

Mr. W. C. Sullivan

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EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE
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New York airtel 12-16-63 furnished information concerning the 10th Annual Bill of Rights Dinner sponsored by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC) in New York City on 12-13-63. Approximately 1,500 persons were in attendance. One of the high lights of the dinner was the presentation of the annual "Tom Paine Award" of ECLC to Bob Dylan, folk singer, as the foremost fighter for civil liberties. Dylan, in his acceptance speech, stated he saw in Lee Harvey Oswald, "the man who killed the President," things that are in himself. Dylan stated he does not think he would go that far, but he is not sure.

The above statement of Dylan's was furnished to Secret Service in New York City by the New York Office (NYO). At the Seat of Government, we disseminated copies of the memorandum concerning the meeting, including Dylan's statement, to Secret Service, Assistant Attorney General Yeagley and to the intelligence agencies of the armed services.

ECLC has been cited as a communist front organization by the House Committee on Un-American Activities and is under active investigation by the Bureau. Copies of the investigative reports are disseminated to the Department and the intelligence agencies of the armed services on a continuing basis. NYO has been instructed to conduct a security investigation of Dylan.

A review of Bufiles discloses the following data concerning a Bob Dylan, who appears to be identical with the above-mentioned individual.

The 4-16-62 issue of the "National Guardian" contained an announcement regarding a "Folk and Jazz Concert" to be presented on 4-25-62 by the U.S. Festival Committee. One of the individuals listed to perform at this "concert" was Bob Dylan. (100-436225-A)

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan
RE: EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE
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The 5-14-63 issue of "The New York Times," Late City Edition, contained an article "Satire on Birch Society Barred From Ed Sullivan's TV Show." The article stated a song satirizing the John Birch Society was barred from Sullivan's show by Columbia Broadcasting System because it was controversial. The song was to have been sung by Bob Dylan, "21-year-old folk singer." (62-104401-A)

On 10-28-63, an announcement was received through the confidential mail box of NYO relative to the 15th Anniversary Dinner of the "National Guardian" to be held on 11-26-63 in New York City. Part of the program for the dinner was to be "Songs By: Bob Dylan." (100-357044-544)

NYO suggested that Dylan's statement in his acceptance speech be publicized by Bureau contacts in the mass media field as he has some connection with American youth through his folk singing activity and to point up the type of organization ECLC is by honoring a person of Dylan's mentality.

RECOMMENDATION:

New York's suggestion has merit and it is recommended that this memorandum be referred to Mr. DeLoach for his consideration in publicizing Dylan's statement through his press contacts.