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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

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17 May 1951

TO	ROOM NO.	DATE		OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS
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1. C		18 May 51	18 May 51	DF	<p>1 to 2 & 3. Although the gravity of the situation here reported has been relieved by prompt action in San Francisco, the lesson remains brilliantly clear. This situation might well not have arisen if it had not been for entirely excessive and misceceived security restrictions. The Committee and all its witting members must be free to meet with anyone and discuss the legitimate affairs of the work of the Committee, even to the point of inviting support or association, without limitation. Prior clearance should be required only in those cases where there is a reasonable possibility (or even a slight possibility) that official connection with OPC/CIA or even the government might be discovered or assumed. The responsible people who are working with and for us on the Committee must be permitted to exercise their own judgment on this, else the whole operation is blown. Men dealing with men in private undertakings in this country are accustomed to and expect open action or at least some reasonable explanation for restraint or delay. "Coziness" immediately invites suspicion. If the Cef C suspects that the CFA is a "Commie-front" organization and the Communists get wind of this suspicion, they will ask themselves; "Why are they acting this way" and will then do their own investigating. Too great much restriction points as bright a searchlight as too careless action. Our real safeguard lies in our choice of men and our reliance upon them.</p>
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MEMORANDUM FOR: []
SUBJECT : DTPILLAR

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1. The following paragraph was contained in a letter to FE 4 recently from San Francisco. The Mr. Brown mentioned is a director of the []

"Ken Brown had some disquieting news that he is anxious for me to send on to you. Apparently, at a dinner party he attended last Saturday night, the Committee for Free Asia was brought up as the main topic of conversation. Consensus of the guests was that it is a Commy Front outfit, because those who are working for it are acting so very mysterious and hush-hush. This is an attitude, if you'll remember, that I've pretty consistently said is not in keeping with good cover practice. At any rate, the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, and the California Chamber of Commerce are conducting independent investigations of the Committee."

2. This is in line with your request./

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SOURCE Chief FE 4

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