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TO: SAC McKee  
From: Field Supervisor JOHN W. POWELL

DATE: 2/23/50

RE: GEORGE CHERLIN  
New Brunswick, New Jersey

The exhibit below was submitted by [redacted], of known reliability, who advised that it came from the State and Essex County Headquarters of the New Jersey Communist Party, 38--40 Park Place, Newark, New Jersey.

The exhibit bears the holographic initials of Special Agent LOUIS E. PAGE who received it from [redacted] on 12/6/49 and Special Agent THOMAS F. JONES who prepared it for filing. These Special Agents can testify to the legally admissible character of the exhibit.

The original of the exhibit may be located in file #80-506-1B, bundle # 13, item # 44.

Strict care must be exercised so that the existence of this important source of information will not become known to any outside agency.

Description of exhibit:

Subject is listed as a sponsor of the New Jersey Non-Partisan Committee to defend the rights of the twelve Communist leaders.

Searched JR  
Serialized July  
Indexed \_\_\_\_\_  
Filed \_\_\_\_\_

Annotations:

By "GEORGE CHERLIN:" 100-4284-4N-1-184, 100-32051-380, no early? file, mg

Bottom: "Open/dead;" 'Consolidate;" 100-33696-1

Stamp:

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC MC MEE  
 FROM: SA GERHARDT F. HUNDT

DATE 8/31/49  
 Re: George Cherlin  
 File #: 100-4294-4N-1 (*handwritten*)

The New York Office has furnished this office with numerous communications addressed to Federal Judge Harold R. Medina, Southern District of New York, U. S. Court House, Foley Square, New York City, written by persons residing in New Jersey. These letters and telegrams protest various phases of the proceedings in the trial of the eleven Communist leaders in New York City who are charged with conspiring to overthrow the U. S. Government by force and violence.

Many of the telegrams were signed by more than one person. Where such is the case, the name of the subject will be followed by the words, "and others."

An "X" after the word "Letter" or "Telegram" indicates the type of communication sent. Where an "H" appears after the word "Letter", this indicates that the letter is apparently in the subject's own handwriting. It will be noted that this is an excellent source for handwriting specimens.

The captioned subject addressed the below-described communication to Judge Medina. For the exact nature of its contents, reference should be made to the original exhibit which is filed in 100-4284-8D-6

<u>Type of Communication</u>	<u>Date (at)</u>	<u>Protest Against</u>	<u>Signed By</u>
Letter	(6/4/49 New Brunswick)	(jailing CP defendants)	(George & Mary Cherlin)

Telegram (check)  
 [Entries in parentheses handwritten]

Stamped, marked 100-33696-2

George P. Bradfield  
J. Reardon

9/26/49 4:40 P



Mr. (Elwood) Dean called Christl Brothers and asked for [ ]ack. Unidentified man advised him that Mack was in New York. Dean stated that he was calling in reference to a string of cultured pearls that he plans to purchase at Falco. I wanted them to call the guy=y and see if the price on the pearls was right and to ask what kind of discount he could ge for me. The man advised Dean that he could call Falco and advise them to hold the pearls until Mack looked at them. He will advise Mack that Dean called and will have Mack call Dean tomorrow.

5:22 P



NAT BROOKS to Information for the phone number of GEORGE CHERLIN at Faculty Village, New Brunswick. Operator says that she has a G.Y. CHERLIN, Osborne Lane, New Brunswick. Kilmer 5-7749-3.

Nat called the above number, and spoke to George Cherlin. He identified himself as a friend of ARTIE \_\_\_\_ (BROOKS) Nat says that he wrote to letter to NORM (?) \_\_\_\_ about getting in touch with Cherlin and a few other of the students tomorrow. Cherlin says that he spoke to some of the others about getting together tomorrow evening. Nat wants to see Cherlin before the others get there, and asks if he lives near the place where Nat is to be tomorrow night. Cherlin says that he does. Nat will be at MARTHA (XXXXXXXXXX) home tomorrow evening and will expect to see Cherlin there at about 7:00 pm.

*(handwritten) Pull all references and attach*

7:00 P



LOU (MALINOF) to GLORIA (FACHER) for SEYMORE (FACHER). He is not in. Lou gives Gloria the following address: 400 Highland Terrace, in the Oranges, don't know which one. Lou tells her to give this address to Seymore and have him call him at the Office. Lou says that he won't have to give him the address over the phone when he calls the Office. The name at that address is HARRIS (ROSALIE HARRIS).

7:03 P



LOU MALINO to ROSALIE HARRIS. Lou asks if there is any way in which they can make arrangements to get the petitions from her to night. Rosalie says that LOU MOROCE is supposed to come up to her house tonight at 8:15. Lou is trying to get someone with a car to get them to Newark. Rosalie says that she is going to a meeting tonight with Lou Moroce and JOE (FACHER) at FRED YAEGER'S -pb- house. Lou tells Rosalie that he has contacted Seymour (Facher) and expects a call from him at the Office shortly, and he will have Seymour call [covered by FBI stamp] to the petitions, as Lou needs them tonight. He tells Rosalie to take down the following address: 79 13th Ave., Apt. 302. If Seymour picks of the petitions from her, she should have him take them to that address.

100-33696-3 (rest crossed out)

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<sup>1</sup>This is an odd page, with records of telephone conversations, and their times, with various redacted identifiers. Handwritten annotations: 100-31856-224, 100-31856-338, 100-33336-5, 100-32950-3, 100-4884-4NHPC and some less clear annotations ("Ident" (4 times), Cl, "out ..."),

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: S. K. McKEE, SAC  
FROM: Field Supervisor JOHN W. POWELL

DATE:

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF THE PRESS  
INTERNAL SECURITY -- C

RE: GEORGE CHERLIN  
124 Osborn Lane,  
New Brunswick, N.J.  
~~6--31--49--C--R--W--D~~  
(struck through, by hand)

By letter dated January 19, 1950, the New York Office furnished this office with a list of subscribers (on tape) to the "Daily Worker" and/or "The Worker" who are located in New Jersey.

This list was obtained by [ ] on October 12, 1949, from the building located at 35 East 12th Street, New York City, which is occupied by the Communist Party, Freedom of the Press, Inc., and other organizations under the control of the Communist Party.

Special Agent H. P. LARSON and Special Employee S. W> JENNINGS received this list from [ ] and can testify to the legally admissible character of the exhibit.

The name and address shown were copied from this list.

The symbols below the name and address refer to duration and type of subscription and are explained below: (97--82--622--8)

1. Date of expiration.
2. Length of subscription (letters A through M, omitting I, signify number of months -- A is 1 month, M is 12 months)
3. New, straight renewal or old renewal.
4. Name of paper (W -- "The Worker," D "Daily Worker")
5. Whether direct or through Agent (If agency of any kind was used, symbol A is at end of line)

The original list may be found in 97--82--1B--3.

NK-97--82

TFJ:dap

Stamps (searched/serialized/indexed/filed), NEWARK FEB 6, 1950, file numbers crossed out, 100-33696-4 written.

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TO: SAC. McKEE  
FROM: Field Supervisor JOHN W. POWELL

DATE: \_\_\_\_

RE: GEORGE CHERLIN<sup>2</sup>

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Description of exhibit:

Partial list of supporters of Non Partisan Committee.

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FBI-NEWARK, APR 18 1950 (init). "Pull 100-4284-4N-1-184 & open dead 100==32051-380

Name Cherlin, George

File Number 100-33869

Address 124 Osborn Lane

Character:

New Brunswick, N. J. (6 - 31 - 49)  
date

Security Matter C: Int. Sec. C (x)

Employment \_\_\_\_\_  
( \_\_\_\_\_ )  
date

Int.Sec. R; Esp. R or satellites ( )

Position hspace2.4 in

Alleged  
Member Member Sympathizer

Citizenship hspace 2.3 in

CP ( ) ( ) (x)

Union affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

SWP ( ) ( ) ( )

nion \_\_\_\_\_

WP ( ) ( ) ( )

Source - Highly Confidential ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
date

Others ( ) ( ) ( )



(x) \_\_\_\_\_

(x) \_\_\_\_\_

Potential Danger - Abraham Lincoln Brigade ( )

or Spanish Loyalist Army ( )

Any military training (in- ( )

cluding World War I or II vet)

Leadership or National ( )

Training School

Lenin School, Wilson School ( )

or Far Eastern Institute

Position in Party \_\_\_\_ ( )

Former Security Index Card ( )

Police Record ( )

Vital Industry ( )

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Clarence W. Johnson (R.O.)

Special Agent's Name

*Struck out by a single line, annotated: Not dangerous*

Stamped Sep. 18, 1950, FBI NEWARK (serialized) with numbers 100-33869-4 and 100-33696-6

This page is the same form as the preceding page, but with file number 100-33696, and annotated *DW & W Subscriber, CP Sympathizer, Not Dang* and dated Sep 27, 1950.



# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, S. K. MC KEE  
FROM: SA THOMAS M. O'CONNOR

DATE: 10-23-50

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY USA, DISTRICT 14

IS-C

On August 4, 1950 [ ] furnished photographs of material [ ]  
[ ] MARTHA STONE and EMIL ASHER, State Communist Party Chair-  
man and Passaic County Organizer, respectively, [ ]  
[ ] One of the items furnished was a two page list entitled  
"People who have Issued Statements on the Denial of Bail for the Eleven"  
dated October 31, 1949. Copies of this memorandum are being place in the  
files of those individuals whose names appear on this list. Where no Subject  
file is indicated, names are being indexed.

The original photograph of this material will be found in 100-4284-8K-17.

The source of this information should be covered by a T symbol in  
the report or any communication to any outside agency.  
NK 100-4284B

cc 100-4284-E (Organizational Structure)	Dr. FRED JAKER (100-28907)
100-32015 (New & Suspected Members)	HARRY KNOBILE
HELEN ALFRED	Rev. LEWIS KUESTER
THEODORE ARNOLD	Mrs. FRANCES LEBER (100-24697)
RAY ARVIO	HARRY LEBER (100-3821)
ANDREW BATO	NORMAN LEGIN
DAVE BAREN	DR. HAROLD E. LIPPMAN (100-31994)
SANTO BEVACQUA (100-18209)	Dr. A. R. MELNICOFF
Dr. ULYSSES CAMPBELL (100-30583)	MARCELLUS MELSON
GEORGE CHERLIN (100-33869)	GEORGE MOSKOWITZ (100-30848)
Rev. WILLIAM E. DAVIES (100-31863)	Dr. EUGENE PARSONNET
SEYMOUR FACHER (100-31526)	ESTHER POGROBIN (100-30159)
Dr. RITA FINKLER (100-24583)	Rev. HARRY R. PINE
ASHBY GOODMAN	Rabbi E. E. PILCHIK
SAMUEL GOODMAN (100-31697)	AMY RABINOWITZ
Mrs. HARRY GREENWOOD GROVER	RICHARD R. RYAN, JR. (100-33019)
SANDRA HERSHHORN (100-32622)	Mrs. S. SCHULSINGER
Dr. LEONARD HARRIS	SID STOLBERG (100-24609)
Dr. HENRY SUSSERMAN	DAYSE KENDALL WARD
GUIDO TROMBETTA	REV. WILLIAMS
KATHERINE VAN ORDERN (100-24152)	Dr. A. WOLFSON (100-242-1) 100-33696-7
DR. HENRY F. WARD	Dr. BERNARD WOOLF

TMO:TK. Stamped serialized, OCT 24 1950.



# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: D. S. HOSTETTER, SAC  
FROM: FRANCES J. MCLAUGHLIN, JR. SA [0.3 in] SUBJECT: PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS, INC.  
IS - C

DATE: JAN 18, 1954

ReNYlet 4/4/52 entitled as above.

The above relet is transmitted as an exhibit pertaining to above captioned subject is an item of evidence which should be preserved in its present form and should not be marked or block stamped. In using this information, steps should be taken to protect the identify of the original source. Because of the nature of this source of information, it will be impossible to recontact the source regarding information furnished.

This exhibit was furnished to the New York Agents listed below by New York Confidential Informant [REDACTED], of known reliability. The informant obtained the exhibit from 35 East 12th St., NYC, which address covers the following organizations under the control of the CP:

Publishers New Press, Inc. (Worker and Daily Worker)  
Morning Freiheit Assn. ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life")  
Workers' Bookshop  
F & D Printing Co:  
12th - 13th Realty Corp.

Prior to Sept., 1951, the National, State, and New York County Offices of the CP also occupied these premises.

Exhibit received by: EVERETT K. DEANE & STEPHEN W. JENNINGS  
Date received: 4/4/52

Other subscription data will be found in the report of SA MAURICE E. MURPHY captioned FREEDOM OF THE PRES CO, Inc dated November 18, 1949, pages 7 - 11.

New York has not retained a copy of this exhibit.

The original letter from which this memo was prepared may be found in file NK-97-82-1406.

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FMCL:mf

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This page carries only the handwritten notation "100-33696 \*" on a small card. It may be the back of the next image, or a blank card. In fact the next four images appear to be the front and back of two printed cards, with George Cherlin's address typed in.

The page has the usual footer (corresponding to its place in the file currently):

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THE WORKER — Sub. Information Card

209

TIME 1 yr AMOUNT REC'D 2.00 REC. No. TYPE DEC 21 1949

I PLATE IMPRESSIONS  
 GEORGE CHERLIN  
 120 OSBORN LANE  
 NEW BRUNSWICK NJ  
 UNIVERSITY HGTS  
 - 1 - 31 - 51 - M - 2RS - W -

JAN 1 1950 OK'S

Name CHERLIN George  
 c/o 125 Osborn Lane  
 Street University Hgts  
 City and State New Brunswick, NJ

Old Address:

II

III

Date	Time	Amt.	Rec. No.	Ren. Date
				6/49

PLATE IMPRESSIONS	Complaint Record				
IV	No delivery	Late delivery	Request Stop	P.O. Stop	R e m a r k s
V					
VI					
VII					

THE WORKER — Sub. Information Card

209

TIME 1 year AMOUNT REC'D \$2 REC. No. 45364L TYPE DEC 29 1949

I  
 JAN 15 1950 OK'D  
 P.O.  
 PLATE IMPRESSIONS  
 GEORGE CHERLIN  
 120 OSBORN LANE  
 NEW BRUNSWICK NJ  
 UNIVERSITY HGTS  
 - 1 - 31 - 51 - M - W -

Name  
 c/o  
 Street  
 City and State

CHERLIN George  
 125 Osborn Lane  
 University Hgts  
 New Brunswick, NJ

Old Address:

II

Date	Time	Amt.	Rec. No.	Ren. Date

III

Same as page 13, blank card (back).



O F F I C E M E M O R A N D U M

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U N I T E D S T A T E S G O V E R N M E N T

TO: SAC H. G. FOSTER 12/14/54  
~~SAC, /D./S./HOSTETTER~~ DATE: ~~10/10/54~~  
FROM: SA MARION M. WRIGHT  
SUBJECT: GEORGE CHERLIN 100-33696\* + other rep  
SM - C

[redacted], PSI, of known reliability, advised the writer and SA ROLLO V. CLARK on 10/1/52 that she knew the subject to be a member of the JOHN REED club of the Middlesex County, NJ CP.

The informant was a member of the Middlesex County CP from approximately [redacted] until [redacted]. Where the period of membership for the subject does not coincide with the membership of the informant, the dates of membership for the subject will be set out below, along with any pertinent information concerning the subject. The notes concerning this interview with the informant may be found in [redacted].

Informant believes GEORGE CHERLIN and wife MARY left party after 1949. CHERLIN taught at Rutgers.

MFW:bfs BFS

cc: [redacted]

Stamp: 100-33696=10 searched, serialized, DEC 14 1954 FBI - NEWARK.

*Office Memorandum* • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, H. G. FOSTER (100-40189)                      DATE: 1/27/55  
 FROM: SA MARION M. WRIGHT

SUBJECT:  
 MARY CHERLIN  
 SM-C

The following investigation was conducted by the writer at Rutgers University on 12/29/54:

This information pertains to GEORGE YALE CHERLIN, who is believed to be the husband of the subject. GEORGE CHERLIN attended Rutgers until 6/1/51, at which time he received a Ph.D. degree. Files of that university reflect the following:

Name	GEORGE YALE CHERLIN
Date of Birth	2/12/24, at New Haven, Connecticut
Education	Attended and graduated from Jefferson High School, Elizabeth, N.J., 1940
Relatives	Father - SAMUEL D. CHERLIN, self-employed; 944 Harding Rd., Elizabeth, N.J.
Residence	Same as father

The subject matriculated Rutgers University 8/27/42; graduated with BS degree, 1947. Files of Rutgers also indicate subject attended Rutgers University, Extension School, Night Division, 1944-1945. Subject graduated with honors and is Phi Beta Kappa. He was awarded the Bradley Prize in Mathematics and the Bogert Prize in Mathematics. Transcripts of the subject's work were sent to numerous medical schools throughout the nation from 1943 through 1945.

Subject's records reflect that he made an unsuccessful attempt to gain entrance in any medical school and, in fact, returned to the Graduate School of Rutgers University, where he received his Ph.D. degree in June, 1951. Graduate School records reflect the following:<sup>3</sup>

MFW:JAC  
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<sup>3</sup>My mother claimed that he delayed entering college for a year as his parents insisted he become a doctor and we wanted to study mathematics. She was not generally more reliable as a source of information than a random FBI informant, however.

Memo to SAC, H. G. FOSTER  
NK 100-40189

Residence 808 Salem Avenue, Elizabeth, N.J.;  
1946-1947 - and -  
944 Harding Rd., Elizabeth, N.J.;  
1947 - 1948

MA degree conferred on subject 10/1/49. His marital status was given as married and further indicated that he served in the U.S. Naval Reserve, 1944-1946 as an Electronics Technician's mate.

These records further reflect that CHERLIN was employed by Rutgers as a Teaching Assistant for 18 hours per week while he was in the Graduate School. His family physician was given as GEORGE COPLIN, East Jersey Street, Elizabeth, N.J. He also gave the name of a friend known to him for over 5 years as Mrs. MITCHELL, 940 Harding Rd., Elizabeth, N.J.

Mr. P. D. VAN MATER, Assistant to the President of the University in charge of Alumni relations, made available the subject's alumni file which reflected the following:

Graduated Rutgers University, MA and PH.D. degrees. An address was listed for CHERLIN at 73 Paterson Street, New Brunswick, N.J., however, no date given with this address. His roommates while at Rutgers, according to Alumni records, were:

MILTON KLEMPART  
IRV KARSHNER  
HENRY KEDERSHA  
MORRIS SEIDENBERG  
SIDNEY LASTER

He married MARY ELIZABETH MONSAS, 5/31/45. She is from Chicago, Illinois and attended the University of Chicago. The following relatives attended Rutgers:

JUDITH CHERLIN, New Jersey College for Women  
LILLIAM CHERLIN, NJC  
WILLIAM CHERLIN, New Brunswick and Newark Schools

Subject resided at the following places:

- 2 -

*Errors: MONSAS for MONROE, LILLIAM for LILLIAN.*

Memo to SAC, H. G. FOSTER  
NK 100-40189

8/5/46 - 944 Harding Rd., Elizabeth, N.J.  
2/28/48 - Apartment 45, Marvin Lane, University Heights,  
New Brunswick, N.J.  
5/25/51 - 234 Davey St., Bloomfield, N.J.  
9/28/53 - 117 Davey St., Bloomfield, N.J.

Mrs. TOM WRIGHT, executive secretary of the Rutgers Fund, and Mr. ROBERT COLLETT, secretary to the Alumni Association, advised that they recalled the subject having attending [sic] Rutgers, but were not well enough acquainted with him to make any statements concerning CHERLIN.

FRANK ROBINSON, Field Secretary of the Alumni Association, advised that he was not acquainted with the subject, however, ROBINSON's wife did know CHERLIN's wife while the ROBINSONs resided in Elizabeth, N.J. According to ROBINSON, his wife lived 1 or 2 doors from CHERLIN on Harding Ave., Elizabeth, N.J.

On 1/31/55 records of the Credit Bureau of Central N.J., George St., New Brunswick, N.J., were checked by the writer and reflected only that MARY and GEORGE CHERLIN of Osborne Lane, University Heights, were on record with the Credit Bureau as having a good credit rating. Credit Bureau had no further information.

In view of the fact subject of this investigation no longer lives in New Brunswick RA territory, it is suggested that the case be re-assigned to an agent in Newark.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: D. S. HOSTETTER, SAC  
 FROM: SA MARION M. WRIGHT [0.3 in] SUBJECT:  
 SM - C

DATE: 4/13/55  
 GEORGE CHERLIN

[redacted], PSI who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised the writer and SA FRANK A. STUMP, III on 3/21/55 that he was acquainted with GEORGE and MARY CHERLIN as CP members from 1947 until 1949.

[redacted] said that on one occasion, she heard GEORGE CHERIN say that he was in the College Club of the Middlesex County CP. This club, according to the PSI, was made up of Rutgers University students.

[redacted] advised the MARY CHERLIN was very active in the PROGRESSIVE PARTY during 1947 and entered as a member of the CP in about 1948. She said that she and MARY CHERLIN were both very active in the Youth Club (AYD) in 1947 and prior to this year.

[redacted] stated that she met MARY CHERLIN in the latter part of [redacted] or the early part of redaction10.5 on the streets in New Brunswick. She said se recalled that she herself made some derogatory remark concerning the CP to MARY CHERLIN and that MARY CHERLIN more or less agreed with her remark.

[redacted] said that she could not recall what the derogatory remark had been but she was able to recall that this was about the time she defected from the CP herself. She said that she assumed from MARY CHERLIN's attitude at this time that she too had left the Party.

The informant stated that MARY CHERLIN had told her (she was unable to recall when) that both she and her husband, GEORGE, had become very interested in "Dianetics." MARY said that they had learned about Dianetics from a science fiction magazine and from a Mr. L. RON HUBBARD who was known as the Father of Dianetics and who was then residing in Elizabeth, N.J. ([redacted] observed that HUBBARD is now in a mental institution institution).

MMW:bc

(3)

cc: 1 NK 100-40189 (MARY CHERLIN)  
 Stamped serialized *SUNDERLAND, 100 - 33696 - 12.*

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<sup>4</sup>The details of Hubbard's story are a bit more exotic than that. I don't think he actually was institutionalized at any point. I noticed a Dianetics book about the house in the late 1950s, alongside Velikovsky.

The PSI stated that MARY CHERLIN told her that Dianetics pertained to psychoanalysis by lay men. She explained that one adherent to the theory should be able to audit (a form of psychoanalysis) another adherent.

Concerning the above, [REDACTED] said that MARY CHERLIN had spent quite a bit of time with L. RON HUBBARD, mentioned above, studying the principles of Dianetics and as a result had become "infatuated with HUBBARD." She said that she does not know the final outcome of this infatuation; however, she did hear that the association had caused some personal embarrassment to GEORGE CHERLIN.

The PSI stated that she heard GEORGE CHERLIN is working for some insurance company in Newark, New Jersey, and that he and his wife reside in Newark, N. J.

She observed that GEORGE CHERLIN's parents operate a liquor store in Elizabeth, New Jersey.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup>The FBI (or this office) seems unaware that his father Sam was a very successful bootlegger. According to family legend he controlled liquor distribution in Union County during Prohibition. This legend comes in various forms (one involving Ziggy Longwill). There are records on file of Sam's return from Cuba by boat at various times, presumably on business. The family home, constructed in 1926, had a second basement with a trapdoor under a carpet in the pantry. When the house was sold this basement was described as a bomb shelter. My daughter is going to ask the FBI for his Sam's files. That could be interesting.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, H. G. FOSTER (100-40189)

DATE: 5/6/55

FROM: SA JACK W. SUNDERLAND

SUBJECT: GEORGE CHERLIN  
SM-C

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Period: 4/18,25/55

WILLIAM E. DEMAREST, Credit Bureau of Greater Newark, Inc., 24 Branford Place, Newark, N.J., which covers Bloomfield, N.J., advised SE CLIFFORD M. WERNER on 4/18/55 that his records contained a report daed 2/3/55 which was written for L. BAMBERGER AND COMPANY concerning GEORGE CHERLIN, 117 Davey Street, Bloomfield, N. J.

This report indicated a former address of 224-B Davey Street, Bloomfield, and listed his wife as MARY, with two children. This report described GEORGE CHERIN as a white man, 31 years of age, who has been employed as a senior mathematical assistant at the MUTUAL BENEFIT LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, Newark, N. J., since May, 1951. According to this report, CHERLIN at one time served in the U. S. Navy and graduated from Rutgers University. This report indicated that SACKS 5TH AVENUE inquired concerning GEORGE CHERLIN in 10/22/53. This report contained on litigation concerning GEORGE CHERLIN.

Patrolman ROBERT DOUEL, Bloomfield, N. J., P.D., advised on 4/25/55 that his records contained no record for GEORGE CHERLIN, 117 Davey Street, Bloomfield, N. J.

Inasmuch as the writer had been transferred to the Red Bank RA, it is suggested this case be reassigned to an Agent performing security type work in headquarters.

JWS/njm  
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Annotation: *Reassigned to S-2. Stamped serialized 100-33696-13 MAY 5 1955* (not very legible).

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

This case originated at NEWARK

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TITLE <p style="text-align: center;">GEORGE YALE CHERLIN</p>		CHARACTER OF CASE <p style="text-align: center;">SECURITY MATTER - C</p>		
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS</p> <p>Background, employment and residence of subject set forth in details. Information advised she knew subject to be member of CP from 1947 to 1949. Subject listed in 12/49 and 2/50 as sponsor of NON-PARTISAN COMMITTEE to defend twelve Communist leaders. Subject sent telegram to Judge MEDINA in protest to trial of eleven Communist leaders in New York City. Subject subscriber to the "Daily Worker" in 1949 and in 1951. Other informants advised subject unknown to them. Credit and police inquiries in Newark area negative.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-P-</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">All informants utilized in this report have furnished reliable information in the past.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">This case is predicated upon information received from Newark T-1, who advised in 1955 that the subject was a COMMUNIST PARTY member from 1947 to 1949.</p> <p><u>BACKGROUND</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The following information relative to the background</p>				
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of the subject was taken from the files of RUTGERS UNIVERSITY and RUTGERS UNIVERSITY alumni files. The files were reviewed by SA MARION M. WRIGHT on December 29, 1954:

Birth	February 21, 1924
Place of Birth	New Haven, Connecticut
Education	Attended and graduated from JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL, Elizabeth, New Jersey, 1940. Subject matriculated RUTGERS UNIVERSITY August 27, 1942, graduated with B.S. degree, June 1947. Subject also attended RUTGERS UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SCHOOL, Night Division, 1944 and 1945 and received a Ph.D. degree in June, 1951 from the Graduate School of RUTGERS UNIVERSITY. Graduate School records reflect subject received an M.A. degree October 1, 1949.

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY records reflect the following:

Marital status	Subject married MARY ELIZABETH MONSAS, May 31, 1945 of Chicago Illinois, who had attended UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.
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EMPLOYMENT

Pretext interview with a representative of the subject's employer, reflected on August 3, 1955, that GEORGE CHERLIN was currently employed at MUTUAL BENEFIT LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, 300 Broadway, Newark, New Jersey.

RESIDENCE

Pretext interview with person who identified herself as MRS. JOHN SCHWAB, 117 Davey Street, Bloomfield, New Jersey, reflected on August 5, 1955 that the subject and his wife currently reside at 117 Davey Street, Bloomfield, New Jersey.

SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES ON PART OF SUBJECT

Newark T-1 advised on October 1, 1954, that she knew the subject to be a member of the JOHN REED CLUB of the Middlesex County, New Jersey COMMUNIST PARTY from 1947 to 1949. However, T-1 advised that she believed the subject left the party after 1949.

T-1 further advised on March 21, 1955, that she was acquainted with the subject who was a COMMUNIST PARTY member from 1947 until 1949. She stated that she had heard the subject say that he is in a college club of the Middlesex County, New Jersey COMMUNIST PARTY. This club, according to T-1, was made up of RUTGERS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS.

The COMMUNIST PARTY has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Newark T-2 advised on December 6, 1949 and February 14, 1950, that the subject was listed as a sponsor and/or a supporter of the NON-PARTISAN COMMITTEE to defend the rights of the twelve COMMUNIST leaders.

Newark T-3 advised the NATIONAL NON-PARTISAN COMMITTEE to defend the rights of the twelve COMMUNIST leaders was founded by PAUL ROBESON in August 1949 following the Bill of Rights Conference July 16 and 17, 1949 in New York City.

According to LOUIS BUDENZ, admitted former COMMUNIST PARTY member, PAUL ROBESON and his wife ESLANDE ROBESON, were known to him as COMMUNIST PARTY members during the time he was receiving reports as manager-editor of the "Daily Worker."

The "Daily Worker" is an east-coast Communist newspaper.

Newark T-4 advised in 1949, the the subject sent a telegram to Federal Judge HAROLD R. MEDINA, Southern District of New York, United States Court House, Foley Square, New York City, which was a protest to various phases of the proceedings in the trial of the eleven Communist leaders in

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New York City who were charged with conspiring to overthrow the United States Government by force and violence.

Newark T-5 advised on October 12, 1949, that the subject was a subscriber to the "Worker" and the "Daily Worker" for a three month period as of June 31, 1959. T-5 further advised on April 4, 1952 that the subject was a subscriber to the "Worker" as of January 13, 1951.

"Daily Worker" is an east-coast Communist newspaper and the "Worker" is a Sunday edition of this publication.

CREDIT AND POLICE INQUIRY

MR. WILLIAM E. DEMAREST, CREDIT BUREAU OF GREATER NEWARK, INCORPORATED, 24 Branford Place, Newark, New Jersey, which covers Bloomfield, New Jersey, made available records to SE CLIFFORN M. WERNER on April 25, 1955 which reflected a satisfactory credit record for the subject. Records further reflected that subject has been employed at MUTUAL BENEFIT LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, Newark, New Jersey since May, 1951.

Patrolman ROBERT DOUEL, Bloomfield, New Jersey Police Department advised SE CLIFFORD M. WERNER on April 25, 1955, the records of the instant police department contained no record for GEORGE CHERLIN.

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T-1 [redacted] PSI	The subject's membership in the COMMUNIST PARTY	10/1/54	MARION M. WRIGHT	100-33696-10
	"	3/21/55	MARION M. WRIGHT	
			FRANK A. STUMP III	
T-2 [redacted]	Supporter-Sponsor NON-PARTISAN COMMITTEE to defend 12 Communist leaders	12/6/49	LOUIS E. PAGE	100-33696-1
		2/14/50	THOMAS F. JONES	100-33696-5
T-3 Anonymous				
T-4 [redacted]	Information re telegram to Judge MEDINA	6/27/49	New York agents	100-4284-8D-6
T-5 [redacted]	Information re subscriptions to the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker."	10/12/49	H. P. LARSON	100-33696-4
		4/4/52	SE S. W. JENNINGS	100-33696-9
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T-6 [redacted]	Negative Information	5/25/55	WINFRED E. JESTER	Instant report
T-7 [redacted]	Negative Information	5/26/55	JAMES E. HARVEY	Instant report
T-8 [redacted]	Negative Information	6/15/55	MERVYN E. newline HOGAN	Instant report
T-9 [redacted]	Negative Information	6/21/55	RALPH DUKE POWELL, JR.  JOHN P. WILGUS	Instant report

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T- symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

Pretext interview re the employment of subject as set forth in this report was a pretext phone call to a representative of the employer, made by SA RICHARD G. MOHR on August 3, 1955.

Pretext interview re the residence of the subject as set forth in this report was a pretext phone call to MRS. JOHN SCHWAB, 117 Davey Street, Bloomfield, New Jersey, made by SA RICHARD G. MOHR on August 3, 1955.

LEADS

Will, upon Bureau approval of Newark request, interview subject and submit report re results.

DIRECTOR, FBI

8/26/55

SAC, NEWARK (100-33696)

GEORGE YALE CHERLIN

SM-C

Re report of SA RICHARD G. MOHR at Newark dated August 26, 1955.

1. Subject resides 117 Davey Street, Bloomfield, New Jersey and is employed at the MUTUAL BENEFIT LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, 300 Broadway Street, Newark, New Jersey. The subject is of the white race and was born 2/21/24 at New Haven, Connecticut.
2. Subject is married to one MARY ELIZABETH MONSAS CHERLIN, who is unemployed.
3. Informant advised subject was a member of the COMMUNIST PARTY from 1947 to 1949.
4. Subject's wife, MARY CHERLIN, known by informant to have been a COMMUNIST PARTY member from 1947 to 1949.
5. No information available.
6. Informant advised subject left the COMMUNIST PARTY after 1949.
7. It is expected that this interview may result in the full knowledge of the past and present sympathies of the subject.

Bureau authority is requested to interview the subject in accordance with existing instructions relating to security interviews.

If the subject is cooperative, no affirmative steps will be taken during the initial interview to direct his activities, but a separate communication will be directed to the Bureau setting forth the results of the interview and requesting authority to recontact the subject as a potential security informant.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI                      DATE: 8/26/55

FROM : SAC NEWARK (100-33696)

SUBJECT : GEORGE CHERLIN  
SM-C

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3. Informant advised subject was a member of the COMMUNIST PARTY from 1947 to 1949.
4. Subject's wife, MARY CHERLIN, known by informant to have been a COMMUNIST PARTY member from 1947 to 1949.
5. No information available.
6. Informant advised subject left the COMMUNIST PARTY after 1949.
7. It is expected that this interview may result in the full knowledge of the past and present sympathies of the subject.

Bureau authority is requested to interview the subject in accordance with existing instructions relating to security interviews.

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SAC, NEWARK (100-40189)

MARY ELIZABETH CHERLIN

nee Mary Monroe, was.

SM-C

Re report of SA ALFRED K. NICHOLAS dated 9/28/55  
at Newark.

1. Subject resides at 117 Davey Street, Apartment C, Bloomfield, N.J., where she is engaged as a housewife. She is of the white race and was born July 7, 1922, at Chicago, Illinois.
2. Subject is married to GEORGE YALE CHERLIN, who is of the white race and is employed at the MUTUAL BENEFIT LIFE INSURANCE CO., 300 Broadway, Newark, N.J.
3. Informant advised subject was a member of the Communist Party from 1947 to 1949. Subject reportedly was very active in AMERICAN YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY up to 1947, was a member of the INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER in 1949, and ran for Congress on the INDEPENDENT PROGRESSIVE PARTY ticket in 1948. She admitted to Bureau agents that she attended meetings of the YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE at the University of Chicago in 1942 and 1943. Subject and husband sent telegram of protest to Judge MEDINA during trial of eleven CP leaders in New York City in 1949.
4. Informant advised subject's husband, GEORGE CHERLIN, was CP member from 1947 to 1949. He was listed in December, 1949 and in February, 1950, as a sponsor of the NON-PARTISAN COMMITTEE to defend the twelve Communist leaders.

• No information available.

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6. Informant advised subject left the CP after 1949.
6. It is expected that an interview with the subject would determine the subject's present sympathies toward the CP and the possibility of her future development and utilization as an informant.

Bureau authority is requested to interview the subject in accordance with existing instructions relating to security interviews.

Reference is made to the case entitled GEORGE YALE CHERLIN, SM-C, Newark file #100-33696, wherein Bureau approval has been requested to interview the subject but has not yet been approved. In the event individual interviews cannot be made with the subject or her husband, permission is requested to interview them together.

If the subject is cooperative, no affirmative steps will be taken during the initial interview to direct her activities, but a separate communication will be direct to the Bureau setting forth the results of the interview and requesting authority to recontact the subject as a potential security informant.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT NEWARK	DATE WHEN MADE 10/18/55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/20,27;10/4,/ 11,12,13/55	REPORT MADE BY RICHARD G. MOHR JAC
TITLE GEORGE YALE CHERLIN		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS</p> <p>Subject interviewed on 10/11,12/55. Subject furnished background information as is set out in report. Subject advised of membership in CP from 1949 to 1950 or 1951. Subject advised he subscribed to "Daily Worker" and "The Worker" for period of his membership in CP. Subject advised he was member of IWO Insurance Plan, however, not member of IWO per se. Subject advised he attended approximately four or five classes of the JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE while a member of the CP. Subject advised he signed petition of Non-Partisan Committee to Defend the Rights of 12 CP Leaders.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-P-</p> <p><u>DETAILS:</u></p> <p><u>BACKGROUND</u></p> <p>During the course of the interview near the subject's home at 117 Davey Street, Bloomfield, New Jersey on October 11, 1955 the subject voluntarily furnished the following background information.</p>			
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Residence

The subject was contacted at his residence, 117 Davey Street, Bloomfield, N.J. and subsequently interviewed near his home on October 11, 1955.

Employment

Subject advised that he is employed as a mathematician at the MUTUAL BENEFIT LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, 300 Broadway, Newark, N.J.

Marital Status

Subject advised that he was married to MARY ELIZABETH MONROE on May 31, 1945, who resides with him.

Military Service

Subject advised that he was a rated electronic technician's mate in the United States Navy from June 1944, until February, 1946.

RESULTS OF INTERVIEW

The subject was interviewed by Special Agents GERHARD MAISEL and RICHARD G. MOHR on October 11, 1955. During the interview, the subject voluntarily furnished the following information concerning his subversive activities as is indicated.

COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT

The COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The subject advised that he joined the CP while in Rutgers University in 1949 and left the CP in 1950. He stated that he joined the CP as naturally as one would join a fraternity and he could not remember if he were recruited or if he inquired and subsequently joined on his own initiative. The subject went on to state that meetings were held monthly in various members' homes and that he paid \$1.00 for one year and dues of ten cents per month. He advised that his attitude

was such that he considered his CP associates to be "a nice bunch of people interested only in people's welfare." He stated that he thought that on that basis it would be all right to "find out what the CP was all about." He stated that the group seemed to be looking for justice toward people and because of that he became interested and subsequently joined. He advised that he does think that the CP, to which he belonged at Rutgers, was not as harmful as the CP today seems to be; however, he left the CP because of the alarming things printed in the newspapers. He stated he, therefore, drifted away from the CP.

CHERLIN advised that at the time he was in the CP he felt that he was "a political babe in the woods.'" CHERLIN advised that he could not recall the names of anyone connected with his CP activities. However, he stated that he would endeavor to think of the situation and notify the interviewing agents when his memory was somewhat refreshed.

On October 12, 1955, the subject, accompanied by his wife,, voluntarily appeared at the Newark FBI Office and advised Special Agents RICHARD G. MOHR and ALFRED K. NICHOLAS that he wished to tell more concerning his subversive activities. On this occasion he stated that he does not think the CP group of which he was a member was harmful compared to what the CP stands for today. He stated that the group held no secret meetings, was interested only in equality for everyone and talked of nothing which had to do with revolutionary movements or espionage. He further stated that he feels that the CP group to which he belonged was not typical because they only talked of peaceful means and theories to arrive at the equality which is due to man.

#### FRONT GROUP ACTIVITY

The National Committee, COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, in issuing its final text of the "Resolution Growing Out of the Presidential Elections" in "Political Affairs" issue of July, 1953, states in substance that in 1948 the COMMUNIST PARTY helped stimulate the formation of the Progressive Party and correctly supported the Progressive Party through the 192 elections. It then states:

"However, the mistake our Party made was to confuse this task with the historic task of forming a new mass party of the people. As a consequence, there existed the wrong estimate that the formation of the Progressive Party represented something more than the simple emergence of an important fighting force for peace; that it represented the emergence of a great mass people's Party."

As a result of this reasoning, the resolution concludes that the "Progressive Party, the CP and other progressive forces" must unite in a broad, mass-front coalition.

The subject advised that he was a member of the Progressive Party from 1947 to 1950 or 1951 and attended meetings at various members homes. He advised he also attended one meeting at the Mosque Theater in Newark. He stated that the Progressive Party was like the CP in so far as both were looking for justice, equality and peace for all men. He advised that the Progressive Party was another group not unlike a fraternity affair and he just drifted away from it in 1950 or 1951.

On subsequent interview on October 12, 1955 the subject advised that he could offer nothing supplemental relative to the Progressive Party activity.

#### INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER

The INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The subject stated that he was never a member of the IWO as such, but he did take the IWO insurance while in the CP. He advised that he attended no activities or meetings of the IWO, therefore, never considered himself to be a member of the organization.

#### LITERATURE

##### "Daily Worker" and "The Worker"

"The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker", an east coast Communist newspaper.

The subject advised that he subscribed to the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker" for the period that he was a member of the CP (1949-1950) and he advised that he actually disliked the paper very much. He stated that after he left the CP he did not renew his subscription.

OTHER ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT

Attendance at Training Schools of CP  
JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

The JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The subject advised that he attended approximately four or five meetings of the JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE in Newark, N.J. while he was a member of the CP. He stated that it was in the form of a series of lectures. However, he could recall nothing more regarding the school or its activities.

MISCELLANEOUS

The subject advised that in 1949 he signed a petition for the Non-Partisan Committee to Defend the Rights of the 12 CP leaders.

T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past advised in October 1949 that he believed the above Committee to be a Communist front organization organized solely for the defense of the CP leaders who had been convicted for conspiracy to teach and advocate the overthrow of the Government by force and violence.

T-2 and T-3, who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised in 1949 that the Non-Partisan Committee to Defend the Rights of the 12 CP Leaders was formed at a "Bill of Rights Conference" held in New York City, July 16, 17, 1 1949. The Conference was supported by the CP and the CP guided the preparation for the Conference.

The subject advised that he considers himself loyal to the United States even though he was a member of such a

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group as the CP. He stated that he can now see his mistake and, if necessary, would fight on the side of the United States against any subversive force. The subject stated that his activity is now directed by those conditions which are in complete accord with the best interests of the United States. He further stated that he would appreciate another interview in a week or two, during which time he will endeavor to think out his past activities and recall something more specific regarding individuals and dates.

## DESCRIPTION

The following description was obtained from observation of interviewing agents and from the files of Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J.:

Name	GEORGE YALE CHERLIN
Date of Birth	February 21, 1924 at New Haven, Connecticut
Education	Attended and graduated Jefferson High School, Elizabeth, Nj. J. 1940; Rutgers University, August 27, 1942 - June 1947, B.S. degree; October 1, 1949, M.A. degree; June 1951, Ph.D. degree
Height	6'
Weight	240 lbs.
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Race	White
Complexion	Dark
Build	Heavy

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T-1 [redacted]	Documentation of Non-Partisan Committee to Defend the Rights of the 12 CP Leaders			
T-2 [redacted]	Documentation of Non-Partisan Committee to Defend the Rights of the 12 CP Leaders			
T-3 [redacted]	Documentation of Non-Partisan Committee to Defend the Rights of the 12 CP Leaders			

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AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

Subject will be further interviewed relative to his activities (inasmuch as subject requested such interview) and results will be set forth in subsequent report.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA Agent RICHARD G. MOHR, 8/26/55 at Newark.  
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SAC, NEWARK (100-33696)

GEORGE YALE CHERLIN  
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Rerep of SA RICHARD G. MOHR, 10/18/55 at Newark.

On 10/11/55 the subject was interviewed by SA GERHARD MAISEL and SA RICHARD G. MOHR and on 10//12/55 by SA ALFRED K. NICHOLS, JR. and SA RICHARD G. MOHR.

On 10/11/55 the subject was contacted at his residence at 117 Davey Street, Bloomfield, N.J. and interviewed in Bureau car a short distance from his residence. Proper precautions were exercised to insure security of interview.

On 10/12/55 the subject voluntarily appeared at the Newark FBI Office accompanied by his wife MARY.

During the course of the initial interview the subject advised that he was a member of the CP from 1949 to 1950 and a member of the Progressive Party from 1947 to 1950 or 1951 while a student at Rutgers University. He stated that he attended monthly meetings of the CP at the various members homes and paid a yearly fee of \$1.00 and dues of ten cents monthly. He advised that he became interested in the CP because "they" seemed to be a "nice bunch of people interested only in people's welfare" and he thought it would be "all right to find out what it was all about." The subject advised he left the CP as a result of the alarming things which were printed in the newspapers relative to the danger of the CP to our society.

On 10/12/55 the subject, when interviewed at the Newark Field Office, furnished substantially the same information as before; however, stated in addition that the CP group to which he belonged held no secret meetings and never talked about anything which had to do with revolutionary movements or espionage.

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On initial interview the subject advised he was a member of, and attended, Progressive Party meetings from 1947 until 1950 or 1951 while he attended Rutgers University. He went on to state that the Progressive Party was like the CP in that both were looking for justice, equality and peace for all men. He stated he drifted away from the Progressive Party in the same manner he drifted away from the CP.

The subject advised that he subscribed to the IWO Insurance Plan during the period of his membership in the CP, but he stated that he was never a member of the IWO itself.

The subject advised he subscribed to the "Daily Worker and "The Worker for the period that he was a member of the CP and did not renew his subscription after he left the CP. The subject advised that he attended approximately four or five meetings of the JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE in Newark while in the CP but he advised he could recall nothing specific regarding the school.

In conclusion the subject stated that in 1949 he signed a petition in support of the National Non-Partisan Committee to Defend the Rights of the 12 CP Leaders.

It should be noted that during the course of the interviews the subject could not recall the names of individuals connected with any of his activities in these subversive groups. However, he stated that he desired another interview in a week or two during which interim he will endeavor to recall more specifically the names and dates relative to his subversive affiliation.

He advised that he considers his activity in the CP and other front organizations a mistake and stated that he considered himself to be loyal to the United States in every respect. He stated that he would, if necessary, fight on the side of the United States against any subversive group.

#### OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS

The subject appeared to interviewing agents to be sincere and straightforward in his answers to questions directed to him inspite of his inability to recall specific

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names of his associates. He expressed an attitude of cooperation and a desire to be of assistance to the FBI.

Inasmuch as the subject was cooperative and requested another interview, this case is being placed in a pending status and results of subsequent interview will be submitted with appropriate recommendations.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, H. G. FOSTER (100-40189) DATE: 10/21/55

FROM: SA RICHARD G. MOHR

SUBJECT: MARY CHERLIN  
SM-C

On 10/19/55 [redacted]  
[redacted], a PSI, who has furnished reliable information in the past (protect by T-symbol), advised the writer that the above-named person came to his office for professional advice relative to herself [redacted]. She was accompanied by her husband, GEORGE CHERLIN.

It is to be noted that GEORGE CHERLIN was interviewed on 10/11/55 and again on 10/12/55, at which time he was accompanied by his wife, MARY.

According to [redacted] MARY CHERLIN came into his office on 10/18/55, at which time she advised [redacted] that she had recently been interviewed by FBI Agents relative to her past subversive activities. [redacted] advised that the subject is extremely upset over the incident and worried over her family's future. [redacted] went on to state that both she, her husband [redacted] have been taking treatments with psychiatrists.

[redacted] stated that MARY CHERLIN advised him that she was to be reinterviewed at a later date and also advised that she would desire that should be given sodium pentathol before the FBI questions her, so that the FBI will know that she is telling the truth

[redacted] concluded by stating that MARY CHERLIN is an extremely emotional, nervous person who might at any time be subject to a nervous breakdown.

[redacted] advised that if the FBI plans to reinterview her, it would be to the subject's advantage to get it over as soon as possible to preclude a nervous breakdown, which could result if she were allowed to think about the situation too long.

[redacted] explained that he is not attempting to interfere with the work of the FBI but thought we might be interested in the emotional state and circumstances of the subject, MARY CHERLIN.

cc: [redacted]  
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GEORGE YALE CHERLIN

SM-C

Rerep of RICHARD G. MOHR, dated 12/23/55, at Newark, four copies of which are herein enclosed.

On November 8, 1955, the subject, upon request, was reinterviewed by ALFRED K. NICHOLAS, JR., and RICHARD G. MOHR. The above-mentioned interview was conducted at 117 Davey Street, Bloomfield, New Jersey, the residence of the subject. Proper precautions were exercised to insure security of interview.

During the course of this interview, the subject stated that he had reviewed his past subversive activities and could add nothing to supplement that which he had already furnished. CHERLIN, however, did furnish information relative to the subversive activities of his associates while he was a member of the COMMUNIST PARTY.

OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS

The subject, throughout the interview, appeared to the Interviewing Agents as sincere. He was cooperative and cordial, however, he indicated that he would not jeopardize his station in life again buy having any subversive connections or affiliations.

CHERLIN reiterated the fact that he was concerned about his employer finding out about his past subversive activities. In view of the above fact and also that he advised that both he and his wife are periodically receiving psychiatric treatment, it is not believed that he possesses those qualities necessary to warrant development as a Security Informant. Information furnished by CHERLIN has been properly disseminated to the various investigative case files concerned and proper dissemination to the Bureau and interested offices and other agencies has been made and any necessary investigative action has been taken.

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TITLE GEORGE YALE CHERLIN		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS</p> <p>Subject resides 117 Davey St., Bloomfield, N.J., and employed MUTUAL BENEFIT LIFE INSURANCE CO., Newark, N.J. Subject reinterviewed on 11/8/55. He advised he could think of no other pertinent information relative to his own activities, however, he furnished information re the subversive activities of other associates.</p> <p>DETAILS</p> <p><u>Residence</u></p> <p>The subject was interviewed at his home, 117 Davey Street, Bloomfield, New Jersey on November 8, 1955.</p> <p><u>Employment</u></p> <p>During the course of the above-mentioned interview, the subject advised he continues to be employed at MUTUAL BENEFIT INSURANCE COMPANY, Newark, New Jersey.</p> <p><u>Results of Interview</u></p> <p>The subject was reinterviewed on November 8, 1955 by SAs ALFRED NICHOLAS, JR., and RICHARD G. MOHR. CHERLIN</p>			
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advised that he had furnished everything he could remember relative to his own subversive activities during the initial interview. On this occasion, however, he furnished information relative to the subversive activities of his associates while he was a member of the COMMUNIST PARTY.

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The subject, who was cooperative on interview, is not being recommended for the Security Index, as he does not meet present standards for inclusion

REFERENCE

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TO: SAC, H. G. FOSTER (100-40189)

FROM: SA RICHARD G. MOHR

SUBJECT: GEORGE YALE CHERLIN  
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On November 8, 1955, the above-named subject was, upon request, reinterviewed by SAs ALFRED K. NICHOLAS, JR., and the writer. The interview was conducted at 117 Davey Street, Bloomfield, New Jersey, and proper precautions were exercised to ensure maximum security of interview.

During the course of this interview, the subject stated that he had reviewed his past activities in conjunction with his wife MARY CHERLIN (NK 100-40189) and believed that relative to his own activities he could furnish nothing further than he already had. He stated that while in conversation with his wife, he and she were able to recall information relative to names of people whom they knew to be COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) members.

CHERLIN stated that the following individuals were members of the CP during the period of his own CP membership, 1949 to 1950. In each instance he attempted to furnish identifying material relative to these individuals during the time of their CP membership.

LOU ARKY

CHERLIN stated that LOU ARKY was a student at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J., and had recruited him into the CP.

RUBIN, MORDECAI

CHERLIN stated that RUBIN was a Rutgers University Student.

ALAN "BUDDY" SILVERS

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CHERLIN stated that SILVERS was employed in the plumbing business in New Brunswick, N.J.

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MAURICE AARON

According to CHERLIN, AARON was the owner of the plumbing business in which ALAN SILVERS was employed.

FRED KOTTER

CHERLIN stated that KOTTER was a house painter who lived at Stelton, N.J., near Camp Kilmer, N.J.

MAE KOTTER

MAE KOTTER is the wife of FRED KOTTER.

(First Name Unknown) REBELSKY

The subject stated that the above individual is a male, but could remember nothing recent concerning REBELSKY.

NORMAN LEDGIN

LEDGIN was a student at Rutgers University.

BOB LEHRER

CHERLIN stated that LEHRER lived in Stelton, N.J., but he believed he later went to Indiana.

DOROTHY RUDERMAN

CHERLIN advised that DOROTHY RUDERMAN lived at Highland Park, N.J.

DAVE FREEMAN

CHERLIN advised that FREEMAN was in the tool and die making business in New Brunswick, N.J.

JOAN KARSHMER

CHERLIN stated that JOAN KARSHMER was a student at Rutgers University and had previously graduated from the University of Wisconsin.

JOE SEWARD

According to CHERLIN, SEWARD was a Rutgers University student, who served as a sports writer for the student newspaper at Rutgers University.

FLORENCE HOFFMAN

CHERLIN stated that HOFFMAN was a student at the N.J. College for Women, the women's section of Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J.

Information contained in this memorandum concerning MORDECAI RUBIN and FNU REBELSKY has been furnished by separate letter under the individual case captions to New York and Chicago, respectively, as Offices of Origin.

Information regarding LOU ARKY has been furnished to the Applicant-SGE squad to Relief Supervisor RUFUS T. TYSON, who stated he would handle this dissemination.

Information regarding JOE SEWARD (NK 100-29374-33-2) reflects that one JOSEPH N. SEWARD, a Rutgers University student, refused to sign a loyalty pledge in connection with the University ROTC Program in 1949.

Information regarding FLORENCE HOFFMAN (NK 65-859-1005-9) reflects that one FLORENCE HOFFMAN, 386 Rutherford Boulevard, Clifton, N.J., was on a mailing list of the Midvale Camp Corporation, Ringwood, N.J. in May, 1955.

It is recommended that individual subject cases be opened and assigned for further investigation regarding JOE SEWARD and FLORENCE HOFFMAN, inasmuch as the subject has named them as CP members.

[redacted]  
[redacted], advised the writer that GEORGE CHERLIN is known to him

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and that CHERLIN is periodically under psychiatric treatment. In view of this fact, it is not deemed advisable to contact CHERLIN.

- 1-121-3519 (LOUIS HERMAN ARKY)
- 1-100-40420 (MORDECAI RUBIN)
- 1-100-25241 (ALAN SILVERS)
- 1-100-25169 (MAURICE AARON)
- 1-100-25573 (FRED KOTTER)
- 1-100-33774 (MAE KOTTER)
- 1-100-37028 (LOUIS WILLIAM KARSHMER)
- 1-100-17373 (JULIUS REBELSKY)
- 1-100-37637 (WILLIAM REBELSKY)
- 1-100-32640 (BOB LEHRER)
- 1-100-36248 (DAVID FREEDMAN)
- 1-100-40351 (JOAN KARSHMER)



- 1-100- (JOE SEWARD)
- 1-100- (FLORENCE HOFFMAN)

RGM:fa (17) fa

TO : SAC, H. G. FOSTER DATE: 12/6/55

FROM: SUPERVISOR D. J. MC NERNEY

SUBJECT: **George Cherlin**  
SM-C

**may be**

The subject of this case ~~is~~ ~~may be~~ identical with an individual whose name appeared on a 3 x 5 card in an index file in the possession of PHILIP KRAMER, security subject of this office. These cards comprised an alphabetical list and a geographical list of names. The cards in both lists contained the name and address of an individual and, in the majority of cases, a Chapter and County listing. A portion of these cards contained information as to the occupation of the individual whose name and address is set forth on the card. On a number of other cards appeared various notations, such as:

"Dues Paid"  
"1947-1948"  
"Joined 1948"  
"Membership and Donation"  
"Dues and Donations"  
"Member of League since the beginning,  
has contributed each year"  
"Contributed each year, Attends dinners,  
Membership and Donation"

At the time these 3 x 5 cards were secured, this office also obtained miscellaneous records from the same source. Included in these miscellaneous records were the campaign finance records pertaining to the WALLACE-TAYLOR presidential campaign of 1948. It may be noted that both WALLACE and TAYLOR were Progressive Party candidates in that election.

A review of the names which appear on these cards reflects that a great many of the persons listed actively participated in Progressive Party activities during 1948 and in the years immediately subsequent. It is further noted that in checking these names against Newark indices, a great number of them have been ascertained to comprise active CP members in this State.

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The predecessor (in 1947-1948) of the Progressive Party in New Jersey was the Independent Citizens League, which became known in 1948 as the Independent Progressive Party, and whose officers and members were predominantly CP leaders, members sympathizers.

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Photographs of these cards have been made and are filed in 100-33011-186. The name of captioned individual appears on page 123 of these photographs.

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If this information is reported in any subsequent communication in this file, it is suggested that the following phraseology be used. It may be noted that this phraseology has been employed in reporting this material in connection with loyalty and applicant-type cases.

On 9/20/54 T- [redacted]  
[redacted]--by request--who gave information to SA THOMAS R. LOVERING, location: 100-33011-1033 and 100-33011-1B6) who was in a position to furnish reliable information, furnished material consisting of personal correspondence, check books, and bank statements of PHILIP KRAMER. Also furnished with the above material was a card index file of several hundred names together with the campaign finance records pertaining to the WALLACE-TAYLOR campaign of 1948 and various Communist publications.

In 1948 HENRY WALLACE and GLEN TAYLOR were PROGRESSIVE PARTY candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States, respectively.

Dr. HARVEY RICHARD, 1003 13th St., Bay City, Michigan, advised SA LEWIS L. WRIGHT on 5/14/51 that he served in the Navy from 1944 to October, 1955 with PHILIP KRAMER. He stated that while they were on ship together KRAMER left a lot of Communist literature in the ship's library and from his talk he appeared to have definite Communist leanings.

The above-described index file contained ... (refer to photograph in above exhibit, page , for complete details as to this card).

The significance of this card index file is not definitely known.

T- (former [redacted]), who has furnished reliable information in the past, has advised that the INDEPENDENT CITIZENS LEAGUE became known as the INDEPENDENT PROGRESSIVE PARTY in June of 1948. According to T- KATHERINE VAN ORDEN and MORTON BLOOM were Vice-Chairman and Executive Secretary, respectively; both of whom were known to the informant as members of the COMMUNIST PARTY.

T- (former CS [redacted]), who has furnished reliable information in the past, has advised that the PROGRESSIVE PARTY of New Jersey was formerly known as the INDEPENDENT PROGRESSIVE PARTY and that the majority of PROGRESSIVE PARTY functionaries were COMMUNIST PARTY members.

The COMMUNIST PARTY has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450..

DJM:AM

TO: SAC, NEWRK 100-33696

DATE: JAN 21 1957

FROM: SA, JOHN F. BURKE

SUBJECT: *George Y. Cherlin*  
SM-C

On 9/25/56, [redacted], a highly confidential source  
[redacted]  
ments then [redacted]. These photographs will be filed  
in Newark file 100-4284-9Y-12, pages 1 through 83.

Photograph Number 46 is a typewritten list of subscribers to the "National Guardian," with a date opposite the name of each subscriber. This date is believed to indicate the expiration date for the subscription, and it is noted that all of the dates are either for the year 1950 or 1951.

The above-captioned individual's name is contained on this list.

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Special Agent

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IWO General Office Membership

List for Lodge # 369

New Brunswick, dated 11/49

This list reflects the name

George Y. Cherlin

Year of birth 1924, date of

entry 4/49 . The

list was received on 12/14/49

from                      .

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IWO General Office Membership

List for Lodge # 369

New Brunswick, dated 2/50

This list reflects the name

George Y Cherlin

Year of birth 1924, date of

entry 4/49. The

list was received on 3/16/49

from .

**Indices Search Slip**

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM F.B.I.

Name (include alias) GEORGE YALE CHERLIN	Date 6-21
Address 9 Porter Pl, Newark, NJ	Age or DOB 1924
Relationship Father	Place of Birth USA

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 AGENCY: New York Region, U.S. Civil Service Commission

FOR USE BY F.B.I.

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