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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Brig. Gen. A. J. Goodpaster,
White House Staff Secretary

SUBJECT: Ghana Conference of Negro Women

In response to your telephonic request concerning the item entitled "Women's Commission Established" in the August 17 issue of the FBI Current Intelligence Analysis, the following information is furnished.

The Ghana Conference of Negro Women was followed closely by this Agency [redacted]

[redacted] None of the 26 delegates from the United States had any official U. S. Government sponsorship. As the FBI report points out, approximately 18 of the 26 delegates from the United States were under the influence of the United States Communist Party. Shirley Dubois, the wife of a well-known American Negro communist, was the leader of this communist-oriented group.

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During the conference, this leftist group, under Mrs. Dubois' leadership, did in fact try to sponsor certain anti-United States resolutions such as one identifying the United States with the apartheid policy of the Union of South Africa. The smaller group of eight U. S. representatives [redacted] were extremely active in opposition to the efforts of the communist-oriented delegates and were completely successful in persuading the conference not to pass any resolutions which were anti-United States in nature. In the final analysis, the resolutions passed by the conference were the usual rather sterile type of resolutions advocating the settlement of differences in Algeria by negotiation, more technical assistance to Africa, settlement of the Congo situation through the auspices of the United Nations, and a declaration of solidarity with the struggle for freedom and equality for all citizens of the United States regardless of race, creed or color.

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It is the general consensus of those who followed the conference closely that the smaller group of loyal U. S. citizens clearly won a victory over the communist influenced group. It might also be of interest to note that eight of the 18 communist influenced delegates were offered by the Soviet Government, and accepted, an all-expense paid visit to the U.S.S.R. at the conclusion of the conference.



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