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Edna May Williams Griffin

SUMMARY REPORT

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF DATE 7/11/94

BACKGROUND

Birth Data

According to the records of the Registrar's Office at Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, the subject was born as EDNA MAY WILLIAMS on October 23, 1909 at Carlisle, Kentucky, the daughter of EDWARD HEARST WILLIAMS and HENRIETTA WILLIAMS.

According to records at Drake University, Registrar's Office, subject was born October 23, 1909 in Massachusetts.

According to records at Pittsfield High School, Pittsfield, Massachusetts, subject was born October 23, 1909 at Walpole, New Hampshire.

Citizenship Status

Subject is a United States citizen by birth.

Education

Subject attended Pittsfield High School, Pittsfield, Massachusetts, from August 1924 to June 25, 1926 on which date she graduated. She also attended the Walpole Junior High School, New Hampshire, and Lenox High School, Lenox, Massachusetts from September 1923 to June 1924. This information was secured from the records of the Pittsfield High School and records of the Lenox High School, Lenox,

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Massachusetts. According to the Registrar's Office at Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, the subject attended Fisk University from 1928 to 1933. She majored in Sociology at Fisk.

Records of the Registrar's Office, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, reflected that the subject entered Drake University as a graduate student in February 1948 and studied two courses, English and Education. These records also indicated that she received a B.A. Degree from Fisk University of Nashville. She did not complete her courses of study at Drake University and dropped out after a few months attendance.

Marital Status

Subject is married to STANLEY GRIFFIN.

Military Service Record

Subject has no military service record.

Criminal Record

According to the records of the Identification Division of the Bureau, the subject has no criminal record.

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(U) Employment

(X) [According to [redacted] of known reliability, the subject has not been gainfully employed since her arrival in Des Moines, Iowa in 1946. [redacted] advises that subject is a housewife and according to [redacted] of known reliability, subject continues in this same occupation. (X)(U) (X)(U)]

Residence

Since her arrival in Des Moines, Iowa in 1946, according to the Des Moines, Iowa city directories, the subject has and still resides at 1108 3rd Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

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Status of Health

(U) (X) [According to [redacted] the subject is considered to be in good health. b2 b7D]

CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY OR OTHER REVOLUTIONARY GROUPS

Information Concerning Admission To The Revolutionary Group Including Sponsors, Etc.

(U) (X) [redacted] of known reliability, advised that subject has been an active member of the Communist Party since her arrival in Des Moines, Iowa in 1946. [redacted] also advised that the subject was head of the Des Moines Branch of the Communist Party located in Des Moines, Iowa. b2 b7D

[redacted] of known reliability, advised on May 21, 1947 that ELIZABETH FLYNN, Treasurer, 35 East 12th Street, New York City, New York, the place occupied by the Communist Party, received a letter dated March 19, 1947 signed by STANLEY and EDNA GRIFFIN. This letter stated as follows: (X) (U)

"Please find enclosed the first part of our contribution to the defense fund of our Party, a true and steadfast friend of the Negro people." (X) (U)

This letter included a \$5.00 contribution. This exhibit is being maintained in the 1(a) exhibit file of instant case. (X) (U) b2 b7D

[redacted] also advised on February 4, 1949 that the subject had renewed her subscription to the Daily Worker, an East Coast Communist paper. (X) (U)

History of Activity In, Attendance At Meetings Of, and Positions Held in the Subversive Movement With Which the Subject is Identified.

Informant [redacted] advised on January 19, 1948 that the subject attended a district meeting of District #32 of the Communist Party. (X) b2 b7D

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held on January 11, 1948 at the Flamingo Room of the Hotel Ft. Des Moines in Des Moines, Iowa. [] also advised that the subject in January 1948, as Secretary-Treasurer of the Des Moines Branch of the Communist Party, had arranged for a meeting to be held at the Crocker Branch of the YMCA, Des Moines, Iowa, in order to raise funds for the defense of [] who in October 1947 had been convicted at Glenwood, Iowa for Tumultuous and Violent Assembly. [] indicated that this meeting was not held. [] stated, however, that on March 13, 1948, a meeting was held at the Crocker Branch of the YMCA to raise funds for the defense of ROSA LEE INGRAM, negress, and her two sons, upon whom the death sentence had been imposed by the Schley County Jury in Georgia. [] advised that the subject made arrangements for this meeting and most of the other members of the Communist Party in Des Moines, Iowa were present at this meeting. [] further stated that on the night of

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[] of the Des Moines Branch of the Communist Party was held at the home of []

[] advised that during the first week of [] the Des Moines Branch of the Communist Party held a meeting at the home of [] Des Moines, Iowa. (X)(U)

According to [] EDNA GRIFFIN sponsored the meeting, the purpose of which was to discuss the membership in the Des Moines, Iowa branch. At this meeting the subject instigated the dismissal of [] from the Des Moines Branch of the Communist Party because he returned to work during a strike at the Iowa Packing Company at Des Moines, Iowa before the striking members of the United Packing Workers of America - CIO had agreed to return. (X)(U)

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On October 7, 1948, according to an article in the "Des Moines Register & Tribune", Des Moines, Iowa, MAURICE KATZ, Manager of the Katz Drug Store, Des Moines, Iowa, was found guilty of violating the Iowa Civil Rights Law in that he had refused counter service on July 7, 1948 to the subject, JOHN EUGENE BIBBS and LEONARD HUDSON, all negroes. The subject testified that she, BIBBS and HUDSON picketed the store with Progressive

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Party to inform the New York Office as regards the activities in District #32 and to the effect that the Nebraska-Iowa-Kansas District Communist Party convention would be held on January 11, 1948 at 10:00 AM in Des Moines, Iowa. Copies of this letter were also forwarded to the Communist Party members in District #32 by WARREN BATTERSON stating that the meeting place could be obtained by telephoning EDNA GRIFFIN, telephone #26422, 1108 3rd Street, Des Moines, Iowa. A copy of this communication is being retained in the Omaha case file on instant matter.

(X) (U)

ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT
INDICATING FURTHERANCE OF THE
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ORGANIZATION WITH WHICH HE IS
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On July 11, 1950, [redacted] Des Moines, Iowa, advised that upon leaving a meeting at the Grandview Danish College, Des Moines, Iowa around July 7, 1950, she noticed a negro woman and a white woman standing beside a folding card table taking signatures on a peace petition. She advised that this petition had as its captions:

- "I Want Peace",
- "Let's Outlaw the Atomic Bomb", and
- she does not recall for sure but believes it also had a caption to the effect -
- "Let Us Stay Out of Korea".

[redacted] further advised that while addressing a colored church meeting on Sunday, July 9, 1950, she saw this same colored woman whom she had seen at Grandview College taking the signatures, and upon inquiry ascertained that her name was EDNA GRIFFIN, the subject. [redacted] stated that during her speech at this church she commented upon the fact that good should be returned for evil and as an example of a woman who returns evil for good she mentioned the name of [redacted]

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[redacted] of Romania, Europe. [redacted] declared that after the meeting EDNA GRIFFIN came to her and criticized her severely stating, "You do not know nothing about [redacted]. She is the saviour of Romania and a great woman. You are reading the wrong publications and you are not getting the same information that I get concerning [redacted] activities in Romania."

(U) [redacted] advised on July 23, 1951 [redacted] meetings held at the home of [redacted] Des Moines, one being held in [redacted]

[redacted] According to [redacted] this latter meeting (U) b2 b7C (U) b7D involved the peace conference held in Chicago June 29th - July 1, 1951, known as the American Peoples Congress and Exposition for Peace, which the subject and her husband, STANLEY GRIFFIN, attended [redacted] according to [redacted] also advised (U) that during the spring of 1951 when a strike was going on at the Midwest Bag and Burlap Company, Des Moines, Iowa, in an attempt to unionize the company employees, the subject helped prepare leaflets and other materials for the strikers, setting out the purpose of the strike. [redacted] also advised that the subject gave the employees advice on how to conduct the strike. [redacted] (U) further advised that the subject also became involved in a laundry workers strike at the Still College of Osteopathy, Des Moines, Iowa in July 1951. [redacted] stated (U) that EDNA became involved in this latter strike through the request of an unknown person who contacted the subject by telephone. [redacted] is (U) of the opinion that the person who called was an individual in the Packing House Workers Union, United Packing Workers of America - CIO in Des Moines, Iowa.

Writings

In July 4, 1949 evening edition of the "Des Moines Tribune", a letter from the subject to the editor was published in the Editorial Section. This letter defended the ideals of PAUL ROBESON and criticized the "Des Moines Tribune" for publishing an article which indicated that ROBESON was rather stupid for falling in with the Communist Party policy in his desire

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to better the position of the negroes in the United States. This article is being included in the exhibit file in instant case matter. This article concluded by stating "Communist grass imported from the other side of the fence" by "a great-hearted boy of a man" who will go down in history as one of the world's outstanding citizens of the Twentieth century." The article was signed EDNA W. GRIFFIN, 1108 Third St., Des Moines, Iowa.

On September 10, 1951, Confidential Informant [redacted] of [redacted] (U) known reliability, furnished a photostatic copy of a communication addressed to [redacted] in the case entitled: "United States VS WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, ET AL, USDC, Los Angeles, California, CP-USA" in a prosecution under the Smith Act. This photostatic copy, which is being retained in the case file of instant matter, is a copy of a handwritten letter to [redacted] from EDNA GRIFFIN with her address set out as 1108 3rd Street, Des Moines, Iowa, dated August 20, 1951. The letter in substance stated that there are many who admired the courage of [redacted] and that she, EDNA GRIFFIN, is drawing inspiration and energy to find ways and means to help for peace, because of this courage of [redacted].

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Contacts between Subject and Communist Party Leaders

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that WARREN BATTERSON, District Organizer of District #32, CP-USA, was a frequent visitor at the home of EDNA GRIFFIN, 1108 3rd Street. This information was secured in January 1949. [redacted] indicated that he received this information from STANLEY GRIFFIN, the husband of EDNA GRIFFIN. [redacted] further advised in 1950 that BATTERSON was still in contact with the subject and had asked her why she did not hold more Communist Party meetings in Des Moines and that he, himself, would be a more frequent contact with the Des Moines Party in the future. (U)

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(U) Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that [redacted] of Labor for the Communist

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Party who resides in Chicago, Illinois and WARREN BATTERSON, former District Organizer for District #32, Communist Party, were in Des Moines on the morning of December 18, 1950 and were observed entering the home of the subject at 1108 3rd Street, Des Moines, Iowa. [redacted] also advised that [redacted] and ~~(S)~~ (U) BATTERSON were observed leaving the home of the subject around 2:00 or 3:00 PM this same day.

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~~(S)~~ (U) [redacted] advised that on June 26, 1951, a 1946 Maroon Ford Four Door Sedan, Illinois license 1906-259, was parked in front of the subject's home, 1108 3rd Street. On the same day, a person, later identified by Confidential Informant [redacted] ~~(S)~~ (U) of known reliability, as OTTO EDVOLD ANSTROM, Wa. OTTO ADAMS, entered this automobile at 1:20 PM in front of the subject's home. According to [redacted] on July 5, 1951 this same Ford was ~~(S)~~ (U) again parked at 1108 3rd Street and OTTO ANSTROM was the driver of the car. ANSTROM departed from 1108 3rd Street in the Ford automobile in the company of the subject.

At the Registration Bureau of the Illinois Motor Vehicle Department in Springfield, Illinois, it was ascertained that 1951 Illinois License plate 1906-259 on 1946 Ford Tudor Sedan, was registered in the name of OTTO E. ANSTROM, care of Prostem, 1441 East 60th Place, Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] advised that ~~(S)~~ (U) on July 14, 1951 the automobile of OTTO EDVOLD ANSTROM was parked in front of the home of the subject at 1108 3rd Street, Des Moines. On July 17, 1951, according to [redacted] the 1951 ~~(S)~~ (U) Green Pontiac Sedan, Iowa License 77-70484, owned by EDNA and STANLEY GRIFFIN, was parked in the vicinity of OTTO ANSTROM's residence at 1212 2nd Avenue, Des Moines. On this same date, according to [redacted] EDNA GRIFFIN was noted leaving the home of OTTO ANSTROM at 1212 2nd Avenue, Des Moines. According to [redacted] again on July 18, 1951 and on August 4, 1951, the automobile ~~(S)~~ (U) of OTTO ANSTROM was parked in front of the subject's home at 1108 3rd Street, Des Moines.

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~~(S)~~ (U) OTTO EDVOLD ANSTROM has been reliably reported by Confidential Informants [redacted] of known reliability, as former ~~(S)~~ (U) organizer for the Farm Section of the New Jersey Communist Party and now has a full time organizer for the Communist Party in Iowa. [redacted] advised on July 23, 1951 that OTTO ANSTROM ~~(S)~~ (U) has been a frequent visitor at the home of EDNA GRIFFIN.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Name	EDNA MAY GRIFFIN, Aka: Mrs. Stanley Griffin, Edna May Williams
Born	October 23, 1909 at Carlisle, Kentucky
Height	5'2"
Weight	125
Build	Medium
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black - kinky (straightened)
Complexion	Dark Brown
Race	Negro
Sex	Female
Nationality	American
Occupation	Housewife; State Vice Chair- man Iowa Progressive Party; Chairman Communist Party, Des Moines, Iowa;
Marital Status	Married Husband - STANLEY GRIFFIN
Residence	1108 3rd Street, Des Moines, Iowa
Peculiarities	Front teeth protrude

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Informants

Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity and reliability is known to the Bureau.

Confidential Informant [redacted], whose identity and reliability is known to the Bureau, and [redacted]

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Confidential Informant [redacted] - [redacted]

Confidential Informant [redacted]
[redacted] who furnished the photostatic copy to the Los Angeles Field Division in August 1951.

Confidential Informant Omaha [redacted] - Information received as a result of a surveillance conducted by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] of the Omaha Division in an investigation concerning the case entitled: "WARREN WILLIAM BATTERSON, INTERNAL SECURITY - C."

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Confidential Informant [redacted] - Information received as a result of a surveillance conducted by Special Agents [redacted] of the Omaha Field Division in an investigation concerning the case entitled: "OTTO EDVOLD ANSTROM, INTERNAL SECURITY - R & C, INTERNAL SECURITY ACT, 1950." The surveillance log maintained as a result of this surveillance is retained in the file of the case of OTTO ANSTROM.

Confidential Informant [redacted] - Information received from [redacted] received by teletype to Omaha dated February 10, 1951.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] - Information received from
Chicago, Illinois informant [redacted] by Chicago letter to
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FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA	DATE WHEN MADE 5-7-48	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-22, 24, 26, 27, 5-3, 4, 5-48	REPORT MADE BY [redacted] b7C JRS
TITLE STANLEY GRIFFIN, EDNA MAY GRIFFIN, aka Mrs. Stanley Griffin		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

yes

Subjects STANLEY and EDNA GRIFFIN, negroes, of 1108 Third Street, Des Moines, Iowa, active in affairs of Des Moines Branch of Communist Party, USA, District #32. EDNA is Secretary and Treasurer of local Branch and is also a member of the Iowa Wallace for President Committee. She was born October 23, 1909 in Massachusetts and is a graduate student at Drake University. STANLEY, born 2-9-13 in North Carolina, is a student at the Still College of Osteopathy. [redacted] advises that meetings of the Des Moines Branch of the Communist Party are being held in [redacted]

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DETAILS:

AT DES MOINES, IOWA:

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Investigation in the instant matter is based upon information received from [redacted] whose identity and reliability is known to the Bureau, that the subjects, STANLEY and EDNA MAY GRIFFIN, have been active in Communist Party affairs in Des Moines, Iowa.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] of the New York Division furnished information to that Office in the form of a letter addressed to ELIZABETH FLYNN, Treasurer, 35 East 12th Street, signed STANLEY and EDNA GRIFFIN, and stating as follows: "Please find enclosed the first part of our

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From available records, it has been ascertained that the GRIFFINS have one child, name unknown.

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According to information received from [redacted] whose identity and reliability is known to the Bureau, the two subjects, STANLEY and EDNA GRIFFIN, attended a District meeting of District #32, Communist Party of America, held on January 11, 1948, in the Flamingo Room of the Hotel Fort Des Moines in Des Moines, Iowa. The meeting was held under the name of "The Committee for Better Understanding." The discussion at this meeting was devoted mainly to encouraging the delegates to work for the Third Party Movement, (WALLACE). Also, to encourage people to join the Progressive Citizens of America and contribute money to the campaign. The details of this District meeting have been reported by the Omaha Office in the case entitled "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, DISTRICT #32, OMAHA FIELD DIVISION."

[redacted] also advised that EDNA GRIFFIN, who is also Secretary and Treasurer of the Des Moines Branch of the Communist Party, USA, arranged for a meeting to be held at the Crocker Branch of the YMCA, 14th and School Streets, Des Moines, Iowa, in order to raise funds for the defense of [redacted]

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According to [redacted] this meeting was not held, however. On March 13, 1948, however, at the Crocker Branch of the YMCA a meeting was held with the purpose in mind of raising funds for the defense of ROSA LEE INGRAM, negress, and her two sons upon whom the death sentence was imposed by Schley County, Georgia, Jury. According to [redacted] EDNA GRIFFIN again made all the arrangements for the obtaining of the hall as well as the preparation for the entertainment. There were approximately thirty-two people in attendance at this meeting and admission price was fifty cents for each adult. According to the informant, most of the other members of the Communist Party in Des Moines, Iowa, were also present at this meeting. According to EDNA, a total of approximately \$35.00 was raised at this meeting.

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[redacted] advised that on the night of [redacted] a meeting of the Des Moines Branch of the Communist Party was held at the home of [redacted]. Those in attendance were as follows:

EDNA GRIFFIN,

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and a [redacted] first name unknown.

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According to [redacted] various members of the Party had previously been furnished copies of pamphlets furnished by the Communist Party which are anti-Marshall Plan and they were supposed to discuss this topic at the meeting. However, inasmuch as none of them had read the pamphlets, the evening was more or less devoted to discussion of the Wallace for President Movement. EDNA GRIFFIN, who is on the Wallace for President Movement Committee in Iowa, which headquarters at the Plaza Hotel in Des Moines, Iowa, advised that none of the Committee members had very much money and that they were obliged to make personal contributions. She also advised that the Committee was having trouble finding a former business associate or friend of WALLACE of some prominence in town to introduce him when he makes his talk in Des Moines at the KRNT Radio Theater on April 28, 1948. Each member of the Party, according to [redacted] are supposed to be active in selling tickets to this radio lecture to be held by WALLACE on April 28, 1948 at the KRNT Radio Theater. Members of the Party were also furnished with pamphlets which advocate WALLACE for President and which are to be distributed from home to home. These pamphlets and tickets were supplied to the members by EDNA GRIFFIN and [redacted] is also a member of the Wallace for President Committee.

Information was later received from Dean GEORGE BEERY of Drake University that EDNA had approached him relative to selling tickets for the WALLACE speech on the Drake University campus.

It will be noted that this speech was held on the night of April 28, 1948, and approximately twelve or thirteen hundred people were present. STANLEY GRIFFIN was an usher at this KRNT Radio Theater WALLACE speech.

[redacted] advised that the next meeting of the Communist Party of Des Moines, Iowa, is scheduled for the first part of May and that it will be held in the home of STANLEY and EDNA GRIFFIN.

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The records of the Des Moines, Iowa, Police Department and the files of the Sheriff's Office of Polk County, Iowa, were checked with negative results as regards any criminal record on either one of the subjects.

The files of the Des Moines, Iowa, Credit Bureau were also checked with negative results under the names of the subjects.

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THE MEMPHIS FIELD OFFICE:

AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE:

Will at Fiske University and in Nashville check available sources for background information on the subject, EDNA MAY GRIFFIN nee WILLIAMS, as well as for information concerning her activities while attending this University from 1928 to 1933, graduating with a B.A. Degree.

THE OMAHA FIELD DIVISION:

AT DES MOINES, IOWA:

Will continue the investigation re the background and Communistic activities of the subjects, STANLEY and EDNA GRIFFIN.

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TITLE CHANGED: STANLEY GRIFFIN; EDNA MAY GRIFFIN, aka, Mrs. Stanley Griffin, Edna May Williams			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Records Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, reflect EDNA MAY WILLIAMS born 10/23/09, Carlisle, Kentucky. Attended Pittsfield, Massachusetts High School. Presently residing 1108 Third Street, Des Moines, Iowa. Attended Fisk University 1928 to 1933. Transcript sent to Drake University per request February 1948.

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DATE 02-09-2006 BY AUC 60309
REFERENCE: Report SA ROBERT E. DOWD dated 5/7/48 at Omaha, Nebraska. TAM/DCG/JW

DETAILS: The title of the report is being marked CHANGED to reflect the addition of the name EDNA MAY WILLIAMS, maiden name of EDNAMAY GRIFFIN, as is thus reflected in the records of Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee.

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Registrar's Office, Fisk University, furnished the records concerning EDNA MAY WILLIAMS, who is identical with EDNA MAY GRIFFIN mentioned in referenced report. This record reflected that EDNA MAY WILLIAMS was born October 23, 1909 at Carlisle, Kentucky, the daughter of EDWARD HEARST WILLIAMS and HENRIETTA WILLIAMS. At the time of her application for admission to Fisk University, EDNA MAY WILLIAMS gave her father's occupation as janitor and residence as 74 Edison Avenue, Pittsfield, Massachusetts. It was reflected that she graduated from Pittsfield, Massachusetts High School in June 1926 and gave Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and Pittsfield, Massachusetts, as references. In reply to the question appearing on the application as to publications which she read, she listed FIJDE, THE CRISIS, LITERARY DIGEST, and the SATURDAY EVENING POST. Among the matters

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in which she was most interested, she listed "the negro, politics". EDNA MAY WILLIAMS attended Fisk University from 1928 to 1933.

The record further reflected that in February 1948 a request had been received from EDNA WILLIAMS GRIFFIN, requesting that a transcript of her record be transmitted to the registrar of Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, stating that she desired to continue graduate work at that institution. Her record reflected that she had majored in Sociology during her work at Fisk University. She gave her address as 1108 Third Street, Des Moines, Iowa at the time she requested the transcript. The record failed to reflect any additional information concerning her or any outside activities in which she engaged.

[redacted] advised that this record contained all information relative to former students, and that no additional record was maintained concerning outside activities in which EDNA MAY WILLIAMS engaged at the time she was attending Fisk University. [redacted] stated EDNA MAY WILLIAMS resided at 1016 Sixteenth Avenue N., Nashville, for two years during the period she was attending Fisk University, stating that during the other time she lived in the dormitory.

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[redacted] advised EDNA MAY WILLIAMS had lived in her home while she was attending Fisk University earning her way by doing house work. She stated she knew of no friends or associates she had other than STANLEY GRIFFIN, whom she ultimately married. She said that she considered her to be a loyal citizen and knew of no organizations or groups to which she belonged. She stated that going to school and doing the house work occupied practically all her time and she did not engage in any outside activities whatsoever to her knowledge.

A search of the records of the Nashville Police Department and the Nashville Credit Bureau failed to reflect any information concerning EDNA MAY WILLIAMS.

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Two copies of this report are being designated for the Boston Division for information, in view of the fact that investigation may be requested of that office in the future.

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Inspector Gurnea:

Information was received from the New York Office on May 21, 1947 that the two subjects had contributed to the Defense Fund of the Communist Party. Further information was developed from Confidential Informant [redacted] that both subjects had attended a Communist Party meeting in Des Moines, Iowa during January 1948. In the last report submitted by the Omaha Office dated May 7, 1948, the names of both subjects, man and wife, are carried in the title of the report. There are several memoranda in the file containing information regarding the subjects' activities and the case is in a delinquent status. It is also noted that in the above report only two copies of the report are designated for the Omaha Office.

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In the future, reports should be submitted on the individual subjects and three copies should be retained for the Omaha Office. Section 44 J of the Manual of Instructions states that only one subject should be carried in the title of each report and when husband and wife are both subjects of investigation in the field office a separate report should be submitted. Also, you are instructed in Section 44 K of the Manual of Instructions that the office of origin in this type of investigation should retain three copies.

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SAC Dalton:

This case will be brought to a current status in the immediate future and the suggestions of the Inspector in regard to the submission of reports in the future will be carried out.

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Omaha Office
Inspector Gurnea
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OMAHA, NEBRASKA**

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REPORT MADE AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA	DATE WHEN MADE 2-3-49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6-4, 9; 8-6-48; 1-14, 21-49	REPORT MADE BY [Redacted] b7C
TITLE CHANGED J EDNA MAY GRIFFIN, aka, Mrs. Stanley Griffin, Edna May Williams.			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Meeting of Des Moines Branch of Communist Party, USA, District #32, held at the home of [Redacted] at [Redacted]. Subject no longer a student at Drake University; now housewife. WARREN BATTERSON, Chairman of District #32, has reportedly visited subject's home several times in Des Moines. Subject is chairman of the Organizing Committee of the 5th Congressional District of Iowa for the Progressive Party. Subject recently denied service at Katz Drug Store, Des Moines, Iowa, and MAURICE KATZ was charged with violation of the Iowa Civil Rights Law and found guilty.

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA [Redacted] dated May 7, 1948, Omaha, Nebraska entitled, "STANLEY GRIFFIN; EDNA MAY GRIFFIN, aka Mrs. Stanley Griffin: SECURITY MATTER - C."
Report of SA [Redacted] dated 8-17-48, Memphis, Tennessee.

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DETAILS:

AT DES MOINES, IOWA

The title of this report is being marked Changed to reflect the deletion of the subject STANLEY GRIFFIN whose activities, in accordance with Bureau instructions, will be reported hereafter under the title of STANLEY GRIFFIN; SECURITY MATTER - C.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity and reliability is known to the Bureau, advised that during [redacted] a meeting of the Des Moines Branch of the Communist Party, USA, District #32, was held at the home of [redacted]

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[redacted] The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the membership in the Des Moines, Iowa, Branch of the Party. STANLEY GRIFFIN was not present at this meeting but EDNA GRIFFIN, the subject, sponsored the meeting and it was at her instigation that [redacted] both Communist Party members in Des Moines, should be expelled from the Party because he returned to work during the strike at the Iowa Packing Company, Des Moines, Iowa, before the striking members of the United Packing workers of America - CIO had agreed to return. [redacted]

[redacted] had returned to work prior to the termination of the strike. EDNA GRIFFIN has also been a frequent visitor at the home of [redacted]

[redacted] are members of the Communist Party.

[redacted] also advised that WARREN BATTERSON, Chairman of the Communist Party, USA, District #32, has been a frequent visitor at the home of EDNA GRIFFIN in Des Moines, Iowa.

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[redacted] advised that EDNA GRIFFIN is no longer a student at Drake University and is now a housewife. This informant also advised that EDNA GRIFFIN has been appointed as chairman of the Organizing Committee of the Progressive Party, 5th Congressional District of Iowa.

On October 7, 1948 an article appeared in the Des Moines Register and Tribune newspaper, Des Moines, Iowa, stating that two persons testifying in a Civil Rights case declined temporarily and on grounds of their constitutional rights to name their political affiliations in a Municipal Court trial. These two witnesses were JOHN BIBBS, 1026 16th Street, and Mrs. STANLEY GRIFFIN, 1108 3rd Street, Des Moines, Iowa. BIBBS was the complainant in an action against MAURICE KATZ, Manager of the Katz Drug Store, Des Moines, Iowa, in which Mrs. GRIFFIN, JOHN BIBBS, and LEONARD HUDSON, all Negroes, were refused counter service on July 7, 1948. Both BIBBS and GRIFFIN later testified that they were members of the Progressive Party supporting HENRY A. WALLACE for president. Mrs. GRIFFIN testified that she, BIBBS and HUDSON, of 779 10th Street, another complainant, picketed the store with Progressive Party members on several successive Saturdays after they were refused counter service at the Katz Drug Store. As a result of this trial MAURICE KATZ was found guilty on October 7, 1948 in Municipal Court on a charge of violating the Iowa Civil Rights Law. The penalty is not more than \$100.00 fine or thirty days in the County Jail.

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[redacted] advised that although the picketing was done under the name of the Iowa Progressive Party, in reality it was the subject and the Communist Party who were pushing the whole affair.

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The subject was described by [redacted] as follows:

Name:	EDNA MAY GRIFFIN, aka, Mrs. Stanley Griffin, Edna May Williams
Race:	Negro
Born:	October 23, 1909, Massachusetts
Height:	5' 2"
Weight:	125
Build:	Medium
Complexion:	Dark brown
Hair:	Black, kinky (straightened)
Eyes:	Brown
Face:	Slender
Marital status:	Married, husband STANLEY GRIFFIN.
Occupation:	Housewife
Peculiarities:	Upper front teeth protrude
Residence:	1108 3rd Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

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THE BOSTON DIVISION

AT PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

Will attempt to ascertain through available sources the activities and reputation of subject EDNA GRIFFIN, nee WILLIAMS, who at the time of her attendance at Fiske University, Nashville, Tennessee, 1928 to 1932, gave her home address as 74 Edison Avenue, Pittsfield, Massachusetts; father's name EDWARD HEARST WILLIAMS.

THE OMAHA DIVISION

AT DES MOINES, IOWA

Will continue to report and follow the activities of the subject as regards her Communist connections.

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ReBuLet dated May 26, 1949, captioned, "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, DISTRICT NO. 32, OMAHA OFFICE, INTERNAL SECURITY - C, KEY FIGURE LIST," and to Omaha letter to the Bureau dated March 29, 1949, which reflected that the subject is considered a key figure in the Omaha Office.

A review of subject's file reflects that meetings of the Des Moines Branch of the Communist Party, USA, have been held at the subject's home and that on occasions WARREN W. BATTERSON, District No. 32 Organizer, Communist Party, USA, has visited in the subject's home.

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The subject has been reported by Confidential Informant [] as being Secretary of the Des Moines Branch of the Communist Party and active in Communist Party affairs in the Des Moines area. Further, the subject is Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the 5th Congressional District of Iowa for the Progressive Party.

In view of the above the subject is considered a key figure in the Omaha Office and it is requested that the subject's name be maintained on the key figure list submitted by this office.

At the time the next report is prepared relative to the subject the character at that time will be carried as INTERNAL SECURITY - C.

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TITLE EDNA MAY GRIFFIN, Aka, Mrs. Stanley Griffin, Edna May Williams			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 02-21-2006 BY AUC 60309</p> <p><i>yes</i></p> <p>Subject advocates passage of bill by Iowa State Legislature concerning the Iowa FEPC. Subject has renewed subscription to The Daily Worker. Subject wrote letter to editor, Des Moines Tribune, which was published on July 4, 1949, defending the ideals of PAUL ROBESON. Subject reportedly attending Drake University.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>G. I. R. - 8</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P* -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Bureau File 100-355489. Report SA <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div> dated 2-3-49, at Omaha.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT DES MOINES, IOWA</u></p> <p>On March 2, 1949, <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 50px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div> of known reliability, advised that on February 27, 1949, subject attended the evening session of church at the Burns M. E. Church, at Ninth and Crocker Streets, Des Moines, Iowa. Immediately after this church session, EDNA gave a speech advocating the passage of a bill before the Iowa State Legislature, which concerns the Iowa FEPC. There were approximately one hundred twenty in the audience and EDNA encouraged them all to write their representatives and to talk among their friends and to do everything in their power to have this bill passed. She also criticized the NAACP in that they were not promoting the rights of the negro.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">b7C</p>			
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[] also advised that EDNA is now enrolled as a graduate student at Drake University.

Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised on February 4, 1949, that the subject renewed her subscription to the Daily Worker.

Handwriting specimens of the subject were secured from Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, and photostatic copies of said specimens are being forwarded to the Bureau as enclosures with this report.

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A letter addressed to ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, Communist Party-USA, New York City, sent by the subject and her husband has been secured from [] and is also being forwarded to the Bureau as a handwriting specimen.

In the July 4, 1949, evening edition of the Des Moines Tribune, in the editorial section, a letter from the subject to the editor was published. This letter defended the ideals of PAUL ROBESON and criticized the Des Moines Tribune for publishing an article which indicated that ROBESON was rather stupid for falling in with the Communist Party policy in his desire to better the position of the negroes in the United States. This article has been included in the case file in instant matter.

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[] advises that the Des Moines Branch of the Communist Party - USA, District Number 32 has been inactive of recent date and that subject has not been in contact with the known members of the Party in Des Moines, Iowa.

In view of this information this case is being placed in a pending inactive status.

One photostatic copy of subject's handwriting is being retained in the Omaha case file.

ENCLOSURES: To Bureau - Photostatic copy of subject's handwriting and hand printing.

One original copy of subject's handwriting, consisting of a letter dated 3-19-47 to ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, NYC.

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THE OMAHA DIVISION

AT DES MOINES, IOWA

Will secure a photograph of the subject.

Will continue to report any Communistic activity on the part of the subject.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

[redacted] whose identity and reliability is known
to the Bureau, who furnished the information to SA [redacted]
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DEAN'S CARD

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PRINT NAME

Mr. Griffini Edna
 Mrs. Griffini Edna
 Miss Griffini Edna
 Middle Des Moines

Vet. Non Vet
 Phone 2-4222
 Married Single
 Jr. Sr. Uncl.

1108 Third St.
 Same As Above
 Summer, 1st Term 2nd Term

Class: Fr. Soph.

Department	Course No.	Section No.	Sem. Hrs.	Instructor	Days and Hours of Meeting					
					M	T	W	T	F	S
Educ	179	1	3	Flaum	8		8		8	
Educ	62	1	3	Staff		8				8
Educ	142	1	3	Hamilton	10		10		10	
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February 16, 1928.

AT LENOX, MASS.

[redacted] Lenox High School, who was interviewed in absence of registrar, advised that Subject, as EDNA MAY WILLIAMS, had attended the school from September, 1923, to June, 1924. She was born October 23, 1909, place not indicated, resided in Lenox, Massachusetts, and formerly attended Walpole Junior High School, Walpole, New Hampshire, from September, 1922, to June, 1923.

AT PITTSFIELD, MASS.

RESIDENCE

[redacted] 74 Edison Avenue, was interviewed under suitable pretext and advised that Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD WILLIAMS had formerly resided at that address some years ago. They moved from the locality approximately nine years ago. [redacted] was heard of Subject but said Subject, according to her recollection, had not resided with her parents for some years. [redacted] was of the opinion that Subject resides in the mid-western part of the country. She possessed no information regarding Subject's employment or activities.

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Records of the Registry of Voters for the City of Pittsfield were examined and reflected Subject's Father had been a registered voter of one of the two major political parties up until June 28, 1939, when his name was removed from the list due to a lack of address. There was no indication that Subject had ever been a registered voter in the City of Pittsfield.

CREDIT

[redacted] Credit Bureau, 50 South Street, advised she could not locate a record for Subject. Available records reflected Subject's Father was involved in a motor vehicle accident on February 18, 1932. WILLIAMS was fifty-four years old at the time and was convicted of operating under the influence of liquor and driving negligently. His license to operate a motor vehicle and his Massachusetts vehicle registration were revoked.

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Pittsfield Police Department records were examined but no record for Subject was located.

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License 77-70484, owned by EDNA and ~~STANLEY GRIFFIN~~ was parked in the vicinity of OTTO ANSTROM's residence at 1212 1/2 Second Avenue. On this same date, according to [] EDNA GRIFFIN was noted leaving the home of OTTO ANSTROM at 1212 Second Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

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On July 18, 1951, [] further advised that OTTO ANSTROM's car was again parked in front of the home of EDNA GRIFFIN at 1108 - 3rd Street, Des Moines, Iowa. According to [] on the night of August 4, 1951, OTTO ANSTROM's car the GRIFFIN car and a 1940 Plymouth two door sedan bearing Iowa license 77-31133, later determined to belong to WILLIAM R. SMITH 1601 East Avenue, Northeast, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, were parked in front of the subject's home at 1108 - 3rd Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

~~WILLIAM R. SMITH~~ is Chairman of the Progressive Party in the State of Iowa and has been reported to be a member of the Communist Party.

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Confidential Informant, [] of known reliability, advised that Mr. and Mrs. GRIFFIN were in attendance as delegates to the National Committee meeting of the Progressive Party held at Minneapolis, Minnesota August 18, and 19, 1951.

Confidential Informant, [] of known reliability, advised July 23, 1951 that there had been several meetings at the home of EDNA GRIFFIN in Des Moines, Iowa, one being held in May 1951 and the other around the last of June 1951. According to [] the latter meeting involved the Peace Conference in Chicago. [] also advised that OTTO ANSTROM has been a frequent visitor at the home of EDNA GRIFFIN. [] was unable to advise as to other or more definite dates concerning the above mentioned meetings at the home of EDNA GRIFFIN. [] advised that EDNA and her husband, STANLEY GRIFFIN, drove their Pontiac to Chicago to the Peace Conference known as the American Peoples Congress and Exposition for Peace held in Chicago, Illinois June 29, to July 1, 1951, and took some people with them. As indicated previously by [] a meeting was held at [] upon her return from Chicago. During the Spring of 1951 an attempt was made at Des Moines, Iowa to unionize the employees of the Midwest Bag and Burlap Company in Des Moines, Iowa. According to [] EDNA GRIFFIN, the subject, was involved in this strike to the extent that she helped the strikers prepare leaflets and other materials, setting out the purpose of the strike. [] also advised that EDNA GRIFFIN gave the employees advice on how to conduct the strike.

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[] also advised that the subject has been in contact with CHARLES PRESTON HOWARD, delegate to the Warsaw Peace Conference held in Warsaw, Poland, Europe earlier in the year. [] also indicated that the subject sometimes receives correspondence at 1108 - 3rd Street in the name of the GRIFFIN children. []

In July 1951 the laundry workers held a strike at the Still College of Osteopathy in Des Moines, Iowa. According to [] EDNA GRIFFIN became involved in the laundry workers strike at Still College at the request of an unknown person who contacted EDNA GRIFFIN by telephone.

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[] advised that he believes the person who called was an individual in the Packinghouse Workers Union, United Packinghouse Workers of America - CIO in Des Moines, Iowa. [] advised that EDNA made inquiry as to whether or not any negroes were employed in the laundries in Des Moines, Iowa.

According to [] EDNA GRIFFIN attended the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People meeting in Des Moines, Iowa, their representative of the laundry workers union was present and asked the NAACP to request negro women employed as strikebreakers in the laundries to cease work. EDNA GRIFFIN participated in the discussions and according to [] was responsible for the final adoption of reform of resolution by the local chapter of the NAACP to the effect that the union would find the women jobs or pay them during the period that they were placing them, if they would cease work as strikebreakers. [] advised that EDNA GRIFFIN and OTTO ANSTROM regarded this adoption of the aforementioned resolution as a victory and discussed the situation again at EDNA's home a few days later. According to [] EDNA attended the Farmers Union Convention of Iowa held in Des Moines, Iowa the week ending September 22, 1951. She gave a short speech before the convention concerning the [] case, the negro who was sentenced to Fort Madison Penitentiary, on a rape charge from Sioux City, Iowa in 1950. [] advised that EDNA is active in seeking a parole for the aforementioned [] and has visited prisoners at Fort Madison, Penitentiary, Fort Madison, Iowa, and the Anamosa Reformatory at Anamosa, Iowa.

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[] also advised that sometime during the month of August, Mr. and Mrs. STANLEY GRIFFIN went to Minneapolis or St. Paul to attend some type of meeting. b2 b7D

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By letter under date of September 10, 1951, the Los Angeles Field Division advised that a photostatic copy of a communication addressed to Mrs. [redacted] had been furnished to the office by [redacted] anti-subversive detail of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office during August 1951. [redacted] is a defendant in the case entitled "UNITED STATES vs. WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, ETAL, USDC, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, COMMUNIST PARTY, USA" in a prosecution under the Smith Act. This photostatic copy is a copy of the handwritten letter to [redacted] from EDNA GRIFFIN with the address 1108 - 3rd Street, Des Moines, Iowa dated August 20, 1951. The letter in substance advises that there are many who admired the courage of [redacted] and expressed sympathy for the fact that she was arrested early in the morning, according to the papers, before she could feed her children. The letter also indicated that EDNA is drawing inspiration and energy from [redacted] courage to find ways and means to help for peace. The letter also expressed hope that [redacted] should soon be free. This photostatic copy is being retained in the exhibit file of instant case matter. b7C

INFORMANTS

Confidential Informant, [redacted] is the result of a physical surveillance conducted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] on OTTO EDVOLD ANSTROM, Omaha file 100-4768. The logs for this surveillance are retained in the case file of OTTO ANSTROM. b2 b7C b7D

Confidential Informant, [redacted] is [redacted] who furnished the information on various occasions to SA [redacted] of the Minneapolis Division. The information credited to [redacted] was contained in the report of SA [redacted] dated September 4, 1951 at Minneapolis, Minnesota entitled "COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY, INTERNAL SECURITY - C". b2 b7C b7D

Confidential Informant, [redacted] is [redacted] who is being developed as a security matter informant by the Omaha Division. Information concerning him as concerning his reliability has been furnished to the Bureau. b2 b7C b7D

LEADS

THE CHICAGO DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois

Will, if possible, verify the attendance of Mr. STANLEY and Mrs. EDNA GRIFFIN at the American Peoples Congress and Exposition for Peace

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-355489)

DATE: 10/30/51

FROM: SAC, OMAHA

Card U.T.D.
11-19-51
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SUBJECT: EDNA MAY GRIFFIN, aka
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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the
above captioned individual.

X The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be
changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME _____

ALIASES _____

RACE _____ SEX _____ NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

Housewife, 1108-3rd Street, Des Moines, Iowa

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Strategic and Vital Industry List)

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Inquiry regarding identity, associates, and activities of Subject was made among older members of the Pittsfield Police Department with negative results. Inasmuch as there is no indication that Subject has resided in Pittsfield during the past twenty years, no further investigation will be conducted in Pittsfield, Mass.

SAC, Omaha

October 7, 1949

Director, FBI

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EDNA MAY GRIFFIN, wa.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
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Rerep of SA at Omaha, dated July 13, 1949.

Reference report reflects that subject who is a key figure in your Division is attending Drake University. Authority is therefore granted to use sources of public record, reliable sources of information and established contacts including your established informants at Drake University, as well as the Registrar's Office which may be contacted pursuant to SAC letter No. 128, series 1948.

It will be necessary for you to obtain prior Bureau authority before interviewing any student, faculty member or employee of Drake University with the above exceptions. In requesting such authority you should furnish to the Bureau the name, position and information regarding the reliability and discretion of each person whom you desire to interview.

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- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Egan _____
- Mr. Gurnea _____
- Mr. Harbo _____
- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Pennington _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____

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EDNA MAY GRIFFIN, WAS.
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Rerep of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 4, 1950,
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The information appearing in paragraphs 1 and 2, page 1
and paragraphs 1, 2, and 3, page 2 should more properly have been
reported on the Administrative Page.

It is further suggested that paragraph 4, page 2, should be
rewritten as follows: "Confidential Informant [redacted] a reliable
source, advised that Warren Batterson, District #32 Organizer,
Communist Party - USA, had asked subject why she did not hold more
Communist Party meetings in Des Moines, and had also informed her that
he would be in more frequent contact with the Des Moines Party in the
future."

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Paragraph 5, page 2, should also be rewritten as follows:
[redacted] was advised that on October 29, 1949, a birthday party in
honor of the subject was held in her home at 1108 3rd Street, Des Moines.
Warren Batterson, mentioned above, and Charles Howard, subject's attorney,
were present. Howard speaks about his trip to New York and the fact that he
had introduced Paul Robeson at a Progressive Party meeting in New York City
and that Robeson had been enthusiastically received. Warren Batterson
distributed copies of the 'Daily Worker' an east coast daily Communist
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conviction of the 11 Communist leaders in New York City. Batterson
advised those present at the Party that he had distributed five thousand
copies of the 'Daily Worker' in Omaha shortly before this birthday party.
[redacted] a member of the Omaha Branch of the Communist Party, was
also present at this party according to informants."

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The synopsis of referenced report should also be rewritten to
correspond with the information set out in the body of the report. Four
copies of referenced report are being returned herewith and you are
instructed to rewrite this report in accordance with the above
suggestions and submit corrected copies to the Bureau. The copies
presently maintained in your file should also be replaced by corrected
copies.

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TITLE EDNA MAY GRIFFIN, aka, Mrs. Stanley Griffin, Edna May Williams			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

MAURICE C. KATZ, Katz Drug Store, Des Moines, Iowa, found guilty of violating Iowa Civil Rights law and fined \$50 as result of refusing fountain service to subject. Subject also received a \$1.00 verdict as a result of civil suit against Katz Drug Store for damages. **WARREN BATTERSON**, District 32 Organizer, CP, USA, continues contacting subject in Des Moines. **BATTERSON** present at birthday party for subject in Des Moines.

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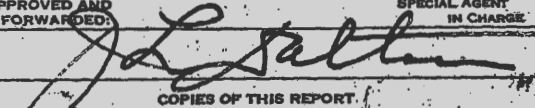
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On July 7, 1948 **MAURICE C. KATZ** refused fountain service to the subject and two other negroes in the Katz Drug Store, Des Moines. As a result of this refusal **KATZ**, in a trial initiated by the complaint of the subject, was subsequently found guilty of violating the Iowa Civil Rights law and fined \$50.00. The case is presently on appeal to the Iowa Supreme Court. It was the contention of **KATZ** at this trial that the three individuals, including the subject, had entered his drug store for the purpose of being refused service in order to cause agitation.

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CHARLES P. HOWARD, who gave the keynote address for the Progressive Party at the Philadelphia convention in 1948, was the attorney for the subject.

On November 12, 1949, subject filed a suit in the District Court, Polk County, Iowa, asking revocation of KATZ's license because of his refusal to serve negroes. She claimed she was bringing the action for herself and for other members of the negro race.

Confidential Informant [redacted] a reliable source, advised that the subject was known to have said that she was very happy over winning the Civil Rights case against the Katz Drug Company. She also advised that WARREN BATTERSON, District 32 Organizer, Communist Party, USA, had asked her why she did not hold more CP meetings in Des Moines and had also informed her that he was going to be in more frequent contact with the Des Moines party in the future. The subject was also contacting members of the CP in Des Moines asking for contributions to be sent to New York as bail money for the eleven Communists convicted in the New York trial.

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[redacted] also advised that on October 29, 1949, a birthday party in honor of the subject was held in her home at 1108 Third Street, Des Moines. There were several members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People present, as well as WARREN BATTERSON and CHARLES HOWARD. HOWARD spoke about his trip to New York and the fact that he addressed a Progressive Party meeting in New York. He also advised that he introduced PAUL ROBESON at this

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Progressive Party meeting and stated that ROBESON was enthusiastically received. The presents for the subject consisted of donations to the SIMS Appeal Fund relative to the case against SIMS at Sioux City, Iowa. They collected \$14.00. It was the contention of the subject and HOWARD that the colored fellow named SIMS had been railroaded in a trial at Sioux City. BATTERSON distributed copies of the Daily Worker, an East Coast daily Communist newspaper, dated October 21, 1949, which contained a story of the conviction of the eleven CP leaders in New York. BATTERSON advised that he distributed 5,000 copies of The Worker, a Communist newspaper, in Omaha shortly before this birthday party.

member of the Omaha branch of the CP, was also present.

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Information received from [redacted] a reliable source, revealed that a sheet of paper bearing the name and address of the subject was found in the building located at 35 E. 12 Street, New York City, New York, which is occupied by the CP. This sheet of paper is being retained in the IA file of instant case.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] [redacted] whose identity and reliability are known to the Bureau.

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At Des Moines, Iowa: Will continue to follow
and report CP activities of the subject.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: **WARREN BATTERSON**, District #32 Organizer, Communist Party, USA, continues to contact subject in Des Moines, Iowa. **BATTERSON** present at birthday party for subject in Des Moines. Subject reportedly asking Des Moines Communist Party members to contribute to the bail fund of the eleven convicted Communists in New York City.

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CHARLES P. HOWARD, who gave the keynote address for the Progressive Party at the Philadelphia convention in 1948, was the attorney for the subject.

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The birthday presents for the subject consisted of donations to the Sims Appeal Fund relative to the case against SIMS, a Negro at Sioux City, Iowa. They collected \$11.00. It was the contention of the subject and CHARLES HOWARD that SIMS had been railroaded in a trial at Sioux City.

Information received from [redacted] a reliable source, revealed that a sheet of paper bearing the name and address of the subject was found in the building located at 35 East 12th Street, New York City, New York, which is occupied by the Communist Party. This sheet of paper is being retained in the LA file of instant case. b2 b7D

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

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Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity
and reliability are known to the Bureau.

Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity
and reliability are known to the Bureau.

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TITLE EDNA MAY GRIFFIN, aka, Mrs. Stanley Griffin, Edan May Williams	CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject elected State Vice Chairman of the Iowa Progressive Party. Subject active in securing signatures on peace petition to outlaw atomic bomb and "Let us Stay Out of Korea."

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DETAILS:

AT DES MOINES, IOWA

An article appearing in the "Des Moines Register" dated Monday June 19, 1950, indicated that EDNA GRIFFIN was the newly elected Party State Vice Chairman of the Iowa Progressive Party and would stump the State during the Summer of 1950 in behalf of TERRY LEE SIMMS, Sioux City negro sentenced to forty years in prison on a rape charge in January 1949.

*Post 10-26-50
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10-27-50
EBR*

Des Moines, Iowa, advised on July 11, 1950 that she was a speaker at a meeting at Grand View Danish College in Des Moines, Iowa around July 7, 1950. She declared that upon leaving the college she saw a negro woman and a white woman standing beside a folding card table taking signatures on a peace petition. She advised that this petition was captioned, "I Want Peace," "Let's Outlaw the Atomic Bomb," and "Let Us Stay Out of Korea."

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[redacted] advised that on the night of July 9, 1950 she was the main speaker at a negro church meeting in Des Moines, Iowa. She stated that while there she saw the aforementioned negro woman who had been soliciting signatures on the peace petition and upon inquiry ascertained that her name was EDNA GRIFFIN. [redacted] advised that during her talk at this church she made the comment that good should be returned for evil and that the world would be a better place if this could be carried out. She stated that she mentioned as an example of this theory [redacted] of Rumania as a lady who returned evil for good. She stated that after the church meeting EDNA GRIFFIN came to her and criticized her severely, stating that "You do not know anything about [redacted] she is the savior of Rumania and a great woman." She also stated "You are reading the wrong publications and you are not getting the same information that I get concerning [redacted] and activities in Rumania."

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Subject still resides at 1108 3rd Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Confidential Informant [redacted] a reliable source, advised that subject has been encouraging members of the Communist Party in Des Moines, Iowa to circulate the aforementioned peace petitions.

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THE OMAHA OFFICE

AT DES MOINES, IOWA

Will maintain contact with [redacted] and continue investigation
in order to ascertain the activities of the subject with
regard to her Communistic affiliations.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity
is known to the Bureau.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] 2-15-50, Omaha, Nebraska.

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SAC, Omaha

October 27, 1950

Director, FBI

EDNA MAY GRIFFIN, wa.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
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Reference is made to the report of Special
Agent [redacted] dated September 22, 1950, at
Omaha.

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A review of this report fails to reflect
that subject is active in the Communist Party on
an organizational or policy-making level. You
are instructed to carefully appraise this case
and thereafter advise the Bureau whether you feel
subject should be retained on the key figure list
in your Office.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Omaha

SUBJECT: EDNA MAY GRIFFIN, wa.
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A review of the file on instant subject reflects that inasmuch as she is not active in the Communist Party on an organizational or policy making level, she should be removed from the key figure list. The character has accordingly been changed to Security Matter - C.

It is desired, however, that the subject be retained on the Security Index List.

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TITLE <i>my</i> EDNA MAY GRIFFIN, aka, Mrs. Stanley Griffin, Edna May Williams	CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C
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ADMINISTRATIVE
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: List of subject GRIFFIN's correspondents set forth. *12/15/50 done from sent cbr*

DETAILS: *yes* **AT DES MOINES, IOWA**
[redacted] of known re-
liability, advised subject GRIFFIN had received letters bearing the following return addresses during the thirty days dating from September 18, 1950:

Progressive Party, 56 West 45th Street, New York, New York:

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

Post Office Box "B", Anamosa, Iowa, postmarked October 17, 1950;

[redacted]
Iowa, postmarked October 5, 8, and 9, and September 29, all 1950.

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For the information of the Chicago Division, which has not received previous reports in this case, the following is set forth:

The subject has been reliably reported on several occasions to be active in the Communist Party in Des Moines, Iowa, and has been reported as Chairman of the Des Moines Branch of the Communist Party, District 32, USA. She is also State Vice-Chairman of the Iowa Progressive Party.

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CHICAGO DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois: Will check indices of the Chicago FBI Office under the name of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and advise the Omaha Office of any information contained therein which would indicate his background and activities. If not contained therein, will conduct preliminary investigation to ascertain his background and activities.

OMAHA DIVISION

At Cedar Rapids, Iowa: Will advise the identity of [REDACTED]

At Anamosa, Iowa: Will ascertain identity of holder of Post Office Box "B" and also conduct preliminary investigation concerning this person's activities.

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At Des Moines, Iowa: Will ascertain identity of residents at [REDACTED] and their background, as regards possible connection with subject.

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INFORMANT PAGE

[redacted] Des Moines, Iowa.
(of known reliability)

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REFERENCE: Rpt of SA [redacted] Omaha, 9-22-50

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: December 22, 1950

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO

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Rerep of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 6, 1950, at
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According to the records of the American Community Builders, Park
Forest, Illinois, which were made available by [redacted]
(Confidential by request) to Special Agent [redacted] on.
[redacted] resides at [redacted]
[redacted] and maintains law offices at [redacted]
[redacted] These records reflected that [redacted] had resided at [redacted]
[redacted] from April, 1949 to December 16, 1949 and
prior to that he had resided at [redacted] for about
six years. b7C
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Attached hereto for Omaha are one copy each of a report of Special
Agent [redacted] dated November 10, 1949, at Chicago and a b7C
report of Special Agent [redacted] dated October 6, 1950, at
Denver.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: February 15, 1951

FROM : SAC, Omaha

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SUBJECT: EDNA MAY CRIFFIN
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The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

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MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

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DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH Walpole, New Hampshire

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____

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REPORT MADE AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA	DATE WHEN MADE 2/15/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/2, 18/50 2/3/51	REPORT MADE BY [Redacted] b7C RMF
TITLE EDNA MAY GRIFFIN, aka., Mrs. Stanley Griffin, Edna May Williams			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

yes

[Redacted] of Labor for the Communist Party and WARREN BATTERSON, former District Organizer for District #32 of the Communist Party, observed in Des Moines, Iowa, on December 18, 1950, and seen entering the home of the subject at 1108 3rd Street and departing on the afternoon of the same day. Subject received a letter from [Redacted] around 9/18/50. [Redacted] reliably reported as having connections with Communistic organizations in Chicago.

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DETAILS:

AT DES MOINES, IOWA:

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Confidential Informant Omaha T-1. of known reliability, advised that [Redacted] of Labor for the Communist Party and WARREN BATTERSON, former District Organizer for District #32 of the Communist Party, were in Des Moines, Iowa, on the morning of December 18, 1950, and were observed entering the home of the subject, 1108 3rd street, Des Moines, Iowa. Informant also advised that [Redacted] and BATTERSON were observed leaving the home of the subject around 2:00 or 3:00 p.m. on this same day.

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Around September 18, 1950, subject received a letter from [Redacted]

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Confidential Informant [Redacted] of known reliability, advised in 1948 that [Redacted] then of [Redacted]

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[redacted] was a member of the Chicago Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild and his dues were paid for the fiscal year of 1946, 1947. The National Lawyers Guild was cited as a Communist Front by the Un-American Activities Committee, United States House of Representatives, report of March 29, 1944.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised in June 24, 1946, that [redacted] of the Chicago American Jewish Congress was planning to meet with [redacted] to discuss the formulation of a policy concerning handling of future discriminatory actions involving negro and Jewish people.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised on December 5, 1946, that [redacted] at that time was [redacted] Mid-West Council of the International Workers Order, National [redacted] International Workers Order and [redacted] DuSable Lodge, #751, International Workers Order. International Workers Order was declared a Communist Front by the Attorney General.

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L E A D S

THE OMAHA DIVISION

At Des Moines, Iowa:

*Will ascertain identity of residents at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and their background as regards possible connection with subject.

At Cedar Rapids, Iowa:

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*Will advise the identity of [REDACTED]

At Anamosa, Iowa:

*Will advise identity of holder of Post Office Box "B" and also conduct preliminary investigation concerning this person's activities.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] is information received as a result of a surveillance conducted by SAs [redacted] of the Omaha Field Division in an investigation concerning the case entitled "WARREN BATTERSON, INTERNAL SECURITY - C".

Confidential Informant [redacted] is an anonymous source described as [redacted] of known reliability in report of SA [redacted] dated 11/10/49 at Chicago, Illinois, in case entitled [redacted] SECURITY MATTER - C".

Confidential Informant [redacted] is [redacted] who furnished this information to SA [redacted] of the Chicago Division.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] is [redacted] who furnished this information to SA [redacted] of the Chicago Division.

The information furnished from Chicago sources was contained in the mentioned report of SA [redacted] dated 11/10/49, entitled [redacted] SECURITY MATTER - C".

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated December 6, 1950, at Omaha, Nebraska.
Letter to director from Chicago dated December 22, 1950.

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TITLE EDNA MAY GRIFFIN, aka., Mrs. Stanley Griffin, Edna May Williams			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject in contact with OTTO EDVOLD ANSTROM, was., OTTO ADAMS, former organizer for Farm Section of New Jersey Communist Party and now in Des Moines, Iowa, as full time organizer for Communist Party in Iowa. Subject in correspondence with [redacted] b7C

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BACKGROUND

Subject is still a housewife and residing at 1108 3rd Street, Des Moines, Iowa. Her husband now owns a 1951 Green Pontiac Four door, Iowa license 77-70484. The 1940 Plymouth originally owned by STANLEY GRIFFIN, husband of the subject, has been transferred as of January 25, 1951, to WILLIAM R. SMITH, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. SMITH is the resident of the Progressive Party in the State of Iowa.

ACTIVITIES

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that on June 26, 1951, a 1946 faded Maroon Ford fordoor sedan, Illinois license 1906-259 was parked in front of subject's home at 1108 - 3rd Street. On the same day a person later

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identified as OTTO ANSTROM entered this automobile at 1:20 p.m. in front of the subject's home.

On July 5, 1951, [redacted] advised that the same Ford was again parked at 1108 - 3rd Street and that OTTO ANSTROM was the driver of the car. ANSTROM departed from 1108 - 3rd Street in the company of a negro lady later identified as the subject from the description furnished by [redacted]

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Around September 18, 1950, subject received a letter from one [redacted]

Investigation at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, revealed that [redacted] is the wife of [redacted] in Iowa.

Investigation at Anamosa, Iowa revealed that the subject has corresponded with [redacted] of the Men's Reformatory at Anamosa, Iowa, now serving a forty year sentence on a charge of rape. As previously indicated subject took an active part in the raising of funds for the defense of [redacted] in his trial at Sioux City, Iowa, in 1950. b7C

OTTO EDVOLD ANSTROM, was., OTTO ADAMS, has been reliably reported by Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, as former organizer for the Farm Section of New Jersey Communist Party and now as a full time organizer for the Communist Party in Iowa. b2
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Confidential Informant [] is information received as a result of a surveillance conducted by SAs [] and [] of the Omaha Field Division in the investigation concerning the case of OTTO EDVOLD ANSTROM, INTERNAL SECURITY - R & C, INTERNAL SECURITY ACT, 1950. The surveillance log maintained as a result of this surveillance is being retained in the file of the case of OTTO ANSTROM.

Confidential Informant [] is information received from Newark, New Jersey, their informant []

Confidential Informant [] is information received from Chicago, Illinois, their informant []

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Information from Newark was received by teletype dated 2-10-51 and that from Chicago received in letter dated 5-28-51.

L E A D S

THE SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

At Springfield, Illinois:

Will check Illinois license 1906-259 and ascertain ownership and background of owner.

THE OMAHA DIVISION

At Des Moines, Iowa:

Will continue to follow and report the activities of the subject.

Will ascertain identify of residents at [] and their background as regards possible connection with the subject.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [] dated February 15, 1951 at Omaha, Nebraska.

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REPORT MADE AT SPRINGFIELD, ILL.	DATE WHEN MADE 8-1-51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7-31-51	REPORT MADE BY [Redacted] :DS
TITLE EDNA MAY GRIFFIN, AKA: Mrs. Stanley Griffin, Edna May Williams			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Ownership of 1951 Illinois license 1-906-259 ascertained. Details of registration set out. Physical description of owner obtained from application for Illinois Driver's License.

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9-20-51
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DETAILS: AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

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[Redacted] clerk, Illinois Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau, after checking the license registration records of that Bureau, advised that 1951 Illinois license 1-906-259 covered the registration of a 1946 Ford two-door sedan, Motor Number [Redacted] and is registered in the name of OTTO E. ANSTROM, c/o [Redacted]

An examination of the telephone directory for the city of Chicago, Illinois revealed one [Redacted] whose address is given as [Redacted]

The 1946 Ford was purchased by ANSTROM on April 4, 1951 by bill of sale from [Redacted]

[Redacted] clerk, Secretary of State's Office, State of Illinois, Drivers and Chauffeurs license Bureau, after causing a check to be made of the records of that Bureau, advised that Illinois Drivers License #X1-004-249 was issued on April 10, 1951 to OTTO E. ANSTROM, 1441 East 60th Place, c/o [Redacted]

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The following physical description of ANSTROM was obtained from his applicant for this driver's license:

Eyes	Grey
Hair	Brown
Height	6'
Weight	200 pounds
Race	White
Sex	Male
Birthdate	December 26, 1897

ANSTROM'S application for driver's license further revealed that he is permitted to drive only when wearing corrective eye lenses and that he is the holder of New Jersey Driver's License Number 1594082.

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The investigation as reflected in this report was conducted by Radio Communications Officer [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated July 24, 1951 at Omaha, Nebraska.

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TITLE EDNA MAY GRIFFIN, aka, Mrs. Stanley Griffin, Edna May Williams			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation Des Moines, Iowa, reflects subject in continued contact with OTTO EDVOLD ANSTROM, reportedly organizer for CP in Iowa. Also in contact with WILLIAM R. SMITH, President, Iowa Progressive Party, resident at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Subject and husband, STANLEY, attended as delegates at the National Committee meeting of the Progressive Party August 18 and 19, 1951, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Also attended the American Peoples Congress and Exposition for Peace held in Chicago, Illinois June 29, to July 1, 1951.

Yes

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AT DES MOINES, IOWA

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BACKGROUND / JW

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Subject is still a housewife and resides at 1108 - 3rd Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

ACTIVITIES

Confidential Informant, of known reliability, advised that on July 14, 1951, the automobile of OTTO EDVOLD ANSTROM was parked in front of the home of the subject, EDNA GRIFFIN, at 1108 - 3rd Street, Des Moines, Iowa. OTTO EDVOLD ANSTROM is reportedly the Communist Party organizer for the State of Iowa. On July 17, 1951, according to the 1951 Green Pontiac Sedan, Iowa

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