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"FI-PO MOVES TOWARD NEW EFFECTIVENESS. . . "

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Dear Friend and Supporter of FI-PO,

In years past you have made possible the existence and continuance of FI-PO (Fire and Police Research Organization) by your yearly support.

It is not widely known that new laws, rulings and the plans of Mr. Levi, Attorney General of the United States, have made it impossible for law-enforcement agencies to maintain files of background information on subversive people or organizations unless they have shown a clear pattern of overt violence. As a result of these rulings, much information, vital to American security, has been ordered destroyed. Great amounts of this information have already been destroyed in local police files.

This is a clear indication of just how valuable the research files collected by FI-PO over the years are. They must be pre-served, added to and made available to all law-enforcement agencies and to those who share in our concern for America. Where else will they be able to get this kind of information?

Over the years since FI-PO began to serve, these files have been steadily improved. They constitute the largest repository of documentation on subversion and subversives on the West Coast.

The maintenance of the FI-PO office, news clipping and pasting, filing, cross-filing and the million and one other tasks that had to be done became far too heavy a load for the officers and the dedicated volunteer workers to carry. So, after obtaining approval of the FI-PO membership, we petitioned the office of the Attorney

General of California to permit us to dissolve our corporation and transfer the files and inventory to another organization.

After a thorough study was conducted, the organization which the directors chose to receive the FI-PO files, furniture and other inventory is the Research Center of Community Churches of America, headed by Dr. W. S. McBirnie, of Glendale. Dr. McBirnie also directs the Voice of Americanism, the outstanding nationwide radio news-analysis program. His organization produces a great deal of outstanding information on various aspects of subversion, communism and other vital topics.

A few months ago Community Churches of America completed a fine new library building where much of their own research work was being done. Their files together with ours now make a collection of information unmatched anywhere.

Dr. McBirnie has accepted the additional responsibility of providing the leadership, the needed volunteer help and -- with your help and mine, has committed to the purchase of additional research facilities which will house the combined files. The new building is in escrow right now and remodelling will begin shortly.

Folks, with Dr. McBirnie's staff and his leadership, FI-PO has a great new opportunity to serve even more effectively than it has in the past. We have agreed to ask you most earnestly for the continuance of your support. You will be receiving newsletters and FI-PO updates from Dr. McBirnie from time to time, and we can tell you that you will be warmly welcomed at both their new library and the even newer research building after its official opening in about a month. It will be there to serve you and all law-enforcement and legislative groups. Dr. McBirnie will be sending you a special invitation to the "grand" opening.

We realize the many calls on you for help, but we also know that you want to see our work perpetuated, expanded and used for the purposes we intended it. We are now confident it will be carried on, but we are counting on your continued personal interest and also your financial help, whatever the amount.

It is our earnest hope that you and every other friend and supporter of FI-PO will stand by Dr. McBirnie and assist him in keeping our work going. The job is a big one. Let's don't let

him carry it alone.

Would you kindly send in the renewal of your support today?

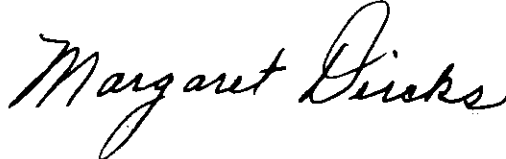
Very sincerely yours,



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P.S. If you want tax-deductibility for your gift of support, please make your check payable to Community Churches of America (Research). Kindly use the enclosed reply form and postage-paid envelope.

P.P.S. Not too long ago the Field Investigators of the House Committee on Internal Security visited Dr. McBirnie in Glendale. They had been told about his great collection of research material and upon learning of the joining of our files with his, they expressed very great relief that such a file would continue to exist. (Their Committee was then abolished last year by failure of Congress to vote funds.) One of the men stated, "Now that so much of our information about subversives, collected over so many years, is no longer going to be available, many investigative agencies will have to depend to a great extent on collections of information in the private sector. We wish to convey to you our thanks and encouragement in this vital undertaking."

We believe we should take the opinions of these men from Washington very seriously!

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