

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/26/58

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (100-0)

SUBJECT: PRINTED MATTER FROM FRED C. KOCH  
OF WICHITA, KANSAS;  
[REDACTED], INFORMANT

The attached copy of letter of July 6, 1958, addressed to FRED C. KOCH, 321 West Douglas, Wichita 2, Kansas, on letterhead of Daura Refinery, Government of Iraq, Government Oil Refineries Administration, P.O. Box 278, Baghdad-Iraq, was received by [REDACTED] in an envelope bearing postmark 9/5/58, Wichita, Kansas, and bearing return address of FRED C. KOCH, 321 West Douglas, Wichita, Kansas.

On September 10, 1958, [REDACTED] an employee of [REDACTED] handed the attached printed matter received by her to SA EARLE HALEY of the Fort Worth Resident Agency.

[REDACTED] stated to SA HALEY that she has no idea as to the identity of FRED C. KOCH, and that she has no idea as to how she came to receive this material, that is, why she is on KOCH's mailing list.

No further attention contemplated and this is recorded for reference purposes only.

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"Still, if you will not fight for the right when you can easily win without bloodshed; if you will not fight when your victory will be sure and not too costly; you may come to the moment when you will have to fight with all the odds against you and only a precarious chance of survival.

"There may even be a worse case. You may have to fight when there is no hope of victory, because it is better to perish than live as slaves."

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ENCLOSURE: TO BUREAU

RE: PRINTED MATTER FROM FRED C. KOCH  
OF WICHITA, KANSAS;  
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Letter dated 7/6/58, addressed to FRED C. KOCH, Wichita, Kans.,  
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Oil Refineries Administration, P.O. Box 278, Baghdad-Iraq,  
received by [REDACTED]  
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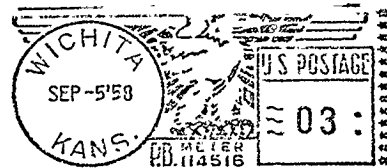
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FRED C. KOCH  
321 W. Douglas  
WICHITA, KANSAS

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**DAURA REFINERY**

GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ

GOVT. OIL REFINERIES ADMINISTRATION

P. O. Box 278. BAGHDAD-IRAQ

Telegram & Cable:-

DORA, BAGHDAD

مصفاة الدورة

الحكومة العراقية

مصلحة مصافي النفط الحكومية

صندوق البريد ٢٧٨ بغداد - عراق

العنوان البرقي : دوره بغداد

Ref. ....

Date July 6, 1958

العدد .....  
التاريخ .....

Mr. Fred C. Koch,  
321 West Douglas,  
Wichita, 2  
Kansas, USA

Dear Fred:

We were happy to have your letter of June 20, 1958 but you should be ashamed of yourself to have us drooling between a "cheeseburger and a big prime sirloin steak". However, this won't go on for ever, you know. In any event, what you say about "American people are the luckiest on the face of the earth but don't appreciate it" is so very true, and believe you me they better start awful fast appreciating it and doing something to protect it, because the communists will take care of the whole situation, non-appreciation included. Right now we in Iraq are absolutely flabbergasted with the "debating society" chief man Mr. Hammersjoeld, after looking out of a few hotel and office building windows, decided the Lebanese are not being attacked at all. Fred, from one who was in the midst of this communist thing in China 1945-1949 - and now again in it here for the past four years, my firm opinion is the sooner the United States kicks the entire U.N. gang out of our country and disassociates itself with it, and at the same time breaks diplomatic relations with the Russians and par our so-called "foreign service?" down to the proper band of intelligent hard working diplomats (have you ever read the social columnist of the New York Herald Tribune editions from Rome and Paris?) the sooner the United States is gonna get down to the real business of preserving what we have over there and what we "don't appreciate".

First paragraph of a letter from an American engineer received the morning the Iraq revolt broke out.

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Mr. Fred C. Koch  
321 West Douglas  
Wichita 2, Kansas

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Dear Mr. Koch:

Your letter of January 5, 1960, with enclosures, has been received, and I want to thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

It is indeed encouraging to see the support of my position on the seriousness of the communist conspiracy which is indicated by the letter you and other members of your community addressed to the Editor of the "Wichita Evening Eagle." I earnestly hope that my endeavors will always merit your approval.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing my recent article on the subject of communism which you might like to read.

Sincerely yours,

V

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosure

Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality  
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NOTE: Bufiles indicate limited cordial correspondence with Fred C. Koch. "The Louisville Courier-Journal" has published unfavorable editorials concerning the Bureau in the past--one in December, 1958, and another in June, 1959. Editorial ticklers indicate cordial relations with the "Wichita Evening Eagle" until at least 1956. Enclosed editorial from the Wichita paper follows that of the Louisville paper by claiming that the Director is over-emphasizing the threat of communism in this country.

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FRED C. KOCH  
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WICHITA, 2, KANSAS

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Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Malone	✓
Mr. McGuire	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
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January 5, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

You may be aware that there was a very unfavorable editorial in the Louisville Courier Journal which was reprinted in the Wichita Evening Eagle with an amplifying editorial. We got the names of some of the most prominent people in Wichita who signed the enclosed letter. I am sure this could have been amplified to 10,000 with just a little more time.

With best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely,

*Fred Koch*  
Fred Koch

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TO THE EDITOR - WICHITA EAGLE:

For the editorial writer of the Louisville Courier Journal to criticize J. Edgar Hoover's knowledge of the danger of the American Communist Conspiracy is about as logical as for an Arkansas hillbilly to criticize the physics of Albert Einstein or an African witch doctor the surgery of the Mayo brothers.

When the Fund For The Republic publishes books minimizing the danger of the conspiracy then it surely is not using its funds for the betterment of the "Republic."

It is part of the present program of American Communists to smear J. Edgar Hoover and the F.B.I.; the House Un-American Activities Committee, and the Senate Internal Security Committee.

These institutions and especially the F.B.I. and J. Edgar Hoover are our greatest bulwark against internal subversion which has already cost our country the lives of many thousands of our soldiers in Korea and countless treasure.

To ignore the warning of that great American patriot, J. Edgar Hoover, would indeed be the height of folly and would follow exactly the path of destruction laid out for us by the Communist conspiracy.

It may be part of the "superhuman cunning" of the American Communist Party to clothe itself with an appearance of "disintegration" so as to more effectively carry out its evil purposes underground; to create apathy on the part of the American people for some new surprise onslaught of subversion.

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Lore Nelson  
Richard Lane  
Fred C. Koch



## Alarmism on U.S. Reds Unwise

EDITORIAL

J. Edgar Hoover, who celebrated his 65th birthday yesterday, is so highly regarded that it is unusual to have someone blow a whistle on him.

Elsewhere on this page is a guest editorial from the Louisville Courier - Journal which does just that. The essence of it is that maybe Hoover is crying wolf too much over the allegedly superhuman cunning of the American Communists.

Obviously, it would be folly ever to disregard so treasonous a conspiracy as communism has shown itself to be — especially since it is backed by all the resources of an inherently hostile foreign nation.

**BUT IN** a time when the Communist Party appears to be at an all-time low, when it has the allegiance of not one single major faction in our nation, isn't there the danger that continuously punching the alarm button does no good? Indeed, might it not lead to a glazed complacency which would be dangerous if the Reds ever did experience any sort of comeback?

Of use in this regard are three recent books on the history of communism in the U. S., written by independent authors and published by the Fund for the Republic. They are "The Roots of American Communism," "The Communists and the Schools," and "The Decline of American Communism."

**THESE BOOKS** point out that there were two major peaks of Communist influence in the U. S. — during the Depression and just after World War II when the Reds infiltrated Henry Wallace's Progressive Party. Neither occasion enhanced the party's long-range position; they merely alienated groups and individuals who had naively assumed they could do business with the Communist cause.

A review of these books in the Denver Post pointed out that the U. S. has pushed the Communists practically to oblivion "in the main without resorting to undemocratic methods or to the banning of the party. . . (This) is a great tribute to the vitality of progressive and constitutional government. It is a lesson that still needs to be learned by those whose faith is timid and uncertain, by those who yet advocate demagogic cures that could kill the patient in the process."

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Wichita Evening Eagle  
Wichita, Kansas  
January 2, 1960

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Paul Harvey Says:

# Payola Not Confined To Broadcasting Alone

EDI TORAL

This needs to be said. The broadcasting business has been lambasted with an avalanche of righteous indignation concerning "payola." And there is more to come.

Being a top target for some wild-eyed administrations, I personally have had to stay clean whether I wanted to or not.

So from this ivory tower I could preach a little religion to the disc jockeys who sold out their independence. But I won't.

There are too many sanctimonious sinners holding their nose over this stink and ignoring their own dirty underwear. Let's get this out in the open.

## Standard Procedure

In almost every industry these days, money under the table is standard operating procedure. If I name just a few for instances, it's only because there isn't space to list them all.

In the mattress business, some companies slip \$10 to \$20 to the store clerk who "pushes" one product over another.

In the dairy business, all manner of inducements are offered by some companies to store owners to "stock my brand," including cash.

## Push-Money

"Push-money" always favors the big fellows who can afford it over the little ones who operate on a close profit margin. Some store owners forbid it, others wink at it, but either way the bribery goes on.

Salesmen, buyers, purchasing agents, there are lots of hands out.

I'm not through.

## "Flower Fund"

What about the ludicrously named "flower fund" in city hall to which workers kick in every month to somebody's political coffers at the risk of losing their jobs. It's a kick-back, by whatever name. It's payola.

For that matter, every "tip" you give the barber or the doorman is a bribe intended to buy your way to the head of the line.

What about the pork barrel politics of "I'll vote for your bill if you'll vote for mine," Mr. Congressman? That's a form of payola.

And so are the promises you make to your constituents: "You vote for me and I'll get an air base for your county." (You don't mention, Mr. Congressman, that the money to pay for the air base is coming ultimately from the pocket of that voter. You let him think it's free. Payola!)

For that matter, when our foreign aiders demand more handouts abroad they always insist it's in our "enlightened self-interest." So if we are bribing allies to allow us military bases in their countries, it's payola.

## Bunch of Hypocrites

Don't misunderstand. I'm not saying because everybody does it it's right.

I am saying that we are a pretty miserable bunch of hypocrites, when our foreign policy and our domestic economy are so entirely predicted on the payoff practice, if we seek to divert attention from this big stain by smearing a handful of deejays for "doing what comes naturally" in this rotten climate.

It's time for somebody to rub the smug American nose in the whole nasty mess so, if we have any character left, we can all get back to working our way and earning a living, instead of trying to beg, borrow or steal it.

If Uncle Sam is ever disgraced and destroyed in the eyes of the world it won't be the Russians that did it.

It'll be because he was lured astray by a low-necked, short-skirted, rose-scented, diamond-decked hussy named Something for Nothing!

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Wichita, Kansas  
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Guest Editorial

# If Native Reds, Sitters Were Our Only Worries!

From Louisville Courier-Journal  
More and more John Edgar Hoover appears to be living in the wrong decade of the Twentieth Century.

In his annual message to the nation he once more assails American "blindness and lethargy" which, in his opinion are contributing to the new "optimism and confidence" of the Communist Party here.

He also solemnly warned the parents of America not to leave their children with strange baby sitters over the holidays.

Mr. Hoover doesn't specify just what we are all being blind and lethargic about, nor does he give any examples of the optimism and confidence he has noticed among American Communists. We have never shared his belief in the superhuman cunning of American Communists and there was certainly nothing in the report of the Party's annual meeting recently to make us feel that they are brighter than before.

A GRAND total of 222 delegates attended the recent convention, which was principally distinguished by the replacing of the ailing Eugene Dennis as party secretary by a middle-western veteran of party battles, Gus Hall.

The Party solemnly renounced its dream of a Negro nation within the United States because this im plausible aim smacked of "discrimination." It asked for Puerto Rican independence, which the Puerto Ricans don't seem to want, called for "hands off Cuba," restoration of the Bill of Rights and recognition of President Eisenhower as a symbol of peace.

THERE seems to have been nothing spoken or implied to justify Mr. Hoover's continuing fears.

The Party is fragmented and incoherent. Even its Soviet-style "peace" issue has been stolen from it in the glow from Camp David. Its newspaper is virtually bankrupt.

Its membership lies somewhere between the 3,000 of outside estimators and the 10,000 the party secretary rather hopefully claims. It exercises very little influence on American life and thought, except, apparently, on the thoughts of Mr. Hoover.

The attitude adopted toward



J. EDGAR HOOVER

it, by the American people; it seems to us is one of sensible detachment rather than blindness and lethargy.

IRONICALLY, the week which saw us all being exhorted to get more excited about the Communists, also brought the sentencing, in New York, of twenty underworld leaders, the so-called "Apalachin Men."

These were gangsters from all over the United States who met, with 43 of their fellows, at the Apalachin estate of the late Joseph Barbara, Sr. What the Government has since decided was an underworld convention was broken up by a New York state trooper who was interested in the assembly of high-priced cars from other states in the remote area around Apalachin.

THE JUSTICE Department developed the case, secured indictments against 20 of the men, brought about their trials and secured convictions.

But the part played in all this by Mr. Hoover and the F.B.I. was extremely modest. They didn't know about the meeting, they were not able to discover its purpose and it was New York State policemen, not F.B.I. men who brought about the arrest.

We are not saying that Mr. Hoover should have his agents infiltrate the underworld as several of them did the Communist Party a few years ago.

But a sense of perspective would indicate that the existence of a huge half-world of crime which plans and convenes and assigns its members for murder or an assassin is at least as dangerous as the existence of the American Communist Party in its present state of disintegration.

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WICHITA, KANSAS  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY

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"A BUSINESS MAN LOOKS  
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RESEARCH MATTER

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*Handwritten notes:*  
Bureau files  
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For Bureau's information there is enclosed herewith a booklet entitled "A Business Man Looks at Communism", by FRED C. KOCH.

Bureau files will reflect Mr. KOCH is a highly regarded Wichita businessman. In addition, there appears in the front of the enclosed booklet a short biography of Mr. KOCH.

It is understood this is the written and edited version of a recent radio broadcast made by Mr. KOCH over Wichita radio station KFH.

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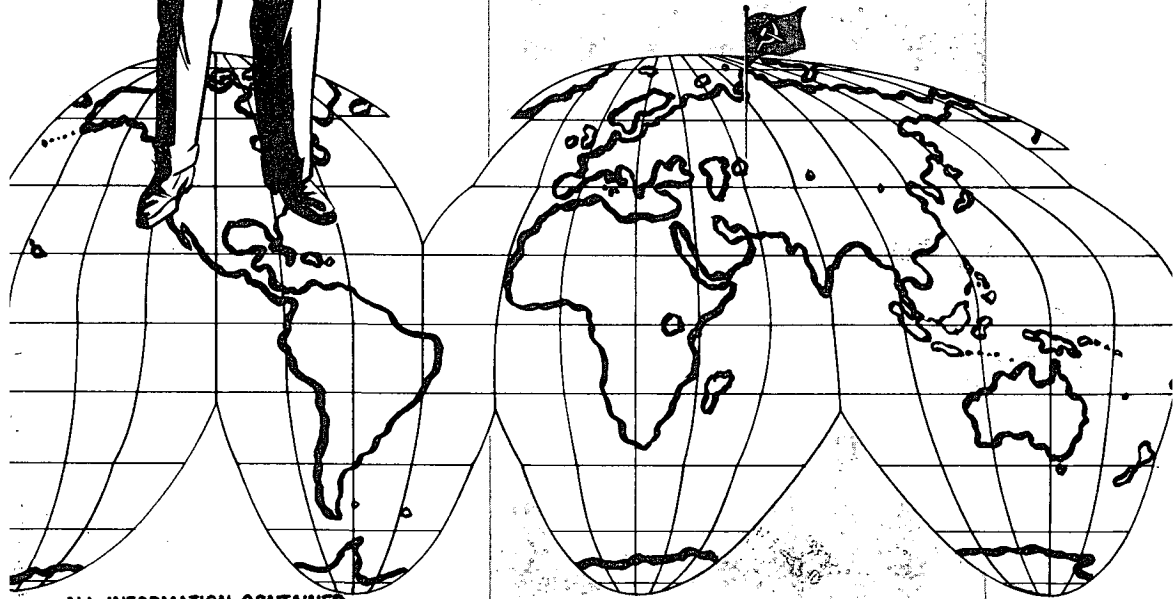
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