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Subj: Re: CL Interview
Date: Tuesday, July 16, 2002 12:06:27 PM
From: dmurch@socrates.Berkeley.EDU
To: RobertA648@aol.com

Dear Robert -- Wonderful, I am sure the FBI file will be interesting. I am also sorry I did not have the opportunity to TA for you, I hope to in the future. I was really looking forward to the chance to work for you and do something on mixed race identity.

On the Dellums front, I met Ron Dellums' son several weeks ago in Berkeley. He is an actor with a regular part on Homocide, i think. Apparently he and the family are moving back and forth between the Bay and DC. Talking to him, I was struck by what an intersting family they are, quite distinct in their aspirations and sensibility. Anyway, Best, Donna

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Subj: Re: CL Interview
Date: Tuesday, July 16, 2002 10:44:09 AM
From: dmurch@socrates.Berkeley.EDU
To: RobertA648@aol.com

Dear Robert -- I am still working on the chronology and newspaper stuff, I will let you know as soon as I am finished. I hope your research is going well. Also, I took care of all the paperwork with Brigid Tung. Best, Donna

At 06:15 PM 6/28/02 EDT, you wrote:

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Subject: Re: CL Interview

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Subj: Re: check in
Date: Friday, March 15, 2002 4:03:56 PM
From: RobertA648
To: dmurch@socrates.Berkeley.EDU

Hi donna -- No, there was nothing that looked like a history in the disserrtation bib. However, I just put in a call to the Dept. of Fair Employment and Housing in Sacto. The person I spoke with was very helpful. She said they do have some sort of history of the agency and she will send it to me. I don't know how extensive or how useful this will be. I'll let you know when I get it. Send me the list of stuff you've found, but hold off on ordering anything until I get this doc fom sacto.

Robert

Subj: Re: check in
Date: Friday, March 15, 2002 1:57:45 PM
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dear robert -- i am still looking, although i have some promising leads. i have searched a number of databases including pathfinder and california digital library and none are listed directly as histories. i think we made need to look more broadly at their publications which may have a history in the front. that is how i found a history of the federal fepc. (question: did you check the bibliography and footnotes of the fepc dissertation, i am sure you did but thought i should make sure.) anyway, there are numerous documents listed in mevyl with the corporate name california fepc, some are nrlf and need to be ordered. i can forward to you some of the ones that look promising, and then order them to check to see if they include a history. they are more general publications by the fepc, but may have a section on its history. do you want the 70s and 80s included? also in the process of checking on the history, i found out that the fepc has a newspaper, which would be a good source. gladis owns it, and it may have articles that have history in them. what do you think? best, donna

At 02:08 PM 3/15/02 EST, you wrote:

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Subj: Sun Reporter stuff
Date: Monday, February 18, 2002 8:42:52 PM
From: RobertA648
To: dmurch@socrates.Berkeley.edu

Yes, Donna, please copy any Dellums-related material you find in the SR. That would be very helpful. I spoke with Ron Dellums. He doesn't think anyone has ever tried to get CL's FBI file thru FOIA, and he is willing to help with that. I will put together a list of specifics -- dates, and organizations with which CL was affiliated -- as that will facilitate the search.

I've been having a great time going thru CL's correspondence. He was a prolific writer, and his letters are rich -- detailed, expressive and full of anecdotes. It's interesting to get a feel for his strong friendship with, and deep loyalty to, Randolph. Of course, CL could also argue his position and disagree with Randolph; he was no sycophant. I'm making an annotated index in database/table form that will allow me to sort the letters I've read by keyword or date, as well as search for specific names or terms. This is a bit tedious, but it will be enormously helpful during the writing.

Yes, I had a look at Carton 9 in the NAACP files, and found some things there. Thanks for ordering it for me, and thanks for the list of other materials to check in the rest of that collection. Did you compose of list of what's of interest in the bscp papers? Later, maybe you can let me know if there is anything of interest in the Rustin papers. I was happy to see that the library has an extensive collection of the Black Worker issues and the Messenger. I'm looking forward to diving into these. I'm really pleased with how much seems to be available at UC. And there was an article in the SF Chronicle about the upcoming reopening of AAMLO, and the fact that they have some of CL's personal papers.

Hope all is going well with your work.

Best, Robert

Subj: Re: MEMO--Dellums&NAACP
Date: Sunday, February 17, 2002 2:16:50 PM
From: dmurch@socrates.Berkeley.EDU
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dear robert -- how are you? here is a preliminary list of the other cartons from the naacp i thought might be of interest to you. also, this week i am doing research from the san francisco sun reporter between 1960 and 1965 for

my dissertation. i have already seen articles on dellums, the fepc and local civil rights struggles. i made some notations, do you want me to xerox them when i come across them for you? i thought it might be good to do this now, since i am doing it anyway for my own research. i can work on the earlier years later. what do you think?

also i know i have some other outstanding research tasks on the randolph, fbi, and rustin papers. do you need these soon? let me know so that i can prioritize. i should be able to one or all this week. best, donna

Suggestions for NAACP Papers (78/180):

- Reviewed*
1. Carton 9 -- Dellums 1955-1966 (i know you already looked at this)
 - 2. Carton 10 -- California Committee for Fair Practices : 1959-1968
 - 3. Carton 20 -- CL Dellums folder (under regional - 2 folders)
 - 4. Carton 24 -- Reports -- These are the easiest source for figuring out what the basic activities of the local organizations are. I often read these first and then move to the specific research task.
 5. Carton 41 -- California Civil Rights Legislation (1959) 2 folders
 6. Carton 43 -- California Committee for Fair Employment Practices (1955)
California Committee for Fair Practices (1961) Legislative Conference
 7. Carton 45 -- A Phillip Randolph: Committee Against Jim Crow in the Military Service, 1949-
 8. Carton 48 -- West Coast Region Reports, annual 1956-1958, 1966, 1953

9. Carton 50 -- West Coast Region NAACP: Annual Meeting March 31, 1962
California -- Civil Rights Legislation

At 11:41 AM 2/13/02 EST, you wrote:

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From: dmurch@socrates.Berkeley.EDU
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hi robert -- i paged your carton 9 from 78/180. it will be available after
3pm. best, donna

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Donna - I got that business about dellums heading up the west coast regional naacp from a newspaper obituary. I should have known better; never trust newspaper accounts! In his oral history (pp. 87-88) what dellums says is that he thinks it was in the 1930s that he became vice-president of the "northern california branch naacp" under walter gordon. When Gordon was appointed to Prison and Parole Board by Gov. Earl Warren, Dellums finished out his term as president. Then he was elected president and remained in this position "until I voluntarily stepped down." (no dates given.) During this period, Dellums says, the branch changed its name to Alameda County Branch and then finally to Oakland Branch. I do believe that I saw in one of his letters that dellums referred to himself as something like "west coast coordinator" of the naacp, which is different from regional director. He may well have held such a post (perhaps informally) given that his frequent travels around the Coast for the bscp would have made him ideal as a naacp "west coast coordinator." I'll look for that letter when I'm back at Bancroft on Tuesday.

Please give me the call numbers and carton numbers for the bscp and naacp materials you have found. I'm trying to get to Bancroft on Tuesdays and Thursdays. When are you there?


Robert

Subj: NAACP
Date: Thursday, February 7, 2002 12:34:51 PM
From: dmurch@socrates.Berkeley.EDU
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robert -- i just read through the full guide for the naacp papers and annotated the boxes/folders that i thought would be of interest to you. i have this list if you want to look at it. i also checked the abstract of the collection to get an overview of the organization, and according to it dellums was not the first director of the west coast regional office. the chronology of leadership is listed below:

The West Coast Regional Office of the NAACP (Region I) was established in November 1944 with headquarters in San Francisco, to coordinate the operations of the branch offices in California, Nevada, Oregon and Washington. In 1947 the states of Arizona, Idaho, Utah, and the territories of Alaska and Hawaii were added to the Region.

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in the past i have looked through the c.l. dellums correspondence file, carton 9, which is dated 1955-1966. this would be the place to start. perhaps dellums was head of the oakland chapter of the naacp, i can check on

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From: dmurch@socrates.Berkeley.EDU
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Description
I will have
look for me
location (call #)*

dear robert - i took a quick look at the brotherhood papers today. there is a single portfolio with no guide. i haven't finished looking through it completely, but i did see some individual documents for the oakland chapter. there is a lot of information about the brotherhood's forms of organizing, internal bulletins for organizers, etc. do you only want documents addressed to bay area/dellums? or are you interested more generally in the precise details of organizing by the brotherhood. if the former, then i should probably make copies of relevant documents right off. because there is no guide i am making a description of the general content of each folder. nevertheless, my feeling is that it would be worth you going through some of the general stuff to get a specific feel for how the organization worked. i am not sure how detailed the secondary sources are on this front. i will get to the other research tasks in the coming week. is that ok? best, donna

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Subj: Dellums and the NAACP
Date: Thursday, February 7, 2002 11:38:05 AM
From: dmurch@socrates.Berkeley.EDU
To: RobertA648@aol.com

dear robert -- do you know off hand when dellums tenure as director of the naacp ended? you list in your proposal that it started in 1948. i don't have his oral history handy, and i need to know in order to make file selections from the naacp papers. best, donna

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Subj: Re: fbi files
Date: Thursday, January 31, 2002 1:45:40 PM
From: dmurch@socrates.Berkeley.EDU
To: RobertA648@aol.com

robert -- i am on the job, will let you know as soon as i have something.

i wanted to ask you about a matter related to my dissertation. when we first met to discuss my ra'ship i told you i was writing about merritt and the afro-american association, and you mentioned the importance of the master plan. this is an important part of my story, and i was wondering what your take on it is. best, dm

At 10:33 AM 1/31/02 EST, you wrote:

>i just did a search on pathfinder and discovered that randolph's fbi files
>are available on microfilm at ucb lib. there is a separate guide to the fbi
>papers and also a separate guide to the randoph papers microfilm file.
please
>have a look -- i expect there is stuff on c.l. in the both files. thanks.
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Subj: Re: fbi files
Date: Friday, February 1, 2002 8:25:12 AM
From: RobertA648
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my take, in a sound-bite, is that the master plan rationalized and structured public education to conform to and reproduce the class, racial, occupational heirarchy of the political economy of California. we can discuss, if you like.

robert

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Subj: fbi files
Date: Thursday, January 31, 2002 7:33:46 AM
From: RobertA648
To: dmurch@socrates.berkeley.edu

i just did a search on pathfinder and discovered that randolph's fbi files are available on microfilm at ucb lib. there is a separate guide to the fbi papers and also a separate guide to the randoph papers microfilm file. please have a look -- i expect there is stuff on c.l. in the both files. thanks.

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Subj: a quick note
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2002 3:37:02 PM
From: dmurch@socrates.Berkeley.EDU
To: RobertA648@aol.com

robert -- i am not sure whether you already have this citation. but the library owns the a. philip randolph papers on microfilm. i have heard that they are very easy to use, so that means you may not have to go to new york or dc. i will follow up to see if the collection covers what is held in the schomburg and library of congress.

another potential source after using the collections above is the bayard rustin papers which are also owned by berkeley - on microfilm i think. this might speak to the later history of civil rights - the stuff covered in marable: randolph's reactionary turn and figuring out where to fit dellums.

best, donna

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Subject: a quick note

Subj: Re: a quick note
Date: Thursday, January 31, 2002 6:46:41 AM
From: RobertA648
To: dmurch@socrates.Berkeley.EDU

hi donna,

no. i do not have the randolph citation or rustin. please follow up and obtain a listing of what is in these files. the dellums collection is a huge and rich trove. i spent four hours yesterday going through one folder of dellums' letters to randolph -- out of about 20 folders in the carton; and there are more than 40 cartons in the collection. this could take a while! however, the letters to randolph are especially rich because these are in effect detailed reports on dellums' union work, full of anecdotal detail, just like the oral history.

thanks for making the copies. i look forward to hearing more about what is in the randolph and rustin files. you are right, this could save a trip -- and free up more money for copying!

robert

Subj: Re: a quick note
Date: Thursday, January 31, 2002 6:56:51 AM
From: RobertA648
To: dmurch@socrates.Berkeley.EDU

regarding the randolph papers -- could you specifically identify what correspondence they have between dellums and randolph? dellums's office was very good about keeping carbons of outgoing corres, but the incoming file of randolph's letters is spotty. would be great to find randolph's side of the corres. thanks.

robert

Subj: query 1/15/02
Date: Tuesday, January 15, 2002 9:28:35 AM
From: RobertA648
To: dmurch@socrates.berkeley.edu

Donna --

I'm thinking of initiating the process of obtaining files under the Freedom of Information Act. I plan to discuss this with Ron Dellums to see if anyone has already done so. It occurs to me that other researchers may have already gotten the BSCP files under FOIA and they may be in archives someplace. If so, this would help our research greatly as obtaining files under FOIA is a lengthy process. In your search for archival resources could you specifically attempt to determine whether any archive has such files for the BSCP and/or CL? In the books that I have (see Research Narrative) I find no indication that such files were obtained by these authors but they may be in some archive's list of resources. Thanks.

Also, did I understand you to say you had a copy of the BSCP book by Brailsford Brazeal?

Robert

Subj: Re: query 1/15/02
Date: Tuesday, January 15, 2002 1:42:03 PM
From: dmurch@socrates.Berkeley.EDU
To: RobertA648@aol.com

hi robert -- i'm on the case, i will check on this wednesday and send you some materials by the end of the week. i wonder what the easiest way to check this is, calling the national archives perhaps. i will have to see.

i don't have the brazeal book, but boletus books did have a vintage copy. they are expensive, but they might give you a break if you signed a couple copies of your books. just, in case check alibris.com and/or bookfinder.com, i bet they have cheaper used copies. i will be in touch, have a good trip. best, donna

At 12:28 PM 1/15/02 EST, you wrote:

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>has already done so. It occurs to me that other researchers may have already
>gotten the BSCP files under FOIA and they may be in archives someplace. If
>so, this would help our research greatly as obtaining files under FOIA is a
>lengthy process. In your search for archival resources could you specifically
>attempt to determine whether any archive has such files for the BSCP and/or
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