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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 25, 1951

FROM : SAC, Newark

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS
IN TOMS RIVER, FARMINGDALE, AND LAKEWOOD,
NEW JERSEY AREAS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

This case is predicated on information set forth in New York let to the Bureau, 10/9/50, captioned "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA SECURITY MEASURES; COMMUNIST PARTY, USA UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS, INTERNAL SECURITY - C", reflecting that on [REDACTED] discussed logical places which would be utilized by the CP to "hide away" various functionaries.

Informant advised that the party may utilize the area in southern N.J., namely the Toms River, Farmingdale, and Lakewood section. Informant stated that this area is highly populated with Communists and party sympathizers who are in complete control of local community organizations in those particular areas, such as the Farmers Cooperative Union, the Poultrymens Union, New Jersey Committee of Egg Producers, etc.

The Informant stated that this concentration of Communist Party people is so heavy in those three communities that the Party decided to hold a seminar every Thurs. evening for the Party members in those areas. Informant advised that the CP designated [REDACTED] to conduct this seminar and that there are approximately forty to fifty people in attendance at this seminar on Thursday evenings. Informant stated that the majority of these people are considered to be of the higher type Communist in that they are Communists of some financial means, who no doubt, strongly support the Party by financial contributions.

Informant also stated that many of these farm homes resided in by Party members in the aforementioned areas are large enough in both rooms and acreage to board Party people for a vacation or otherwise. The Informant stated that the party could utilize these homes as hiding places for individuals designated by the Party to go into hiding and that these people could work about the farms under the guise of "hired hands".

The Informant also advised on the above date that he could not furnish the identity of the comrades who own the farm homes in the above areas but he would attempt to ascertain the identity if at all possible.

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On 10/30/50, the New York Office was requested to provide the following information concerning [REDACTED] mentioned above:

[REDACTED] contacts in N.J.
Resume of [REDACTED] Party history.
Summary of [REDACTED] personal history.
Most recent physical description and photograph of [REDACTED]
Information reflecting location of seminars conducted by [REDACTED] in N.J.

New York Office subsequently furnished complete information concerning [REDACTED] background and noted that [REDACTED] was unable to identify [REDACTED] contacts in N.J. or furnish information as to the location of seminars conducted by [REDACTED] in N.J.

Upon receipt of information relative to seminars being conducted in the above areas, physical surveillances were instituted to determine the location of the meetings and homes of CP members in the above areas were checked. The offices and plants of the following CP dominated or infiltrated farm and poultry organizations and meeting places of other CP dominated organizations were checked by spot surveillances:

- * Jewish Community Center, Toms River, N.J.
- * White Oak Poultrymens Co-operative, Toms River, N.J.
- * Federal Egg Producers Co-operative, aka FEPCO, Toms River, N.J.
- * FLF Farmers Union Co-operative, Farmingdale, N.J.
- * West Farms Jewish Community Center, Farmingdale, N.J.
- * White Oak Grange League Federation Service, Farmingdale, N.J.
- * White Oak Grange League Federation Service, Lakewood, N.J.

The above surveillances disclosed no information relative to the meeting places of the seminars conducted by [REDACTED]

It is to be noted that the above are located in Monmouth County and Ocean County, N.J., which contain several hundred poultry farms.

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Many of the farms in the area are operated by former residents of NYC, who in many instances contribute to the CP, are members of the IWO, or regularly subscribe to the "Daily Worker" and yet are not known to be active in the CP. It appears reasonable to assume that the CP in seeking hiding places for members of its higher echelons would choose farm homes of lesser known party sympathizers.

In an effort to obtain wide coverage over the above areas, relative to persons possibly in hiding, the following individuals have been contacted and requested to notify this Office if they observe any new comers residing in their respective communities who appear to be unfamiliar with farm duties or who previously resided in the New York area:

[redacted] who is able to provide information concerning residents of the Farmingdale, N.J. area.

[redacted] Postmaster, Farmingdale, N.J.

[redacted] owner of a large poultry farm in Farmingdale, N.J., who is also a distributor of poultry equipment in the three areas mentioned above.

[redacted] an attorney in Freehold, N.J.

[redacted] Monmouth County Agricultural Agent, Freehold, N.J.

[redacted] Assistant Postmaster, Lakewood, N.J.

Mrs. [redacted] Church Road, Lakewood, N.J.

[redacted] Ocean County Agricultural Agent, Toms River, N.J.

Close contact will be maintained with the above individuals and in addition the following persons will be interviewed in the immediate future:

[redacted] Lakewood, N.J., a member of the Board of Directors of the White Oak Grange League Federation Service, mentioned above, who has indicated a desire to cooperate with the Bureau.

[redacted] who is acquainted with and has numerous contacts with farmers in the captioned areas.

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[REDACTED] Egg Harbor City, N.J., a feed salesman assigned to Monmouth and Ocean Counties, N.J.

[REDACTED] RFD, Lakewood, N.J., who is employed by the Lle Compte Feed Co., Lakewood, N.J., who has previously furnished information concerning CP members in the area of her home.

It is also contemplated that recontacts will be made with [REDACTED] holding memberships in the following N.J. posts:

Ocean County

- No. 455 New Egypt, N.J.
- No. 355, Lakewood, N.J.
- No. 257 South Toms River, N.J.
- No. 256 Tuckerton, N.J.
- No. 232 Barnegat, N.J.
- No. 129 Toms River, N.J.

Monmouth County

- No. 454 Freewood Acres (Farmingdale, N.J.)
- No. 434 Englishtown, N.J.
- No. 351 Seaside Heights, N.J.
- No. 178 Farmingdale, N.J.
- No. 54 Freehold, N.J.

It is believed that Informants contacted in this matter will insure complete coverage of the captioned areas and this matter will be given preferred attention.