FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, III

FILE: 105-HQ-55843
Reference is made to the December 2, 1956, issue of "The New York Times," which reflects that John D. Rockefeller III (SAC contact NTO) recently formed the Asia Society to foster understanding between the United States and Far East. Rockefeller is president; Dr. Grayson L. Kirk, president of Columbia University, is chairman of the board of trustees; and Paul Sherbert, former U.S. Consul Public Affairs officer in India, was chosen as executive director.

The Society will work closely with the China Institute and Japan Society, both reportedly are cultural and educational organizations. Kirk, former consultant to Department of State, was chairman of International Program Committee of Institute of Pacific Relations (IPR) in 1946.

The Society’s board of trustees is composed of prominent individuals who have exhibited commercial and/or cultural interests in Asian matters. The board of trustees includes Chester Bowles, former member of the board of directors of the Fund for the Republic (FFR); Arthur H. Dean, former member board of directors, FFR and formerly associated with IPR; John Exter, vice president, Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Ernest Gross, lawyer and advisor to United Nations Secretary General, William R. Herod, president, International General Electric Company, who was a trustee of IPR from 1937-48; Dr. Edward S. Mason, dean, Harvard Graduate School of Public Administration, Phillips Talbot, executive director of the American universities field staff and a member of IPR in 1949,

and

Mrs. Stanley P. Young.
Memorandum for Mr. Boardman
Re: Asia Society
Information Concerning

Brief summaries concerning the individuals and organizations associated with the Asia Society, based on file reviews limited to main files and prior summaries, are set forth in the details.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For your information.

DETAILS:

The December 2, 1956, issue of "The New York Times" carried an article entitled "Asia Society Gets Rockefeller Aid," which stated that John D. Rockefeller, III, announced yesterday the formation of the Asia Society, an organization to stimulate knowledge and understanding between the United States and the countries of Asia. Mr. Rockefeller, president of the new group; Dr. Grayson L. Kirk, president of Columbia University is chairman of the board of trustees; and Paul C. Sherbert, who returned recently from a 5-year assignment as United States Consul and public affairs officer in India, has been chosen as executive director. The Society will work closely with such organizations as the China Institute, the Japan Society and other groups having programs related to Asia generally.

A review of Bureau files limited to main files and prior summaries on the above organizations and individuals and on the board of trustees briefly reflected the following:

ASIA SOCIETY

No investigation and no identifiable information.

JAPAN SOCIETY

The Japan Society was the subject of an FBI investigation during 1942 which revealed that during 1935 Japan Societies were located in New York, Seattle, Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, San Francisco and Portland. The records of the Japan Society of Seattle indicated that
Memorandum for Mr. Boardman
Re: Asia Society
Information Concerning various Japan Societies in the United States were not affiliated, however, all were modeled after the Japan Society of New York. The basic purpose of the organizations was to promote friendly relations between the United States and Japan and to diffuse among the American people a more accurate knowledge of the people of Japan. (100-74277)

CHINA INSTITUTE IN AMERICA

No investigation has been conducted concerning the China Institute in America, which is currently located at 125 East 65th Street, New York, and was established in 1926 as an educational and cultural organization to assist Chinese students in America and to promote closer relations between Chinese and American educational institutions. The China Institute was incorporated as an educational institution under the laws of New Jersey on 1/27/30 and was registered under the terms of the Foreign Agents Registration Act from 1939 to February, 1953, at which time its activities were determined to be exempt. At the time of the registration in 1939 Henry R. Luce was listed as its president. Allegedly the organization as anticommunist and pro-Nationalist Chinese Government. (100-366962)

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, III

Mr. Rockefeller, president, Asia Society, was approved by the Bureau as an SAC contact of the NYO on 1/14/55. New York letter dated 12/20/54 reflected that a memorandum dated 4/13/43 regarding the Institute of Pacific Relations (IPR), War and Peace Fund, lists John D. Rockefeller, III, $25,000 as a possible source of additional income. Rockefeller in a memorandum dated April, 1943, was listed as one of the individuals contributing to the work of the IPR. (94-455303-9)

According to a report on the IPR issued by the Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security in July, 1952, it is stated that the IPR has been considered by the American Communist Party and by Soviet officials as an instrument of communist policy, propaganda and military intelligence which disseminated and sought to popularize false information, including information originating from Soviet and communist sources. The report further states that a small core of officials and staff members carried the main burden of IPR activities and directed its administration and policies. Members of this small core were characterized in the report as either communists or procommunists. (124-1874-6)
MEMBERS OF THE ASIA SOCIETY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The following individuals who are members of the board of trustees:

Lloyd W. Elliott,
Vice president of Standard Oil Company of New Jersey; Harry A. Gibbon,
Standard-Vacuum Oil Company; Mrs. James Laughlin, not further described;
W. E. Murray, general manager, Far East Division, California-Texas Oil
Company, Ltd; James J. Rorimer, Director, Metropolitan Museum of Art;
Howard C. Shepherd, chairman, First National City Bank of New York;
Edwin F. Stanton, former ambassador to Thailand and Juan T. Tripppe,
President, Pan-American World Airways.
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105-55843.1 F 5-13
ASIA SOCIETY GETS ROCKEFELLER AID

John D. 3d Heads New Unit to Foster Understanding in U. S. and the Far East

John D. Rockefeller III announced yesterday the formation of the Asia Society, an organization to stimulate knowledge and understanding of the United States and the countries of Asia.

The Rockefeller Foundation, which is financing the new group, appointed Dr. Kiernan, president of Columbia University, in charge of the board of trustees, and Paul H. Barlow has been chosen executive director.

Mr. Rockefeller's organization would encompass an interest in Asia as a whole, but concentrate its attention on Southeast and South Asia.

The society will work closely with such organizations as the United States Information Agency and other foreign aid programs related to Asia.

The society will also fund a project called "Kant," which will be established in a university center in Asia. The center, which is being established by a grant from Mr. Rockefeller, will work on a broad scale, with contributions from local and national organizations.

Rev. M. S. Porter, president of the American University, has been appointed its executive director.
LAKE ERIE COLLEGE
PAINESVILLE, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 21, 1957

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Ninth & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Dr. Paul Weaver, president of Lake Erie College, has been asked to join the Asia Society, located at 18 East 50th Street, New York 22, N. Y. This society lists among its officers Dr. Grayson L. Kirk, John D. Rockefeller 3rd, Earnest A. Gross, Phillips Talbot, August Haffty, Edgar B. Young, and Paul C. Sherbert.

Could you please give us the F.B.I.'s evaluation of the political leanings of the above organization?

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

INDEFINITE. 24

Yours very truly,

Francine Kraft
Secretary to Dr. Weaver

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DATE 12/3/57 BY 2543-Paul Dic.
November 29, 1957

Miss Francine Kraft
Secretary to the President
Lake Erie College
Painesville, Ohio

Dear Miss Kraft:

Your letter of November 21, 1957, has been received. While I would like to be of assistance in connection with your inquiry, there appears to have been some misunderstanding concerning the functions of the FBI. I would like to point out in this regard that we are strictly a fact-gathering agency and that it is wholly outside our province to evaluate the "political leanings" of any individual or organization.

In keeping with our assigned duties, we do not draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of anyone, and material in our files is confidential and available for official use only.

I hope you will not infer from my inability to be of assistance that we do or do not have information concerning the Asia Society or its officers whose names you listed.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

The Asia Society was formed in 1956 to foster understanding between the United States and the Far East. Many of its officers were formerly affiliated with the Institute of Pacific Relations, and a number of them have had antisubversive connections in the past. The Director, as you commented in your letter, is uncomfortable about the group. It certainly has some question of reliability characters in it. It allows some "indecent" like Payobel to be used.
No investigation pertinent to your inquiry has been conducted by the FBI concerning the captioned organization.

On December 2, 1956, "The New York Times" carried an article under the headline of "Asia Society Gets Rockefeller Aid." In this article, John D. Rockefeller, III, announced the formation of the Asia Society which he said was an organization to stimulate knowledge and understanding between the United States and the countries of Asia. The announcement said that the non-profit, membership organization would encompass an interest in Asia as a whole, but would concentrate its attention on South and Southeast Asia. The Society was to work closely with such organizations as the China Institute, the Japan Society and other groups having programs related to Asia generally. Mr. Rockefeller said that membership in the society would be as broad as possible and that all persons interested in the purpose of the organization, including nationals of other countries, would be eligible for membership. Mr. Rockefeller was listed as president of this group. Dr. Grayson L. Kirk, president of Columbia University was shown as chairman of the board of trustees, and Paul G. Sherbert was shown as executive director. A list of members of the board of trustees also appeared in this article. (105-55843(3)

The foregoing information is furnished to you as a result of your request for an FBI file check and is not to be construed as a clearance or a non-clearance of the individual involved. This information is released for your use and is not to be disseminated outside of your agency.

December 31

THE ASIA SOCIETY
18 East 50th Street,
New York, New York
January 25, 1958

Federal Bureau of Investigations
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I have received the enclosed form letter and questionnaire from the ASIA SOCIETY, in reference to slices that I may have.

I would appreciate word from you as to whether this organization is entirely American in its interests and policies.

I thoroughly liked the Thai people; I had opportunity for many personal glimpses of places and people; some became close friends. I have no wish to jeopardize them, or our national situation, even to the most minor degree.

Your reply will be appreciated,

Very truly yours,
Dear Sir:

The Asia Society is making a survey of slide resources dealing with Asia. This survey, which is one of the Society's activities to further opportunities for Asian studies in American education, will cover the countries between and including Afghanistan and Japan. The survey will help to determine the feasibility of establishing a central clearinghouse of slides on Asia; such a clearinghouse, which might include reproduction and distribution facilities and a repository and index of available slides, would be intended to serve you and others wishing to make use of it, particularly as a resource for teaching.

We believe that you may have a collection of slides on Asia and should appreciate greatly your filling out the enclosed questionnaire and returning it to us in the accompanying postage-paid envelope. If you do not have any slides dealing with Asia, please fill out the first and last items on the questionnaire and return it so that we may adjust our records. We should also welcome any comments which you may have on the possible usefulness of a slide clearinghouse to you in your teaching or other professional activities; these comments may be added on the back of the questionnaire.

This questionnaire is being sent to lists of individuals and organizations having professional and academic interests in Asia. If you know of others who may have slide collections and will let us have their names and addresses, we should like to send them questionnaires in order to make this survey as complete as possible. Or, if you prefer and will let us know how many questionnaires you can use, we will send additional copies directly to you for distribution to colleagues and others with slide materials on Asia.

We hope that you will take just the few minutes needed to complete the enclosed questionnaire. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,
Ward Morehouse
Educational Director
QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SURVEY OF SLIDE RESOURCES ON ASIA

1) Do you have any slides on Asia which you would be willing to have screened for indexing and possible reproduction in a central slide clearinghouse? Yes ( ) No ( ) (Even if your answer is no, please return the questionnaire after completion of item 6 below, in order that we may adjust our records.)

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Approximate total number of slides in your collection (    ).

5) Please give any further details which will help in identifying the nature of your collection or attach, if available, descriptive material.

6) Name
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ENCLOSURE
Dear Dr. Egler:

Your letter of January 25, 1958, with enclosures, has been received, and it was indeed interesting to learn of your recent travel and activities in another part of the world.

With regard to the subject of your inquiry, much as I should like to be of assistance to you, I must point out that information in the files of this Bureau is confidential and the FBI, in carrying out its responsibilities, at no time issues clearances of any type for individuals or organizations.

I hope you will not infer from my inability to be of assistance that we do or do not have information concerning the Asia Society.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE:
We have received previous inquiries concerning the Asia Society, which was founded in 1956 to foster understanding between the United States and the Far East. Many of its officers formerly affiliated with Institute of Pacific Relations and a number of them have known subversive connections in the past. The Director commented re this group: "It certainly has some questionable characters in it. It shows how a 'joiner' like Rockefeller can be used. H." (105-55843-1)
The Director
FBI
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington 25, D.C.
U.S.A.

Dear Sir;

I would like to make inquiries concerning
The ASIA SOCIETY, 112 East 64th Street, New York 21,
New York. Will you, in strict confidence, tell me
whether this outfit appears on the Attorney General's
list of subversive organizations.

You see, I received a letter from them, signed
by their Publications Director, Mrs. Ronnie R. Crown,
offering literary agent services free of charge. They
will act as liaison between American magazine and book
publishers and me. They also are soliciting magazine
material from me (poems & articles). The letter further
says ThE ASIA SOCIETY "has a program to foster the publi-
cation of contemporary Asian writing here."

Mrs. Crown also said (or asked) "if you are able
to send me some of your poems or short stories, please
let me know if they have appeared in print elsewhere and
also enclose a brief biographical sketch."

You will understand a natural enthusiasm on my part
to take this unprecedented opportunity as the offer sounds
intriguing, but you will also realize why, in a situation
like this I have to be cautious. I would not trade my
loyalty to and faith in freedom and democracy for all the
publishing offers in the world.

Will you please tell me then if TH. ASIA SOCIETY
is subversive and Communist so I can decide whether to send
them my manuscripts or not?

Please keep this in absolute confidence, and send
me the information.

December 6, 1960
I would appreciate a reply by airmail. Thank you.

Very truly yours,
Your letter dated December 6, 1960, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

You may obtain a list of organizations designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450 by communicating with the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington 25, D.C.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

SEE NOTE ON YELLOW PAGE TWO
NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests information concerning the Asia Society and desires to know whether or not this organization is on the Attorney General's list of subversive organizations. He also asks if the Bureau can advise whether or not it is subversive. He states that this organization has offered to act as a go-between for him in an effort to get some of his articles published in American magazines. Bureau files contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

The Asia Society was founded in 1956, allegedly to foster understanding between the U. S. and the Far East. Many of its officers were formerly affiliated with the Institute of Pacific Relations and a number of them are known to have had subversive connections in the past. The Director commented concerning this group, "It certainly has some questionable characters in it. It shows how a 'joiner' like Rockefeller can be used." (105-55843)

A report from the Senate Judiciary Committee dated July 2, 1952, stated "The Institute of Pacific Relations was a vehicle used by the communists to orient American-Far Eastern policy toward communist objectives." This reply is being sent airmail at the request of the correspondent.
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/15/62

SAC, HONOLULU (105-682)

THE ASIA SOCIETY;
THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC
ENERGY AGENCY
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Enclosed herewith are five copies of a letterhead memorandum and one copy for New York relative to the above two captioned organizations, and one copy each of material furnished by District Commander, 44th District OSI.

It is requested that the Bureau examine their files concerning the above two organizations and if no information is available, that an inquiry be made of the Legat, Bonn, Germany.

It is requested that the New York Office check their files and furnish information from their files and public source material concerning the ASIA SOCIETY.

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NAT ANT SEC.
RE: THE ASIA SOCIETY;
THE INTERNATIONAL
ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

On February 19, 1962, U. S. Air Force, Commander, Office of Special Investigations, advised that the U. S. Weather Bureau, Guam, had been receiving unsolicited mail from The Asia Society, 112 East 64th Street, New York, New York, and The International Atomic Energy Agency, Vienna, Austria. There was furnished to the Honolulu Office one copy of the material relative to The Asia Society.

advised that the records of the Directorate, Special Investigations, Pacific Air Forces, contain no mention of either organization. requested that his office be furnished with any information in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning the above two agencies.

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105-53543-C copy of LHN
Dear friend:

Your cooperation in filling out and returning the enclosed questionnaire is solicited most earnestly by the India Committee of the Asia Society in order that the Committee's future activities may reflect as accurately as possible the suggestions and attitudes of a large number of U. S. citizens.

In the past, the India Committee has been concerned principally with the cultural aspects of Indo-American relations and its activities have been confined mainly to the New York City area. Recent inquiries and suggestions indicate that many persons would like to see the India Committee broaden its activities, and future plans are now being considered.

The Committee is aware of an ever increasing interest in India on the part of Americans, particularly among those who have visited India. In order to get some idea of the level and extent of interest existing, this questionnaire is being sent to you and some 2000 others throughout the U. S. who have visited India. The replies will be of great assistance to us in making decisions about the future.

Please be assured that your reply will be considered as an indication of your concern with Indo-American relations but will in no way be assumed as a commitment, moral or financial, to our immediate interest. You are simply our best source of advice.

With appreciation for your courtesy in answering our questions, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Howard Houston
Chairman
India Committee

Incl.

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ENCLOSURE
1. Why did you go to India?  _____ Tourism  _____ Business
   _____ Government  _____ Education
2. About how long did you stay?  _____ 1 week  _____ 6 weeks
   _____ 6 months  _____ 1 year  _____ more
3. Has the interest in India among your friends and acquaintances increased in the past year?  _____ Yes  _____ No
4. Do you believe an independent, non-governmental, and non-political Indo-American Committee to increase reciprocal interest in and awareness of our two countries would be useful?  _____ Yes  _____ No
   a. If "no" why not?

   b. If "yes" would you check which of the following areas of interest you consider most useful to increase reciprocal interest?

1. Cultural Environment:
   Religion  _____
   Philosophy  _____
   Visual arts  _____
   Music  _____
   Dance  _____
   Ethics and morality  _____

2. Social Welfare:
   Race questions  _____
   Medicine  _____
   Community Problems  _____
   Health  _____
   Youth  _____

3. Economic Conditions
4. Business Opportunities and Practices
5. Operation of Government and Public Affairs
6. Foreign Policy
7. Other (please specify):
5. Do you believe any of the following would be useful projects for such an Indo-American Committee to undertake? (It should be noted that some of the following types of programs already exist in scattered areas in the United States and India and under a variety of sponsorship.) Please check.

   a. Private hospitality for visitors
   b. Art exhibitions
   c. Dance Recitals
   d. Low Cost Tours to India
   e. Concerts
   f. Special materials for informational purposes
   g. Private information centers for Tourists
   h. Programs for Indian students in the United States:
      1. Home hospitality
      2. Loan funds
      3. Clothing drives
      4. Summer job planning
      5. Housing
   i. Specific assistance programs to India in fields of:
      1. Medicine
      2. Business
      3. Health
      4. Social Welfare
      5. Education
      6. Exchange of persons programs
      7. Youth programs

6. Would you list any specific programs, not covered above which you believe would be mutually beneficial?

7. Do you believe an accurate and comprehensive picture of India is reflected in the American Press and Periodicals? Yes No

8. From what printed sources do you receive your current information about India?
   a. Daily press
   b. U. S. National magazines
   c. Indian magazines
   d. Special periodicals

9. Do you believe a general newsletter about India would be useful? Yes No
10. Do you believe a newsletter should deal with any specific fields?
   Yes    No
   
   If "yes" what fields: ____________________________
   ____________________________
   ____________________________

11. Would you be willing to participate in a bi-national effort if the final program met with your approval? Yes    No

12. Would you be willing to contribute:
   a. Time in your community? Yes    No
   b. Membership dues at approximately $15.00 a year? Yes    No
   c. Tax deductible financial support? Yes    No

13. When the replies are compiled do you wish us to send the analysis to you? Yes    No
THE ASIA SOCIETY
THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
(NATIONALITIES INTELLIGENCE)

Re Honolulu letter 3/15/62.

Bureaus indicated that the Asia Society was formed in 1956 allegedly to foster understanding between the U. S. and the Far East. Many of its officers had been formerly affiliated with the Institute of Pacific Relations. No subversive derogatory data is available at the Bureau concerning this organization.

The International Atomic Energy Agency, formed in 1957, is an organization of nations, including the U. S., which cooperate in research on applying atomic energy to peaceful pursuits. No subversive activities have been reported concerning this organization.

No Bureau investigation has been conducted on either of these two organizations.

1 - New York

All information contained herein is unclassified

DATE 5/21/63, BY 2142-pmv-dg
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-148030) (RUC)

SUBJECT: THE ASIA SOCIETY;
THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING (NATIONALITIES INTELLIGENCE)

Re Honolulu letter to Director dated 3/15/62,
and Bulletin to Honolulu dated 3/30/62.

NY indices contained no pertinent references
under the organizations The Asia Society and the International Atomic Energy Agency.

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Memorandum

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: BAC, NEW YORK (105-125206) (P)
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Reference Legal Ottawa letter to the Bureau,

12/12/72.

It is noted that [redacted] is the [redacted] of the Committee For a New China Policy (New York file number 105-71388, Bureau file number 105-193277)

On 5/10/73 BC [redacted], New York Office, caused the files of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, New York, New York, to be reviewed, with the following results, for information pertaining to the subject:

1 - New York
2 - New Haven (RM)
3 - Bureau (RM)

EAV: ks (5)
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Name: Mrs  Connecticut
Address: New York City  676
Wife  Connecticut
Business Address: New York City
Former Business Address  Connecticut
Former Residence

The above file did not reflect any derogatory information pertaining to either the subject or his wife. (X)

Regular contact has failed to reflect any additional information pertaining to the subject. (X)

LEADS

NEW HAVEN

AT WILTON, CONNECTICUT. Conduct logical investigation through established sources to ascertain subject's identity, background, and employment

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Investigation continuing.

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The Asia Society is described as an organization founded in 1956 to stimulate knowledge and understanding between the United States and the countries of Asia, with a special emphasis on Southeast and South Asia. The society was formerly affiliated with the Institute of Pacific Relations, and its officers in 1956 were formerly affiliated with the Institute of Far Eastern Relations and with other similar organizations such as the China Institute and the Japan Society. No references were found for the Institute of Far Eastern Relations.

Bureau indices were checked for references to the Asia Society, and no references were found in the Washington Center of the Asia Society.

A report from the Senate Judiciary Committee, dated 7/2/52, stated that the Institute of Pacific Affairs had been conducted on the Asia Society.

No. 310, Washington Field Office (CI-11) Review: 15 (2/14/55)
Airtel to SAC, WPD

NOTE:

This is in reply to an indices check request.

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SUBJECT: JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, III

FILE: 9-HQ-24769
NOTICE

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Office Memorandum

To: Mr. Ladd

From: Mr. [Redacted]

Date: September 10, 1953

TIME OF CALL: 12:53 P.M.

SubjEct: Unknown Incident

The New York Office on September 7, 1953, advised that Robert W. Gumbel, personal secretary to John D. Rockefeller, Jr., at the direction of Thomas H. Devevoise, personal counsel to Mr. Rockefeller, turned over to the New York Office a letter which he believed contained a threat against the victim.

The letter was postmarked August 26, 1953, at Columbus, Georgia, and was received on September 1, 1953, in New York. The last paragraph of the letter contained the following possible threat: "But I'm hoping your day will come soon - and it will, I'll see to that." Mr. Gumbel also turned over two other letters from Columbus, Georgia, dated April 9 and July 20, 1953. He believed that these latter two letters were written by the author of the letter of August 28, 1953.

The New York Office advised that the facts would be presented to the United States Attorney on the morning of September 10, 1953.

Supervisor William McDonald of the New York Office advised that Assistant United States Attorney Joseph Martin, in charge of the Criminal Division, declined prosecution regarding the letters stating that no clear cut violation existed, that there was no specific threat of bodily harm, and that no money was demanded. Supervisor McDonald also advised that the letters had been forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for examination on the night of September 9, 1953.
UNSUSPECTED: John D. Rockefeller, III, victim of extortion. Robert W. Cumber, personal secretary to John D. Rockefeller, Jr., advised that a letter addressed to John D. Rockefeller, III, was received Sept. One.

Last, postmarked Columbus, Ohio, Aug. Twenty-six last. Letter is

unopened and unsigned. Upon advice of Thomas M. DeBuys, personal
counsel to John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Cumber advised the N.Y.C.

this date. Letter obtained. In concluding paragraph, the writer feels that

Victor is responsible for turning an un-named friend against the

writer. The last sentence is as follows: "But I'm hoping your

day will come soon. Chas. It will. I'll see to that."

DeBuys's opinion that quoted sentence indicated a threat. Prior
to receipt of inst. letter, two other letters were received.

June 5, April 15th, and 13th. There is no proof adverse

attempts were made to destroy the letters. The family believes it is possible,

letters being forwarded this date to N.Y.C. Facts concerning

alleged threat being presented to N.Y.C. City and Justice Department.

(Signed)
Mr. Ladd

DATE:
December 9, 1959

FROM: A. Rosen

SUBJECT:

McCabe, New York office, advised that New York office today received a telephone call from the Secretary to John D. Rockefeller Sr., advising that the victim had received what appeared to be an extortion letter. Agents were dispatched to contact Rockefeller's secretary and have now advised McCabe that three letters have been received. McCabe is not familiar with the contents thereof nor any of the details at this time; however, agents are en route to the office with the letters.

McCabe was instructed to forward the letters to the FBI laboratory immediately, and if the letters were vellum or contained vellum sheets, the latter should be promptly discussed with the U.S. Attorney to determine whether or not an extortion violation worthy of prosecution exists. McCabe was further instructed to keep the Bureau advised of every development.

Mr. Nichols

Mr. Garbo

[Redacted]

[Redacted]
To: 122 South Broadway

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Victim

EXTO-7108

September 22, 1951

Here follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on September 10, 1951.

[Signature]

John Edgar Hoover, Director

Examination requested by 200, New York

[Signature]

[Name]

[Signature]

[Name]
Envelope addressed "Mr. John D. Rockefeller & Rockefeller Foundation, 6 East 10th Street, New York City, N.Y." postmarked "COLUMBUS, OH JUL 22 1953 6 PM."

Accompanying letter beginning "John So you sent a couple of........" ending on second page "pleasure this time."

Results of Examination:

This confirms and supplements the Bureau's air-tol of Sept 10, 1953.

The conclusion was reached that the questioned script handwriting on specimens Q through Q8 was written by the same person.

The questioned writing was searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File but no identification was made. Copies are not being added thereto unless future developments warrant such addition.

The detailed physical characteristics of the specimens are detailed in referenced manual.
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