

Instructions of Special Agent in Charge Brennan:  
Case originated N.Y. Office - Journal Made.

N.Y. File No. 218-D.

REPORT MADE AT  
NEW YORK, N.Y.

DATE WHEN MADE  
11/30/23

PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE  
11/27/23

REPORT MADE BY  
EARL E. TITUS

TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE

RE: AFRICAN BLOOD BROTHERHOOD  
Negro Radical Activities.

61-30

FACTS DEVELOPED

Agent went to the home of Cyril V. Briggs, 213 West 135th Street and found him writing. Briggs told me that he was answering some correspondence he had received from Western cities. He further advised me that the prospects look good and the A.B.B. is beginning to get a good foothold and the people are finding out what it means to them.

Briggs said he had visited some of the unions and had met some of the best people in that business and to his surprise most of them told him that they were very willing to help him and would give him all the assistance possible.

Briggs said that he would handle both the Workers' Party and A.B.B. literature when he visited the unions so as to give them both ends of it. He also said that he would get out the A.B.B. notices this afternoon and the Crusader Service on Friday.

Agent visited a number of other places in the Harlem District but learned nothing additional for the Department.

CONTINUED.

DELETED COPY SENT *Ben Waknin*  
BY LETTER 4-27-76  
PER FOIA REQUEST *11.9.*

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

RECORDED & INDEXED	
FILE NO <b>61-30-497</b>	DEC 11 1923
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION <b>DEC 1-1923</b> DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	
ROUTED TO <b>HOOVER</b>	FILE <i>[Signature]</i>

REFERENCE

COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO

WASHINGTON (3) NEW YORK (2)

EST-1169

ions of Spec. Ast. in Charge Brennan:  
originated N.Y. Office - Journal Made.

N.Y. File No. R-218-D

*WJ*  
✓

REPORT MADE AT

NEW YORK, N.Y.

DATE WHEN MADE

11/30/23

PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE

11/28/23

REPORT MADE BY

EARL E. TITUS

TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE

RE: AMERICAN BLOOD BROTHERHOOD  
Negro Radical Activities.

*61-50*

FACTS DEVELOPED

Agent called at the home of Cyril Briggs, who said that he had taken some literature with him to the city and had distributed it through some of the unions so they could have something to read on Thanksgiving Day, and after reading it they would see what the A.B.B. is doing. Briggs said that he was putting out all of the literature on this drive as he wanted to make this a great success and this is the proper time to send this out so the people can read it. He also said that he had made an engagement with Bernard Pinder and they would go all over Harlem to locate a place for the Forum and office for the A.B.B. and Workers' Party as they would have ample time on Thanksgiving Day. He further said he was very anxious to get a place as during the holidays would be a good time to get to the people and make a good many members in both parties.

Agent helped Briggs mail out 500 copies of the Consumers' Co-operative Help Workers and Briggs said he would send more out when he has his new office.

**RECORDED & INDEXED**

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

Agent visited a number of other places in the Negro district of Harlem but learned nothing additional.

CONTINUED.

FILE NO. *61-50-496*

**DEC 1-1923** **DEC 2 6 1923**

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

ROUTED TO: **HOOVER**

FILE: *Ben Watkins*

REFERENCE:

COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO

WASHINGTON (3) NEW YORK (2) BY LETTER 4-27-76

DELETED COPY SENT *Ben Watkins*

EET-WED

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

New York, N. Y.

JOURNAL TO BE MADE AT ORIGINATING OFFICE ONLY

REPORT MADE AT

New York City

DATE WHEN MADE

11/30/23

PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE

11/26/23

REPORT MADE BY

Earl E. Titus ✓

TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE

IN RE: AMERICAN BLOOD BROTHERHOOD - NEGRO RADICAL ACTIVITIES.

30247

FACTS DEVELOPED

At New York:

61-50

Agent called at the home of Cyril Briggs, 213 West 135th St., and found him writing notices for the meeting of the A. B. B. on Friday night, and Briggs said, that Otto E. Puiwoud, who is the National Organizer and a member of the Supreme Council of the A. B. B., called a special meeting of the Supreme Council yesterday at the home of Grace Campbell, 206 W. 133d St., and at the meeting it was decided that each member of the Council should have some unions to visit and get in touch with them so as to spread their propoganda. Briggs said, that as he is a newspaper man he was given the printers and such matters as they knew he is acquainted with all the departments. He further stated, that the Council took up what had been done in the workers' party at the last regular meeting and it was agreed that it was the best policy as they had no office and the workers' Party could help the A. B. B. as well as the A. B. B. could help them; that as all the members of the supreme Council were members of the Workers Party the A. B. B. will be benefit by their policies as well as making workers

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

out of some of the A. B. B.; that there are things in the A. B. B. that are of advantage to one in the Workers Party as the workers Party can have a forum

RECORDED & INDEXED  
 FILE NO. 61-50-493  
 DEC 11 1923  
 BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
 DEC 1 - 1923  
 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
 ROUTED TO: HOOVER  
 FILE [Signature]  
 DIVISION

REFERENCE:

COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: Washington (3) New York (1)

DELETED COPY SENT New York  
 BY LETTER 4-27-76  
 PER FOIA REQUEST

64

only where directed by the C. F. C. while on the other hand members of both could run it under the head of the A. B. B. Briggs remarked that he was going to get out some notices for the members to be present at the meeting of the A. B. B. as it will be business of importance; that he was going downtown and would look around for an office and place for a forum.

Agent went to a number of places in Harlem among the colored people, as well as the National Baptist Church, 35 E. 125th St., a forum but learned nothing of additional interest to the Department.

30248

495

Instructions from *Cl* in Charge Brennan. (M.D. file No. R-218-D) *off*  
 CASE ORIGINATED AT **New York, N. Y.** JOURNAL TO BE MADE AT ORIGINATING OFFICE ONLY

REPORT MADE AT <b>New York City</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11/27/23</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11/24/23</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>Earl E. Titus</b>
--	-----------------------------------	--	--

TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE  
**IN RE: AFRICAN BLOOD BROTHERHOOD - NEGRO RADICAL ACTIVITIES.**

FACTS DEVELOPED **At New York:**

*61-50*

Agent went to the home of Cyril V. Briggs, 213 West 135th St., and helped Briggs mail out the Crusader Service. Briggs said, that Mr. Huiswoud was to come and talk over some matters pertaining to the Workers Party and the African Blood Brotherhood, that one of the things was to have him select some good speakers that they could rely on for the opening speeches as he desired to put the forum in a leading position to get the people stirred up. Briggs was very quiet and had nothing to say as he seemed to be worried about something.

Agent asked Briggs the name of the white woman who had been at the meeting of the Workers Party on Thursday night and Briggs said her name was Gertrude Coppersmith.

Agent visited Miss Grace Campbell, 206 W. 133d St., and talked with Miss Campbell and Mr. Huiswoud and wife, but learned nothing additional for the Department.

RECORDED & INDEXED **DEC 7 1923**  
 DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

DELETED COPY SENT *Ben Watkins*  
 BY LETTER *4-27-76*  
 PER FOIA REQUEST *H.G.*

FILE NO <b>61-50-494</b>	GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE <b>DEC 3, 1923</b> DIVISION
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION <b>NOV 30 1923</b> DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	
ROUTED TO <b>HOOVER</b>	FILE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

REFERENCE COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO **Washington (3) New York (1)**

EST: *Titus*