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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/24/68

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-162314) (P)

SUBJECT: SUSAN SONTAG  
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ReNYlet, 4/19/68, captioned as above.

Relet contains all available information concerning captioned subject in the files of the NYO.

By letter dated 5/20/68, WFO has been requested to review records of the Passport Office relative to subject's visit to Hanoi.

Additional investigation will be conducted as to the purpose of subject's visit to Hanoi.

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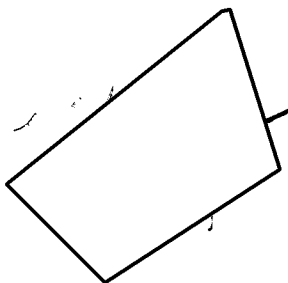
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TO: [redacted] DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM: [redacted] SAC, NEW YORK (100-162314)(C)

SUBJECT: SUSAN SONTAG  
SECURITY MATTER - MISCELLANEOUS  
(OO:NY)



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ReBUairtel to AL, 11/6/67, captioned "INVESTIGATION OF THE NEW LEFT."

Enclosed herewith are the original and 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting anti-Vietnam activities of the subject.

The source utilized in the LHM is [redacted]

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The LHM is ~~classified "Confidential"~~ because of information furnished by the above source. If the identity of this source was disclosed it could be injurious to the national defense.

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York as reviewed on 3/4/68, by IC [redacted], reflected a 1965 report on Miss SUSAN SONTAG, 82 Washington Place, NYC, formerly of 350 West End Avenue, NYC, self-employed as a writer from her residence.

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Records of [redacted] as reviewed on 3/11/68, by SA [redacted] reflected subject was born on 1/6/33, resides at 346 Riverside Drive, NYC, and is employed as a writer. She is under a direct payment plan certificate # 11 239 467.

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The following [redacted] informants were contacted concerning the subject, with negative results:

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

New York, New York  
April 19, 1968

NY 100-162314

Susan Sontag  
Security Matter - Miscellaneous

Records of the New York City Police Department (NYCPD) reflect that during Anti-Draft Activities, December 4-8, 1967, in New York City, Susan Sontag, white female, born January 16, 1933, and a resident of 346 Riverside Drive, New York City, was arrested on December 5, 1967, on a charge of disorderly conduct. The records further reflect that Sontag is single, a citizen of the United States and is a writer by occupation.

On March 7, 1968, the records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Bureau of Special Services, NYCPD, were reviewed by Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) August J. Micek, and no information pertaining to the subject was reflected.

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Susan Sontag

The "New York Times" of January 31, 1968, reflected that Susan Sontag signed a protest advertisement in the New York Times concerning the surtax. The advertisement was sponsored by the "Writers and Editors War Tax Protest".

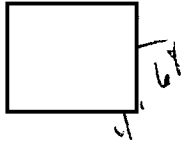
During March and April, 1968, informants cognizant of some Communist activities in the New York City area were contacted and could furnish no information concerning the subject.

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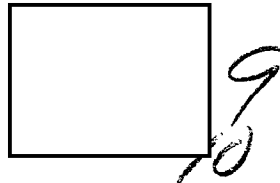
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~~CHANGED~~  
SUSAN SONTAG, aka  
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Suzanne Lee Rieff,  
Susan Santag Rieff,  
nee Suzanne Lee Rosenblatt  
SM - MISC  
(OO:NY)

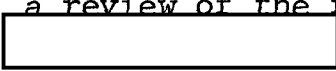


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Re NY let to WFO 5/20/68 (Inter-office).

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Enclosed for the Bureau and New York are 8 and 2 copies, respectively, of an LHM setting forth the results of a review of the files of the Passport Office, USDS, by SE



[Redacted] Domestic Operation Division of the Passport Office, USDS, advised that there was no record of a request for, or of a validation having been granted in the name of captioned individual, for travel to North Vietnam.

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Copies of the photo appearing on her passport application will be forwarded by routing slip when processed.

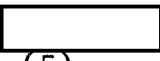
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- New York (Enc. 2) (100-162314)
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*Hand documentation of LHM until 7/17/68. Received from [Redacted] 7/17/68. [Redacted]*





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20535

July 17, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

SUSAN SONTAG

The files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, reviewed by a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on July 1, 1968, disclosed that Susan Sontag was issued Passport Number 493282 on May 23, 1966, at New York, for proposed travel to England, France, and Italy for purpose "Tourism". In her application dated May 19, 1966, at New York, she stated her intention to depart from New York via "BMA" about June 3, 1966, for a stay of four months. This passport was valid for three years' travel to all countries except Albania, Cuba, and those portions of China, Korea, and Vietnam under Communist control.

This individual stated that she was born January 16, 1933, at New York City, New York. She gave her permanent residence as 82 Washington Place, New York, New York. She listed her parents as Nathan Stuart Sontag, born in 1912 at Allentown, Pennsylvania, and Mildred Jacobson, born in 1906 at Newark, New Jersey. She indicated that she was last married on January 3, 1951, to Philip Rieff, born December 15, 1922, at Chicago, Illinois, and that the marriage terminated in 1960 by divorce. In event of death or accident, she requested that [redacted] be notified at [redacted]

*Nathan S. Sontag B-11 10 - 1936*  
*Philip Rieff*  
*X Miller Sontag*  
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*San Mateo Calif*

The file reflects that she was previously issued the following passports:

Passport Number 440970 was issued on May 22, 1951, in the name of "Suzanne Lee Rieff, known as Susan Rieff" for

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SUSAN SONTAG

proposed travel to England, Germany, France, and Israel for purpose "Travel". She was to have departed from New York about June 22, 1951, for a stay of one year. She gave her permanent residence as 6020 Drexel Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. This application lists her father as Jack Rosenblatt, born at New York City, deceased.

Passport Number 619306 was issued July 24, 1957, at Washington, D. C., in the name of Susan Sontag Rieff, for proposed travel to England, France, and Israel for purpose "To study at Oxford University, England". In her application dated July 8, 1957, at Boston, Massachusetts, she stated her intention to depart from New York about September 5, 1957, for a stay of one year. She gave her permanent residence as 11 Remington Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts. This application lists her father as Jack Rosenblatt, born February 1, 1905 at New York, New York, deceased, and mother as Mildred Jacobson, born March 25, 1906, at Newark, New Jersey, residing at 240 Eaton Road, San Mateo, California.

Passport Number B-298581 was issued April 21, 1961, at New York, New York, in the name of Susan Sontag for proposed travel to France, Italy, and Greece for purpose "Vacation". In her application dated April 20, 1961, at New York, she stated her intention to depart from New York about June 7, 1961, for a stay of three months. She gave her permanent residence as 350 West End Avenue, New York, New York. This application lists her father as Nathan S. Sontag, born November 10, 1906, at Patterson, New Jersey. She indicated that her marriage, to Philip Rieff, was terminated December 26, 1958, by divorce. In event of death or accident, she requested that Mrs. N. S. Sontag, mother, be notified at 18 Mounds Road, San Mateo, California.

The file contains a copy of her birth certificate in the name of Suzanne Lee Rosenblatt, confirming date and place of birth.



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Nathan S. Sontag, 240 Eaton Road, San Mateo, California, signed an affidavit regarding change of name, dated July 12, 1957, in which he stated he has known Susan Sontag Rieff for the past twelve years, "whose birth was recorded in the name of Suzanne Lee Rosenblatt, who on or about 1945 assumed the name of Susan Sontag and that Suzanne Lee Rosenblatt now Susan Sontag Rieff is one and the same person."

Mildred J. Sontag, 240 Eaton Road, San Mateo, California, executed a similar affidavit, dated July 13, 1957, in which she stated that she has known Susan Sontag Rieff for twenty-four years.

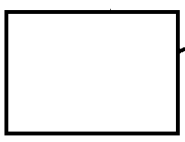
The following description appears in her file:

Height:	five feet ten inches
Hair:	black
Eyes:	brown
Occupation:	Writer

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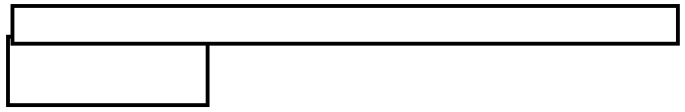
FR: SAC, NEW YORK (100-162314) (C)

SUBJECT: SUSAN SONTAG aka  
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(OO:NY)

Re WFO letter 7/17/68, <sup>ser 2</sup> and NY letter 4/19/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original and five copies of a LHM concerning the subject.

Sources utilized in the LHM are as follows:



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Files of the NYO do not contain any identifiable references to the subject's parents or stepfather.

The enclosed LHM is ~~classified "Confidential"~~ because of information furnished by the above sources. If the identity of these sources was disclosed, it could be injurious to the national defense.

A review of subject's file in the NYO reflects her activities do not warrant further investigation or recommendations of any kind at this time. UACB no report is being prepared at this time.

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by routing slip for *CSA*  
 info *B.S.I.*  
 action *Sec. Services (43)*  
date *8-26-68*  
by *[signature]*

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-New York

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. Bufile 100-450066  
NYfile 100-162314

New York, New York  
August 13, 1968

Susan Sontag

On August 7, 1968, [redacted]  
[redacted] New York City, advised that the subject, a  
writer, has a lease for Penthouse A, above address but has  
sublet the apartment. [redacted] said subject currently resides  
care of [redacted] New York City.

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On August 2, 1968, a source who has furnished  
reliable information in the past, advised that the subject  
moved from 82 Washington Place, New York City in September,  
1966 to 340 Riverside Drive, New York City.

Records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Borough  
of Manhattan, as reviewed on July 26, 1968, reflect that  
Susan Rosenblatt, female, white, was born on January 16, 1933  
in Manhattan. Her father was listed as Jack Rosenblatt,  
200 West 86th Street, New York City, born United States of  
America, age twenty-eight. Her mother was listed as Mildred  
Jacobson, born United States of America, age twenty-six.

A second source who has furnished reliable infor-  
mation in the past advised on May 27, 1968, that their  
records reflected that Susan Sontag, 340 Riverside Drive, New  
York City, occupation writer, resided at 82 Washington Place,  
New York City in April, 1966. The records further reflected  
subject is divorced and has one child born in 1952.

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Susan Sontag

The December 4, 1967 issue of "Diamondback", student paper of the University of Maryland, on page three, reflected that the subject read verbatim her argument on "The Aesthetics of Silence" to an audience of over three hundred on November 29. The article pointed out that "after graduating from North Hollywood High School at the age of fifteen, Miss Sontag received her bachelors degree from the University of Chicago at eighteen. While a teaching fellow of philosophy at Harvard, she completed all the requirements for her doctorate except the dissertation, which she plans to finish within the next year. Miss Sontag was the recipient of a Rockefeller Foundation Grant in 1964, a Merrill Foundation Grant in 1965 and a Guggenheim Fellowship in 1966-67".

A third source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on April 8, 1968, that at a meeting of the Socialist Workers Party-New York Local, (SWP-NYL) held on March 7, 1968 at 873 Broadway, New York City, it was announced that one Susan Sontag, among others, attended the SWP's first lecture class.

A characterization of the SWP-NYL is attached hereto.

On May 11, 1968, Special Agents (SAS) of the FBI determined that a meeting was held by the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (NMC) at St. Stephens' Church, Newton Street, North West, at 16th Street, Washington D.C., from 12:00 noon to 5:00 PM. It was stated at this meeting that the subject was presently in Hanoi, North Vietnam.

The June 15, 1968 issue of "WIN", the semi-monthly magazine of the War Resisters League, on page five, carried a photograph of the subject and others, at the "Me Kong Workshop", cave, Hoa Binh, North Vietnam.

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Susan Sontag

Description

Name:	Susan Sontag, also known as Mrs. Philip <del>Rieff</del> , Suzanne Lee Rieff, Susan Sontag Rieff, Suzanne Lee Rosenblatt
Sex:	Female
Race:	White
Date of Birth:	January 16, 1933
Place of Birth:	New York City, New York
Height:	5'10"
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Brown

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APPENDIX

1.

SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY -  
NEW YORK LOCAL

A source advised on August 25, 1960, that the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) - New York Local (NYL) was founded in New York City.

A second source advised on May 20, 1968, that the SWP-NYL was affiliated with and followed the aims of the National SWP.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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SAC, New York (100-162314)

Director, FBI (100-450066)

SUSAN SONTAG  
SM - MISCELLANEOUS  
BUDED: 12/20/68

The December, 1968, issue of "Esquire" contains an article by Susan Sontag entitled "Trip to Hanoi." The article begins on page 131.

In view of information in the article, reopen your file on captioned individual and have the above article reviewed and condensed. Thereafter, conduct appropriate additional investigation in order to bring this case up-to-date. Submit a summary report containing pertinent information from the article as well as any additional pertinent data you may have in your files concerning subject in this connection.

You are referred to paragraph two on page two of New York letterhead memorandum dated 8/13/68 concerning subject. In that paragraph it is indicated that subject attended a lecture class of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP). Your report should further elaborate upon this information. Check your files for further evidence of SWP sympathies on the part of Sontag and if warranted, recheck [redacted] and other informants and sources who may have pertinent information in this connection. Furnish your evaluation as to inclusion of subject's name on the Security Index and/or Section A of the Reserve Index.

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Give this immediate attention. Your report should be submitted so as to reach on or before 12/20/68.

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Investigation conducted during 1968 concerning subject's Anti-Vietnam activities. Two letterhead memoranda have been received and disseminated. Case should be brought up-to-date a report submitted.

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TO: [Redacted]  
FR: [Redacted]

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-450066)

DATE: 12/12/68

SAC, NEW YORK (100-162314) (P)

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Sources utilized in the LHM are:

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(re Cuban tip)*

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by [Redacted]

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New York, New York

December 12, 1968

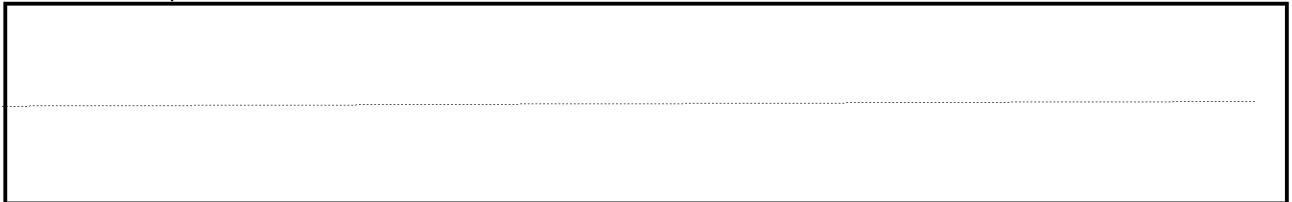
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Susan Sontag

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Susan Sontag currently resides at 340 Riverside Drive, New York, New York, and is self-employed as a writer and critic.

She received her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Chicago and completed all requirements for her Doctorate except the dissertation while a teaching fellow at the University of Harvard. She is described in the December, 1968, issue of Esquire magazine as one of America's best known and influential critics.



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The December, 1968, issue of Esquire magazine contains an article by Sontag on page 131 entitled, "Trip to Hanoi" which reflects that Sontag spent two weeks in Hanoi in May, 1968, at the invitation of the Democratic Republic of North Vietnam. The article in which Sontag describes herself as an unaffiliated radical writer indicates she arrived in Hanoi on May 3, 1968, and had interviews with the Minister of Health, Dr. Pham Ngoc Thach, the Minister of Higher Education, Professor Ta Quang Buu, and Prime Minister Pham Van Dong, among others.



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In the article Sontag states she has been and currently is "passionately opposed to the American aggression in Vietnam" and describes herself as a veteran signer of petitions and anti-war demonstrator, indicating that "since the interests of humanity comes before any particular people, a decent American today must be an internationalist first and a patriot second."

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Sex	Female
Race	White
Date of Birth	January 16, 1933
Place of Birth	New York, New York
Height	5'10"
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown

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Susan Sontag

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Reporting Office <b>NEW YORK</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>DEC 20 1968</b>	Investigative Period <b>12/10-12/17/68</b>
Title of Case <b>SUSAN SONTAG aka Mrs. Phillip Rieff, Suzanne Lee Rieff, Susan Sontag Rieff, nee Susan Rosenblatt, Suzanne Lee Rosenblatt</b>		Report made by <b>KENNETH J. HUNNEMEDER</b>	Typed By: <b>ec</b>
		Character of Case <b>SM-MISC</b>	

**SUMMARY**

REFERENCES:

Bureau letter to New York, 12/4/68; ser 5  
New York letter to Bureau, 12/12/68. ser 6

ADMINISTRATIVE:

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A review of the subject's activities reflects that she does not qualify for inclusion on the Security Index and/or Section A of the Reserve Index under current criteria.

A suitable photograph of the subject which appeared in the 5/19/68 issue of the New York Times is available.

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ADMINISTRATIVE (CONT'D):

No interview of the subject is being recommended at this time in view of the lack of pertinent subversive information concerning her and inasmuch as she is a writer on a national interest level.

There is no approved characterization for the National Mobilization Committee to end the war in Vietnam and the Peace and Freedom Party.

INFORMANTS:

<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>File Number Where Located</u>
(S) NY T-1, [redacted]	
NY T-2, [redacted]	100-162314 - 20
NY T-3, [redacted]	100-162314 - 5, 20
NY T-4, [redacted]	[redacted] Instant Report
NY T-5, [redacted]	[redacted]
NY T-6, [redacted] (S)	[redacted] (S)
NY T-7, [redacted]	
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INFORMANTS (CONT'D):

(S) NY T-8  
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(U) NY T-9  
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The following informants were contacted during December, 1968, and they were unable to furnish any information concerning the subject:

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LEADS:

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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will verify subject's travel to and return from Cuba in January, 1969 and furnish appropriate LHM to the Bureau.

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Report of: KENNETH J. HUNNEMEDER Office: New York, New York  
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Field Office File #: 100-162314 Bureau File #: 100-450066  
Title: SUSAN SONTAG

Character: SECURITY MATTER-MISCELLANEOUS

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Synopsis: Subject is a white female born 1/16/33, at NY, NY. She resides at 340 Riverside Drive, NY, NY, and is self employed as a writer.

(S) [Redacted]

Subject authored article in the December, 1968 issue of Esquire magazine reflecting she spent two weeks in Hanoi in May, 1968 at the invitation of the Democratic Republic of North Vietnam. Subject's activities in opposition to US foreign policy in Vietnam from 1966 to date set forth. Physical description set forth.

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DETAILS:

Investigation in this matter was predicated upon information contained in an article authored by the subject, which appeared in the December, 1968 issue of Esquire magazine reflecting her travel in May, 1968 to Hanoi capitol of the Democratic Republic of North Vietnam.

I. BACKGROUND

Reviewed pgs 6 & 7 for classification re: [Redacted] 7-27-77 [Redacted] 7333

Birth

Records of the New York City Police Department reviewed in January, 1968, reflected that SUSAN SONTAG was born on January 16, 1933, in New York, New York.

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The files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, reviewed by a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on July 1, 1968, reflected that the subject in her application for a passport, dated May 19, 1966, at New York, stated that she was born January 16, 1933, at New York, New York. She listed her parents as NATHAN STUART SONTAG born in 1912 at Allentown, Pennsylvania and MILDRED JACOBSON born in 1906 at Newark, New Jersey. *1-10-1906 P.O.B. PATTERSON, N.J.*

In an application for a passport which was issued on May 22, 1951, the subject listed her father as JACK ROSENBLATT born in New York City, deceased.

In an application for a passport, dated July 8, 1957, at Boston, Massachusetts, she listed her father as JACK ROSENBLATT born February 1, 1905 at New York, New York, deceased, and mother as MILDRED JACOBSON born March 25, 1906, at Newark, New Jersey, then residing at 240 Eaton Road, San Mateo, California.

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In an application for a passport, dated April 20, 1961, at New York, she listed her father as NATHAN STUART SONTAG born November 10, 1906, at Patterson, New Jersey, and her mother as Mrs. N. S. SONTAG currently residing at 18 Mounds Road, San Mateo, California.

The file contained a copy of her birth certificate in the name of SUZANNE LEE ROSENBLATT confirming date and place of birth.

NATHAN STUART SONTAG, 240 Eaton Road, San Mateo, California, signed an affidavit regarding change of name, dated July 12, 1957, in which he stated he has known SUSAN SONTAG RIEFF for the past twelve years, "whose birth was recorded in the name of SUZANNE LEE ROSENBLATT, who on or about 1945 assumed the name SUSAN SONTAG and that SUZANNE LEE ROSENBLATT, now SUSAN SONTAG RIEFF, is one and the same person".

MILDRED JACOBSON SONTAG, 240 Eaton Road, San Mateo, California, executed a similar affidavit, dated July 13, 1957, in which she stated that she has known SUSAN SONTAG RIEFF for 24 years.

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Records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Borough of Manhattan, as reviewed on July 26, 1968, reflected that SUSAN RIEFF, female, white, was born on January 16, 1933, in Manhattan. Her father was listed as JACK ROSENBLATT, 200 West 86th Street, New York City, born in the United States of America, age 28. Her mother was listed as MILDRED JACOBSON born in the United States of America, age 26.

### Residence

On December 3, 1968, NY T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the subject resides at 340 Riverside Drive, New York, New York.

On August 7, 1968, [redacted] New York, New York, advised that the subject, writer, has a lease for Penthouse A at the above address but has sublet the apartment. [redacted] stated subject was then residing in care of [redacted] New York City.

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On August 2, 1968, NY T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the subject moved to 340 Riverside Drive, New York City, from 82 Washington Place, New York City, in September, 1966.

The records of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, reflected that the subject claimed residence at 6020 Drexel Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, as of May, 1951; 11 Remington Street, Cambridge Massachusetts, as of July, 1957; 350 West End Avenue, New York, New York, as of April, 1961; and 82 Washington Place, New York, New York, as of May, 1966.

### Employment

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, as reviewed on March 4, 1968, by IC [redacted] reflected a 1965 report on Miss SUSAN SONTAG, 82 Washington Place, New York City, formerly of 350 West End Avenue, New York City and self employed as a writer from her residence.

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On March 11, 1968, NY T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reflected that the subject resides at 340 Riverside Drive, New York City, and is employed as a writer.

The New York Times issue of August 18, 1967, Section VII, page 31, column 2, contains a review of SUSAN SONTAG's latest novel, "Death Kit", wherein it was stated that "As a critic Miss SONTAG has been original, provocative, and intellectually rigorous, she is best known for her 'Notes on Camp' (1964) but her essays on happenings, science fiction movies, French writers, and thinkers, etc. "(collected in "Against Interpretation", 1966) have also had conspicuous and deserving impact on current critical thought." This review article reflects the subject also wrote a novel in 1963 entitled "The Benefactor".

The May 9, 1967 issue of the New York Times, page 44, column 3, reflected that SUSAN SONTAG was elected to the executive board of the International Association of Poets, Playwrights, Editors, Essayists, and Novelists in America Center.

#### Education

On December 4, 1967, "Diamondback" student paper of the University of Maryland, on page 3 reflected that the subject read verbatim her argument on "The Aesthetics of Silence" to an audience of over 300 on November 29. The article pointed out "after graduating from North Hollywood High School at the age of 15, Miss SONTAG received her Bachelors Degree from the University of Chicago at 18. While a teaching fellow of philosophy at Harvard, she completed all the requirements for her Doctorate except the dissertation, which she plans to finish within the next year. Miss SONTAG was a recipient of a Rockefeller Foundation Grant in 1964, a Merrill Foundation Grant in 1965, and a Guggenheim Fellowship in 1966-67."

#### Marital Status

The files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, disclosed in her application for a passport, dated May 19, 1966, at New York, that she was last married on January 3, 1951, to PHILLIP RIEFF born December 15, 1922, at Chicago, Illinois and that the marriage terminated in 1960 by divorce.

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In her application for a passport, dated April 20, 1961, at New York, the subject indicated that her marriage to PHILIP RIEFF was terminated December 26, 1958, by divorce.

On May 27, 1968, NY T-3 advised that the subject is divorced and has one child born in [redacted]

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II. ATTENDANCE AT SOCIALIST WORKERS  
PARTY (SWP) LECTURE CLASS

On April 8, 1968, NY T-4 advised that in a report given on education activities to a closed membership branch meeting of the New York branch of the SWP held at 873 Broadway, New York City on March 7, 1968, it was mentioned that SUSAN SONTAG attended the first lecture class, no date given.

On December 17, 1968, NY T-4 advised he had no additional information concerning the subject.

A characterization of the SWP-New York Branch is attached hereto.

III. ACTIVITIES AGAINST UNITED STATES  
FOREIGN POLICY IN VIETNAM

On February 21, 1966, NY T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that SUSAN SONTAG attended a "Read-In for Peace in Vietnam" held at Town Hall, 123 West 43rd Street, New York, New York on February 20, 1966.

By letter, dated May 10, 1966, [redacted]

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[redacted] furnished the FBI with a copy of a letter from the "Committee of the Professions", New York, New York regarding a donation and the use of his name for publication of a statement in the New York Times on May 22, 1966 calling open the United States Government to cease the bombings and all other offensive military actions in Vietnam.

SUSAN SONTAG is listed as an initial endorser of this statement.

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The "New York Post" a New York daily evening newspaper in its issue of November 18, 1967, reflected that SUSAN SONTAG spoke at a program "From Dissent to Resistance" at a Vietnam teach-in at Columbia University, New York City, in November, 1967.

The "Village Voice", a New York City newspaper, in its issue of January 18, 1968, on page 1, column 1, reflected that SUSAN SONTAG signed a scroll pledging to counsel, aid, and abet any young man who wished to refuse the draft.

On February 6, 1968, JOHN R. Mc DONOUGH, Assistant Deputy Attorney General, turned over to Special Agents of the FBI a huge scroll approximately 50 feet long and three feet wide left abandoned in the Andretta Room of the Justice Building, Washington, DC by a five-man delegation of clergy and laymen following a meeting with departmental officials on February 6, 1968.

The scroll, dated January, 1968, bore the names and addresses of numerous individuals including that of the subject signifying that they would counsel draft refusal "to any young man who will not, because of conscience, serve as a soldier in this criminal war." The scroll states that the undersigned "will aid and abet him and make his welfare (their) concern until the war ends."

Also turned over to the Agents were envelopes bearing the names and addresses of the subject among many others indicating that they had contributed \$1 "in support of a draft resister". "I wanted to aid and abet young men who refuse the draft. This war is illegitimate and our actions are legitimate."

The "Village Voice", a New York weekly newspaper, in its issue of March 14, 1968, page 27, column 1, reflects that SUSAN SONTAG would appear at a benefit for DAVID MITCHELL on March 17, 1968, at Saint Clement's Church, 432 West 46th Street. *FEN D / (u)*

who was convicted on March 16, 1966, in United States District Court, Hartford, Connecticut, for failure to report for and submit to induction into the Armed Forces and sentenced to a five year prison term, had been ordered to surrender himself at the Office of the United States Marshal, United States Post Office building, 141 Church Street, New Haven, Connecticut, on February 6, 1967, to begin his prison term. *(u)*

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On February 6, 1967, Deputy United States Marshal, [redacted] stated [redacted] would be transported to the Lewisburg Federal Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania to serve his term. (u)

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The March 21, 1967 late city edition of the New York Times carries the information that on March 20, 1967, the Supreme Court of the United States declined without comment to review MITCHELL's appeal of a five year prison sentence. u

The December, 1968 issue of Esquire magazine contains an article authored by the subject on page 131 entitled "Trip to Hanoi" which reflects that she spent two weeks in Hanoi in May, 1968 at the invitation of the Democratic Republic of North Vietnam. The article reflects that the subject considers herself an un-affiliated radical American writer "passionately opposed to the American aggression in Vietnam", and feels that the war has given radical Americans "a clear cut moral issue on which to mobilize discontent and expose the camouflaged contradictions in the system."

The subject states that her patriotism is the well spring of her opposition to American foreign policy and the interests of humanity demand that "a decent American today must be an internationalist first and patriot second." According to the subject, current American patriotism since World War II has been synonymous with bigotry, provincialism, and selfishness.

The article concerning her trip to Hanoi states that the subject, for the first half of her stay, experienced difficulty reaching a rapport with the Vietnamese; the differences of culture, manners, philosophy of life, as well as being guided around the country "by skilled bureaucrats specializing in relations with foreigners" was preventing her from taking a true picture, but in the second half of her trip, the subject states she began <sup>to understand</sup> Vietnamese behavior which "reflects the Confucian idea that both body politic and an individual's well-being depend on cultivating the rules of appropriate and just behavior."



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The subject states the Vietnamese believe their country is and always has been democratic and they have a great respect for America, consider the American people their friends, but hold the present American Government as their enemy.

According to the subject, the adversities of the war have united the Vietnamese as never before. It has improved the moral level of the people, it has further democratized their society by limiting the material goods and restricting the social space available to them. It has deepened their love of country, However, she stated Vietnam is not the model of a just state citing the persecution of the Trotskyites in 1946, forcible collectivization of agriculture in 1956, and recent brutalities and injustices committed by high officials.

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The October 24, 1968 issue of "Village Voice" contained an advertisement supporting DAVE MC REYNOLDS, Peace and Freedom Party candidate for Congress in the 19th Congressional District, New York City sponsored by the Citizens Committee For MC REYNOLDS for Congress of which SUSAN SONTAG is a member.

"WRL News" in the September-October, 1968 edition of the self described official publication of the War Resisters League (WRL), 5 Beekman Street, New York 10038, a branch of the War Resisters International and self characterized as a Pacifist organization with affiliates in 53 countries identified DAVID ERNEST MC REYNOLDS as the WRL Field Secretary.

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IV. FOREIGN TRAVEL~~SECRET~~

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[redacted] NY T-1 [redacted]  
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The December, 1968 Esquire article authored by the subject reflects that the subject was in Cuba for a three month stay in 1960.

The Esquire magazine article reflects that in mid April, 1968 SUSAN SONTAG was invited by the Democratic Republic of North Vietnam to go to Hanoi for a period of two weeks.

According to SONTAG, she met in Cambodia in late April, 1968 with two other Americans, ANDREW KOPKIND, a Journalist, and [redacted] now working full time for the anti-war movement "with whom she made the trip to Hanoi .

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On April 23, 1968, NY T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that ROBERT GREENBLATT is the National Coordinator of the National Mobilization Committee to end the war in Vietnam.

According to SONTAG, because of delay and missed connections including a four day layover in Vientiane, Laos it took ten days to go from New York to Paris and Phnom Penh to Hanoi.

She arrived at Gia Lam airport, Hanoi from Vientiane via a small International Control Commission Plane on the "evening" of May 3, 1968.

They were met at the airport by four members of the Peace Committee;

[redacted] the [redacted] year old leader of the group and one of the leading composers in North Vietnam; [redacted] before working full time for the Peace Committee; [redacted] and [redacted]

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While in Hanoi they stayed at the Thong Nhat (Reunification) Hotel. She departed Hanoi the evening of May 17, 1968 for Vientiane.

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During her stay, the subject states she had interviews with the Minister of Health, Doctor PHAM NGOC THACH, the Minister of Higher Education, Professor TA QUANG EUU and Prime Minister PHAM VAN DONG.

The files of the Passport Office of the United States Department of State disclosed that SUSAN SONTAG was issued passport number 493282 on May 23, 1966, at New York for proposed travel to England, France, Italy, for the purpose of "tourism".

In her application dated May 19, 1966, at New York, she stated her intention to depart from New York, BEA about June 3, 1966, for a stay of four months. This passport was valid for three years travel to all countries except Albania, Cuba, and those portions of China, Korea, and Vietnam under Communist control.

The file reflects that she was previously issued the following passports:

Passport number 440970 was issued on May 22, 1951 in the name of SUZANNE LEE RIEFF for proposed travel to England, Germany, France and Israel for the purpose of "travel". She was to have departed from New York about June 22, 1951, for a stay of one year.

Passport number 619306 was issued July 24, 1957, at Washington, DC in the name of SUSAN SONTAG RIEFF for proposed travel to England, France, and Israel for the purpose "to study at Oxford University, England." She stated her intention to depart from New York about September 5, 1957, for a stay of one year.

Passport number B298581 was issued April 21, 1961, at New York, New York in the name of SUSAN SONTAG for proposed travel to France, Italy, and Greece for purpose "vacation". In her application she stated her intentions to depart from New York about June 7, 1961, for a stay of three months.

#### V. MISCELLANEOUS

(S) [redacted] NY T-8, who has furnished reliable information in the past, [redacted]

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On January 17, 1968, NY T-90, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that SUSAN SONTAG was sent an invitation to attend a reception for NIKOLAI FEDORENKO, a former permanent representative of the Soviet Union to the United Nations, who departed the United States on January 25, 1968. (S)

Confidential informants, who are aware of Communist activities in the New York area, were contacted during December, 1968 and they had no information to furnish concerning the subject.

The following physical description is set forth concerning the subject:

Name	SUSAN SONTAG aka Mrs. Philip Rieff, Suzanne Lee Rieff, nee Susan Rosenblatt, Suzanne Lee Rosenblatt
Sex	Female
Race	White
Date of Birth	January 16, 1933
Place of Birth	New York, New York
Height	5 feet 10 inches
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown

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APPENDIX1.SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY -  
NEW YORK LOCAL

A source advised on August 25, 1960, that the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) - New York Local (NYL) was founded in New York City.

A second source advised on May 20, 1968, that the SWP-NYL was affiliated with and followed the aims of the National SWP.

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APPENDIX

1.  
International War Crimes Tribunal  
Organized by Bertrand Russell Foundation,  
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"The New York Times", a New York City daily newspaper, in its issue dated November 17, 1966, contained an article entitled "Russell Discusses His Plan for War-Crime Trial - He says He Has Prima Facie Evidence Against the U.S.," which reflected in part as follows:

The International War Crimes Tribunal, sponsored by Bertrand Russell, which plans to "try" the United States in the spring of 1967 on charges of war crimes in Vietnam, announced that it hoped to gain evidence "on the spot". The tribunal will be acting in a private capacity without any official endorsement. As an offshoot of the Bertand Russell Peace Foundation, it obviously reflects the left-wing leanings of the foundation and its funder, Lord Russell.

Joseph C. Goulden, of "The Philadelphia Inquirer", in an article appearing in that newspaper on March 12, 1967, in discussing the "prima facie" evidence to which Lord Russell refers, noted that it consists of U.S. press reports about civilian deaths in Vietnam and of the torture of Vietcong prisoners". The article describes the "evidence" as being "limited to selected incidents which made the U.S. appear heartlessly blood-thirsty". The article points out further that the tribunal ignores "the wider question of why the United States feels compelled to fight in Vietnam--a question which would put the civilian deaths into a more reasonable context".

Mr. Goulden, in the aforementioned article, in discussing the eighteen-member commission of the tribunal, described it as a "Who's Who of Uncle Sam-baiters, ranging from Black Power fanatic Stokeley Carmichael to Jean Paul Sartre, French writer-philosopher, and Gen. Lazaro Cardenas, who, while President of Mexico, gave refuge to Leon Trotsky."

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International War Crimes Tribunal  
Organized by Bertrand Russell Foundation,  
London, England

The article continues and notes that "every member of Russell's handpicked jury is on record as denouncing both the U.S.'s presence in South Vietnam and her conduct of the war there."

In discussing Ralph Schoenman, an American citizen, described as doing the planning work for the tribunal in London, Mr Goulden describes him as having a "hatred for the U.S. that approaches the paranoid."

In connection with Russell Stetler, Jr., who is associated with the Russell Peace Foundation in New York, Mr. Goulden describes him as an individual "who lost a Board of Education scholarship to Haverford College because of his activities as a Vietcong propagandist and fund-raiser at area schools."

The "New York Daily News," a New York City daily newspaper, in its issue dated April 30, 1967, datelined Stockholm, April 29, contained an article entitled, "War Crimes Trial Opens in Stockholm." This article stated, "British philosopher Bertrand Russell began his International 'War Crimes' Tribunal on Vietnam today with a recorded statement likening America's actions in Vietnam with Nazi actions in World War II."

"The New York Times," in its issue dated May 11, 1967, on page six, under caption "Tribunal Finds U.S. Guilty in War," datelined Stockholm, May 10, reported as follows: "Earl Russell's so-called International War Crimes Tribunal gave as its opinion today that the United States was guilty of the crimes of aggression and 'widespread, deliberate and systematic' bombardment of civilian targets in Vietnam."

On November 21, 1967, "The New York Times" carried an article indicating that a second session of the International War Crimes Tribunal convened that date at Roskilde, Denmark. Bertrand Russell was quoted as citing the purpose of this session as being the examination of "the extent to which America is already guilty of genocide" in Vietnam.

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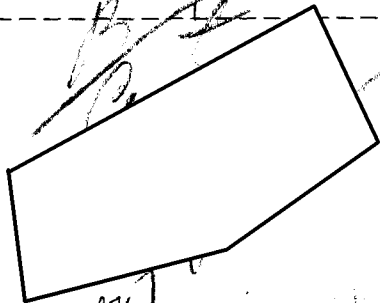
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-450066)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-162314) (P)  
SUBJECT: SUSAN SONTAG aka  
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[Redacted]  
[Handwritten initials]

ReNYairtel to the Bureau, 12/23/68. *ms*

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original and five copies of a LHM concerning the subject.

The source utilized in the LHM is [Redacted]

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The LHM is ~~classified "Confidential"~~ because it contains information from a source, the disclosure of which could be detrimental to the national defense.

LEAD

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will verify subject's return and furnish appropriate LHM to the Bureau.

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2-New York

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W.C. Bishop

AT Mexico

LHM re. Jay Jay  
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Approved: *[Signature]*  
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New York, New York  
January 21, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Bureau 100-450066  
New York 100-162314

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Susan Sontag  
Security Matter - C

Reference is made to Federal Bureau of Investigation  
(FBI) memorandum dated December 23, 1968.

On January 8, 1969, [redacted]  
[redacted] New York, New York, advised that Susan  
Sontag had left recently on a trip, which he believed was to  
a foreign country.

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On April 8, 1968, a source, who has furnished reliable  
information in the past, advised that Susan Sontag attended  
a closed membership branch meeting of the New York branch of the  
Socialist Workers Party (SWP) held at 873 Broadway, New York  
City, on March 7, 1968.

A characterization of the SWP-New York Branch  
is attached hereto.

The subject is described as follows:

Name	Susan Sontag also known as Mrs. Philip Rieff, Suszanne Lee Rieff, nee Susan Rosenblatt, Suszanne Lee Rosenblatt
Sex	Female
Race	White
Date of Birth	January 16, 1933
Place of Birth	New York, New York
Height	5 feet 10 inches
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown

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Susan Sontag

APPENDIX

1.

SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY -  
NEW YORK LOCAL

A source stated on August 25, 1960, that the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) New York Local (NYL) was founded in 1938 in New York City.

A second source stated on May 20, 1966, that the NYL was affiliated with and followed the aims and purposes of the National SWP.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-450066)

DATE:

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FROM / :

SAC, NEW YORK (100-162314) (C)

SUBJECT:

SUSAN SONTAG aka  
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original and five copies of an LHM concerning the subject.

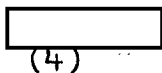
There are no outstanding leads in this matter, and this case is being placed in a closed status.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

New York, New York  
March 4, 1969

Susan Sontag  
Security Matter - C

Reference is made to Federal Bureau of Investigation  
(FBI) memorandum, captioned as above and dated January 21, 1969.

On March 3, 1969, [redacted]

[redacted] New York, New York, advised that Susan Sontag  
has returned and is presently residing at 340 Riverside  
Drive.

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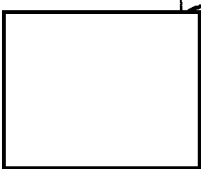
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Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial 100-450066)  
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SUBJECT: Susan Swartz

1. Bufiles indicate this case is delinquent. Give specific reason for delinquency.

Re travel status

2. DATE  airtel  letterhead memo  submitted  
 letter  90-day progress letter  will be submitted 3/14/69

Reporting employee \_\_\_\_\_

3. If valid reason exists for not submitting report at this time, state reason specifically and when report will be submitted \_\_\_\_\_

4. Status of  Appeal  Inquiry  Inv  
 airtel  letterhead memo  
 5. Submit  report  90-day progress letter  
 letter

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1 - Mr. N. P. Callahan

1 - [Redacted]

SAC, New York (100-87235)  
Attention: Liaison Section

2/14/69

Director, FBI (62-46855)

1 - [Redacted]  
1 - [Redacted]  
1 - [Redacted]

PURCHASE OF BOOKS  
BOOK REVIEWS

You are authorized to obtain discreetly one copy each of the following books for the use of the Bureau. Mark books to the attention of the Research-Satellite Section, Domestic Intelligence Division.

1. "Trip to Hanoi" by Susan Sontag. Noonday Press (branch of Farrar, Straus, Giroux), 19 Union Square W., New York, New York 10003, paperback, \$1.45
2. "No More Vietnams: The War and the Future of American Foreign Policy" edited by Richard M. Pfeiffer. Harper and Row, New York, New York 10016, \$5.95

1 - Nationalities Intelligence (Route through for review)  
1 - Mr. M. F. Row (6221 I.B.)

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Books requested for review by SA H. D. Clough, Jr., NIS, Domestic Intelligence Division. Books will be filed in Bureau Library where not now available. In the interest of economy, the paperback edition of #1 is requested.

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
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- Casper \_\_\_\_\_
- Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
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- Felt \_\_\_\_\_
- Gale \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
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- Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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# Memorandum

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-450066)

DATE: 3/25/69

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-162314)

SUBJECT: SUSAN SONTAG aka  
SM - MISC

Re Mexico City report of SA [redacted] dated 2/25/69 captioned "SUSAN SONTAG; [redacted] IS-CUBA; SM-C" with LHM of the same date and Bureau R/S dated 3/19/69, checked for appropriate action.

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It does not appear that any further action is warranted by the NYO. NY previously submitted letter and LHM, 1/21/69 and 3/4/69, reflecting SUSAN SONTAG travelled out of the country.

Re LHM prepared by Legat, Mexico City reflects she travelled to Cuba. Indices on [redacted] are negative.

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UACB, no further action being taken by the NYO.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>MEXICO CITY</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>BUREAU</b>	DATE <b>2/25/69</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>12/31/68 - 2/20/69</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>SUSAN SONTAG 100-450066</b> <del>(Bu file 100-450066)</del> <b>(MEX file 105-7312)</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA [redacted]</b>	TYPED BY <b>gle</b>
[redacted]		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>IS - CUBA; SM - C</b>	

### SYNOPSIS:

Subjects, United States citizens, mother and [redacted] [redacted], traveled from Mexico, D. F., Mexico, to Havana, Cuba, on 12/27/68 and returned on 1/10/69. (S)

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### REFERENCE:

New York airtel 1/20/69 captioned "SUSAN SONTAG."

### ADMINISTRATIVE:

It will be noted that while not listed as traveling in a party, the subjects were among a group of four persons all destined to the ICAP, the other two persons being [redacted] and [redacted] on whom separate cases have been opened. (S)

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By	343 [redacted]

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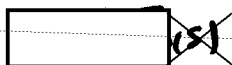
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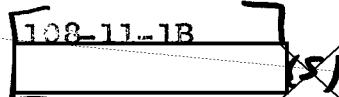
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CLASSIFICATION:

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LEADS:


NEW YORK DIVISION

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will conduct appropriate investigation of subjects. It is noted that SUSAN SONTAG is the subject of pending investigation by your office.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will review files of the subjects at the United States Passport Office, passport numbers G493282 (SUSAN SONTAG) and  to determine if travel to Cuba was authorized.

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SUSAN SONTAG:  
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The passenger manifest of Cuban Aviation Company  
Flight 465 from Mexico, D. F., Mexico, to Havana, Cuba,  
on December 27, 1968, listed SUSAN SONTAG as passenger No.  
45. She was the bearer of passport No. G- 93282 with a  
Cuban courtesy visa. She was accompanied by [Redacted]  
[Redacted] U. S. passport No. E573581, also with a  
Cuban courtesy visa. They carried two pieces of luggage  
weighing 22 kilograms (48.4 pounds) and were destined for  
"ICAP" (abbreviation for the Cuban Institute for Friendship  
among Peoples). ~~(S)~~

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(T-1 on 12/30/68)

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The passenger manifest for Cuban Aviation Company  
Flight 464 from Havana, Cuba, to Mexico, D. F., Mexico,  
on January 10, 1969, listed SUSAN SONTAG as passenger No.  
68. Her passport was shown to be No. O 493282. She was  
accompanied by [Redacted] bearer of  
U. S. passport [Redacted] They carried two pieces of  
luggage weighing 30 kilograms (66 pounds) and were shown  
to be in transit. ~~(S)~~

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(T-1 on 1/15/69)

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The records of Mexican Department of Immigration  
indicate that Mrs. SUSAN SONTAG, bearer of U. S. passport ~~(S)~~

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(U) No. G93282, departed Mexico City for Havana, Cuba, on December 27, 1968, as an invited guest of the ICAP in Cuba. She was traveling with [REDACTED] age [REDACTED] the bearer of U. S. passport [REDACTED]. They were both traveling on Mexican departure-reentry permit [REDACTED].

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(T-1 on 1/31/69)

The Sunday magazine of EXCELSIOR, a Mexico City Spanish-language daily newspaper, in its edition dated January 5, 1969, on page 6, carried an article entitled "SUSAN SONTAG IN MEXICO" by LUIS GUILLERMO PIAZZA. The article, which carried two photographs of the subject, described her as the creator of "camp." She was accompanied by her [REDACTED] when interviewed. She was described as almost an anthropologist, having visited Macchu Picchu and Afghanistan. She spoke of her recent visit to Hanoi and a book concerning it and a movie she has just completed in Sweden. After discussing her experiences with movie making in Sweden and making various comments on the current artistic and literary scene, the subject was quoted as follows:

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"I have been in Cuba but only two years after the revolution. I am very interested to see how they are now. They are formidable. Yes, in Hanoi I noted the contrast with other forms of socialism. The Cubans are unique. They tell me that lately there are some restrictions for the vanguard of literature and of art, I hope not, but it would be barely lately, before now, they have been the most free revolutionaries and with fewer cultural catchphrases. Russia is not a socialist country. I would be enchanted to go to Prague. I have been there many times. I would like to stay longer in Mexico, perhaps upon returning from Cuba. I don't have any intention of writing, neither did I when I went to Hanoi, one cannot plan these things. I am

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SUSAN SONTAG:

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not on a publicity trip although certainly I understand my editor's interest in selling the book (Trip to Hanoi); I too am interested in the book selling."

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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February 24, 1969

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**SUSAN SONTAG;**

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Source T-1, referred to therein, has furnished  
reliable information in the past.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-450066)

DATE: 4/24/69

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-47736) (RUC)

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SUBJECT: SUSAN SONTAG, aka

IS - CU

SM - C

(OO:NY)

Re report made by SA [redacted] at Mexico City 2/25/69, entitled, "SUSAN SONTAG & [redacted] IS - CU; SM - C".

Enclosed for the Bureau and New York are 5 and 2 copies, respectively, of an LHM setting forth the results of a review of the files of the Passport Office, USDS re SUSAN SONTAG, by SE [redacted]. The LHM contains all of the info., in the file since the file was last reviewed and information furnished in WFOlet & LHM 7/17/68.

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- 2- New York (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 1- WFO

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AGENCY RAC, SS, PCST, CIA  
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 DATE FORW. 5/5/69  
 HOW FORW. 10/5  
 BY [redacted]

*[Signature]*  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D.C. 20535

April 24, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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SUSAN SONTAG

The files of the Passport Office, U.S. Department of State, reviewed by a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, (FBI), on April 17, 1969, disclosed the following information:

On December 11, 1968, by letter, Susan Sontag, bearer of Passport Number G-493282, requested permission from the Department of State to visit Cuba for purpose "I would be going as a professional journalist on assignment from Esquire magazine. Esquire is prepared to cover all my expenses in Cuba during my stay. My address will be c/o Casa de las Americas, Havana, Cuba." She gave her permanent residence as 340 Riverside Drive, New York 25, New York and phone number UN 5-3766.

The file also contains a letter from one [redacted] Esquire, The Magazine for Men, 488 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, dated December 10, 1968, confirming that Miss Susan Sontag has been assigned by Esquire and that they are prepared to be responsible for her expenses while in Cuba. [redacted] indicated that she would leave for Cuba "as soon as possible".

By letter dated December 19, 1968, the Department of State advised Miss Susan Sontag, Esquire Magazine, 488 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10022, that "In accordance with your request, your passport has been validated for one round trip to Cuba".

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SUSAN SONTAG

Susan Sontag, born January 16, 1933, at New York City was issued Passport Number G-493282 on May 23, 1966, at New York, New York. By operation of law, effective August 26, 1968, the validity of this passport was extended to May 22, 1971.

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1 - [redacted]

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SAC, New York (100-162314)

11/11/71

Director, FBI (100-450066)

SUSAN SONTAG  
SM - NEW LEFT

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Reference Boston report of SA [redacted] dated 10/13/71, captioned "Resist, IS - New Left," no copy furnished New York.

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Rerep contains information on page 18 to the effect that Susan Sontag, Grace Paley, Hans Koningsberg and Bell Chevigny, all from New York City, were listed as members of the Resist Steering Committee according to an article which appeared in "The Harvard Crimson," dated 4/21/71.

It is noted that previous investigations have been conducted concerning captioned subject, and [redacted] Bufiles contain no main file for [redacted]

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In line with the above, New York should institute security investigations or bring investigations up to date and submit appropriate communications together with recommendations as to additional action warranted in each case.

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# Susan Sontag

## a very special daughter

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ref: info  
7/27/71

**By GENE HUNTER**  
Associate Editor, The Advertiser

Nat and Mildred Sontag, unassuming folks with no pretensions about being intellectuals, still haven't completely got used to the idea of having a genius for a daughter.

The Sontags, who live at the Princess Leilani Apartments at 1561 Kanunu St., the parents of Susan Sontag, whom Life magazine has called "the most serious young writer we have in America today."

Susan never has been to Hawaii, but members of her family have been settling here in recent years. Her cousin, Gene Sontag, is a well-known Honolulu restaurateur.

Her sister is Mrs. Judith Cohen, manager of the Lahaina Liberty House and the wife of Wailuku stockbroker Morris Cohen. Her parents, after numerous business and pleasure trips, settled in Honolulu a year ago. Sontag heads Nat Sontag & Associates, a marketing consulting and promotion firm.

**VOGUE HAS** proclaimed Susan Sontag one of the most celebrated intellectuals in America." The New York Times has described her as a "super-intellectual." To Time magazine she is "the dark lady of the times."

As an indication of the sort of crowd in which Miss Sontag might be found, columnist William F. Buckley Jr. once wrote of a famous party given by author Truman Capote:

"Norman Mailer was there. And to back him up there was Arthur Schlesinger, the redoubtable Galbraith, Walter Lippman, Drew Pearson, Norman Podhoretz — only Susan Sontag was missing."

Miss Sontag has written four books that few people have read and has directed two movies that few people have seen. But that's the way she likes it; she has said she writes only for "my close friends and other writers I respect" and she disdains money.

**THAT LATTER** trait is possibly the hardest for her father, a businessman, to understand, although he is proud of her independence.

article for the Saturday Review than a \$2,500 article for Esquire," Sontag said. "Esquire once offered her \$1,000 a week, for anywhere between five and eight weeks — and with first class accommodations all the way — to go to Europe to write a story about the Jet Set.

"Susan told them, 'Why don't you get a hack writer?' "I asked her, 'How can you pass up eight grand?'"

"She told me, 'Dad, I made up my mind as a child never to do anything that wouldn't further my career, whatever that was going to be. This would just be eight weeks wasted.'"

"From the time she was born I knew this was going to be a very special person," Mrs. Sontag said of her daughter.

**BY THE TIME** Susan was 14, her high school principal in Sherman Oaks, Calif., told the Sontags that she already had read more books than her English teacher and that she was so advanced that school was doing her little good. Although they were dubious, the Sontags allowed Susan to graduate at 15.

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She whiled away one semester at the University of California at Berkeley, but was unimpressed. At 16 she entered the University of Chicago, graduating with a bachelor's degree after three semesters.

Married at 17 to sociology professor Philip Rieff, she moved to the East Coast and at 18 was an instructor at the University of Connecticut. She was said to be the youngest university teacher in the country.

Now, at 37, she is a broodingly beautiful woman whose picture recently appeared on the front page of the New York Times along with Jean-Paul Sartre and Alberto Moravia as they and some 60 other international intellectuals criticized Fidel Castro's Cuban revolution.

ONE WRITER has said of Susan: "If there were any justice in this world, Susan Sontag would be ugly, or at least plain. No girl that good-looking has any right to have all those brains."

"As she was growing up," her father said, "she never was aware that she was beautiful or that she was brighter than other people. As for her brilliance, she thought only that she had a photographic memory that helped her."

Susan never was a "problem child," according to her parents, and she was given free rein while growing up. "I thought that anyone who was bright should do as she damn pleased," her mother said.

AS A CHILD, when she wasn't reading, Susan was at the movies. Anyone who remembers the movies of the 1940s will agree that few of them were conducive to genius, but this exposure to the film medium laid the ~~groundwork~~ <sup>2</sup> for some of Su-

san's earliest professional writing and for her most recent career.

She has been a movie critic for the more literate magazines and more recently wrote, cast, produced and directed two avant garde films made in Sweden — "Duet for Cannibals" and "Brother Carl."

Divorced in 1957, Susan supported herself by teaching philosophy at Columbia University while writing her first book, a novel called "The Benefactor" published in 1963 by Farrar, Straus & Co. It won critical acclaim, if few readers.

HER SECOND book, a collection of essays called

"Against Interpretation," was published in 1966, on her 33rd birthday, by Farrar, Straus & Giroux. The title came from her opinion that the critic's function is to show what art is, not what it means. In other words, she was against interpretation in criticism.

It was in "Against Interpretation" that Susan used the word "camp" to describe what she called "the good taste of bad taste" — that is the enjoyment of old movies, comic magazines and other pop art forms of the 1920s, '30s and '40s simply because they were so bad that they were fun.

The word "camp" caught

on and — much to Susan's dismay, because she wasn't looking for popularity with the masses — has become part of the vocabulary of hundreds of thousands of people who never have read her.

Susan has not attempted to play the role of the celebrity, even if such exposure might help sell a few more books. Her publisher, Roger Straus Jr., has said of her: "Susan doesn't want her life exploited, and I don't blame her."

SUSAN LIVES in near-seclusion with her 18-year-old son, David Rieff, in an apartment on New York's Riverside Drive. David has traveled extensively with his mother, including trips to Cuba and Europe, and frequently is her escort.

In one of her rare interviews, Susan told a writer for Esquire: "I can't understand why anyone should care whether I eat fried eggs or waffles for breakfast . . . All that matters is my work. Everything that's really important about me is there . . ."

"As long as I have solitude and a place to work, and as long as I'm published and have enough money for books and movies and the opera, I'm perfectly content."

IN 1968 Susan went to North Vietnam, from Sweden, and wrote a 23,000-word article called "Trip to Hanoi" for Esquire that later was published as a small paperback. The article was subtitled "Notes on the Enemy Camp" — perhaps by an Esquire editor with a curious sense of humor.

Although avidly against

the war — she once was arrested at a peace rally along with Dr. Benjamin Spock — Susan did not endeavor herself to the radicals who identify with the North Vietnamese with her "Trip to Hanoi" article. She told the North Vietnamese she wouldn't stay in their country if she was forced to go only on government-guided tours, and went out on her own.

While finding the North Vietnamese courageous, like the long-suffering Jews from whom she sprung, she reached the conclusion: ". . . Perhaps there isn't much an American radical can learn from the Vietnamese revolution, because the Vietnamese themselves are too alien, in contrast to the considerable amount I think one can learn from the Cuban revolution, because — especially from this perspective, the Cubans

are pretty much like us . . .  
" . . . There is clearly the feeling (in North Vietnam) that certain people are more important or valuable than others and deserve a bigger share of the pitifully few comforts available."

**AFTER SUSAN** dined with North Vietnamese dignitaries who ate several varieties of meat and fish she noted that "99 per cent of the Vietnamese will have rice and bean curd for dinner tonight and are lucky to eat meat or fish once a month."

Susan also was an early supporter of Fidel Castro, but recently condemned his

revolutionary government for oppressing Cuba's intellectuals.

"I was thrilled that she could have a point of view and then change it," Mrs. Sontag said of her daughter. "That's a mark of maturity."

**HAVE SUSAN'S** liberal views affected her parents? Her mother has been a lifelong Democrat; her father describes himself as "a rock-ribbed Pennsylvania Republican who hasn't found a Republican I could vote for in the past few years."

Sontag is an Air Force

veteran, and he said of his views on the war:

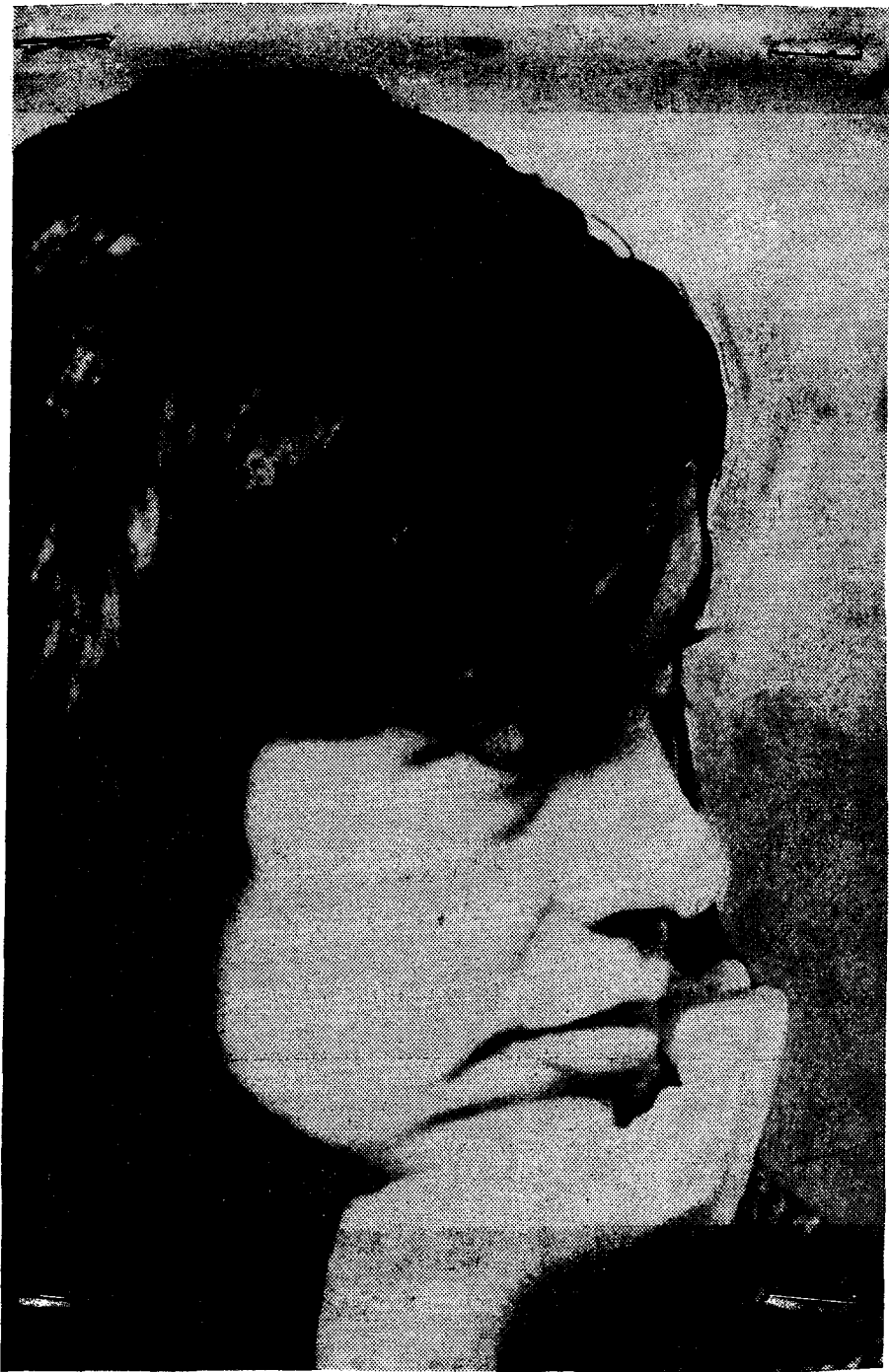
"I was as hawkish as could be. The men in Washington were the only ones qualified to make the decisions, I believed."

"Now I've changed. I see no point to a silly, senseless war. We are no longer the economic power we thought we were—and we can lay that to the doorstep of Vietnam."



Nat and Mildred Sontag of Honolulu keep a record of Susan's accomplishments.





Susan ~~Sontag~~, a brood-  
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has been described as a  
"super-intellectual" by  
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### REFERENCE

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No interview of the subject is contemplated in view of her activities as a writer. It is felt that in view of her minimal activity and her status as a writer, an attempt to interview her could result in embarrassment to the Bureau, which would not be compensated by the information obtainable, if she were cooperative.

No recommendation is being made to include the subject in ADEX. It is felt that her activities as reflected in instant report and referenced report do not qualify her for inclusion on ADEX.

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

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SECURITY MATTER - SUBVERSIVE

Synopsis:

Subject resides at 340 Riverside Drive, NY, NY, and is self-employed as a writer. Subject has permitted the use of her name in connection with fund raising activities of the PCPJ and has travelled in Cuba. In addition, subject is reported to be on the Steering Committee of Resist.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

Residence and Employment

On March 2, 1972, [Redacted]

[Redacted] New York, New York, advised that the subject maintains her residence in Penthouse A at the above address and that she is engaged as a writer, selling her work where she can to various publications.

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The "Columbia Daily Spectator", a student publication at Columbia University, New York, New York, issue of November 11, 1971, contained an advertisement of a concert to "remember the war" for the purpose of raising funds for the People's Coalition for Peace and Justice (PCPJ), which was to have been held at the Cathedral of St. John the Devine, New York, New York, on December 6, 1971. This advertisement indicated that the subject, among a number of other individuals, would be present and that all proceeds were to go directly to PCPJ.

The PCPJ is self-described as an organization consisting of over 100 organizations using massive civil disobedience to combat war, racism, poverty, and repression. Its National Office is located at 156 5th Avenue, New York City, Room 527.

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NY T-2 advised, on November 23, 1971, that the subject would speak at the above concert.

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"The Harvard Crimson", an undergraduate newspaper published in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in an article in the April 21, 1971 issue, listed the Steering Committee of Resist. Among those listed was SUSAN SONTAG, of New York City.

"The Harvard Crimson" mentioned above, in its issue of April 21, 1971, carried an article concerning Resist. This article stated that Resist offers support to draft resisters and that it continues to support civil disobedience and direct action against illegitimate authority.

III. FOREIGN TRAVEL

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On March 3, 1969, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] New York, New York, advised that SUSAN SONTAG had returned from travel abroad and was then residing at that address.

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Other informants who are familiar with certain phases of Communist Party and related New Left activity in the New York City area were contacted during February, 1972, and could furnish no information concerning the subject.

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