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IDENTITY STATEMENT

Reference: ICS158
Title: Billy Strachan papers
Dates: c1935-c1999
Level: fonds
Extent and Medium: 40 boxes (including 6 over-sized)
Name of Creator: Strachan, William Arthur Watkin
[Billy] (1921-1998) air force officer, legal administrator, political activist

CONTEXT

Biographical/Administrative History: Billy Strachan was born in Kingston, Jamaica. He arrived in England in March 1940 and joined the Royal Air Force. He became an air gunner and then a flight lieutenant. He returned briefly to Jamaica and then came back to England in 1947. He was a member of the Communist Party and the secretary of the London branch of the Caribbean Labour Congress. He founded and edited a monthly journal, Caribbean News. He left the Communist Party in 1967 but continued to take a great interest in the politics and history of the West Indies. He remained a close friend of Cheddi and Janet Jagan of the People's Progressive Party of Guyana.

CONTENT

Scope and Content: Includes subject files on the Caribbean Labour Congress, Liberation (Movement for Colonial Freedom), Jamaica - political and economic, Trinidad and Tobago; West Indies Federation; British Guiana (Guyana); racism and discrimination, Race Relations Board, strikes and the labour movement in the West Indies, West Indies Committee of the Communist Party. Topics also include socialist parties in the West Indies, anti-colonialism, independence movements within the Caribbean. Correspondents include Cheddi Jagan, Janet Jagan, Michael Manley, Richard Hart.

ACCESS AND USE

Language of Scripts: English
System of Arrangement: Arrangement follows Billy Strachan's own arrangement of his papers.
Conditions of Access: Open for research although at least 48 hours notice is required (off-site storage). Access to individual files might also be restricted under the Freedom of Information Act. See archivist for details.

**ICS158/1/1 Caribbean Labour Congress (London branch) c1952-
c1967**

Correspondence. Includes memorandum (by Martin Carter, Sidney King et al) relating to "On the Political Situation" by Cheddi Jagan (April 1951). Correspondents include Janet Jagan, Cheddi Jagan, Ferdinand C. Smith. Also includes constitution of Afro-West Indian Union (1955 December), leaflets for the Independence League of Trinidad and Tobago (c1952).

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ICS158/1/2 Caribbean Labour Congress c1948

Monthly Bulletin. Topics include sugar workers' strike, St.Kitts.

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**ICS158/1/3 Caribbean Labour Congress (London branch) c1948-
c1953**

Correspondence, circulars. Topics include 2nd World Congress of the Defenders of the Peace (1950), Korean War, West Indian sugar quota increase. Correspondents include Sir Richard Acland, Janet Jagan. Also report of the Executive Committee of the St. Kitts-Nevis Trades and Labour Union, 1950 October.

2 files

ICS158/2/1 Caribbean Labour Congress (London branch) c1952

Correspondence on civil liberties. Correspondents include Janet Jagan.

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- ICS158/2/2 Caribbean Labour Congress (London branch) c1948-
c1950**
- Members' correspondence. Also includes copy of Busmen's Strike, Jamaica: Information Bulletin. Correspondents include Michael Manley, V. C. Bird, H. B. Morgan MP.
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- ICS158/2/3 Caribbean Labour Congress (London branch) c1950-
c1952**
- Circulars, correspondence, annual general meetings. Includes annual reports, correspondence from Janet Jagan.
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- ICS158/2/4 Caribbean Labour Congress (London branch) c1950-
c1953**
- Correspondence, newsheets. Correspondents include Cheddi Jagan, Sir John Platt-Mills, Fred Bowman, D. W. Pritt, Monica Whately, Arthur Leigh. Topics include possibility of forming a Caribbean Labour Congress branch in the midlands. Also includes The Transport Worker Quarterly Bulletin vol 1 no.1 (1956 April, British Guiana).
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- ICS158/2/5 Caribbean Labour Congress 1948-1949**
- Correspondents include Richard Hart. Topics include constitutional reform in the West Indies, restrictions on travel for the Jagans.
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ICS158/3/1 Caribbean Labour Congress (London branch) c1950-1953

Correspondence, circulars. Topics include West Indies Students Union conference (1950), National Youth Parliament, West Indian Independence Party of Trinidad and Tobago. Correspondents include Monica Whately, Sir Richard Acland.

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ICS158/3/2 Caribbean Labour Congress (London branch) c1948-c1952

Correspondence, circulars. Topics include Leeds branch (and its annual report 1949). Also pamphlet, Vote against Busta's Government Now (Jamaica, 1951), report on Billy Strachan's and Ferdinand Smith's visit to West Indies 1952 April-June including their arrest and deportation. Correspondents include Clem McKay, People's Educational Organisation, Jamaica.

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ICS158/4/1 Caribbean Labour Congress (London branch) 1951

Correspondence. Topics include Martinsville Seven. Correspondents include D. N. Pritt.

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ICS158/4/2 Caribbean Labour Congress (London branch) 1952

Members' correspondence.

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ICS158/4/3 British Guiana Freedom Association c1962-1964

Circulars, reports, constitution.

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ICS158/4/4 Seretse Khama Fighting Committee c1950-1952

Correspondence, circulars.

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ICS158/4/5 League of Coloured Peoples 1954 April

Report of five man fact finding commission into the League's activities including its relationship with the Caribbean Labour Congress (London branch).

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ICS158/4/6 Liberation [Movement for Colonial Freedom]: London and Home Counties area 1969-1973

Reports, circulars, correspondence, annual reports, annual general meeting papers. Includes correspondence with Robert Mellish MP, drafts of Memorandum on race relations with Commonwealth Immigrants, 1969.

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ICS158/4/7 Liberation [Movement for Colonial Freedom]: London and Home Counties area 1954-1972

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ICS158/5/1 Liberation [Movement for Colonial Freedom]: c1954-1972,

	London and Home Counties area	1988
	Correspondence, papers. Includes national annual reports, policy statements (c1969-1972). Also includes Conference of Communist and Workers' Parties in countries within the sphere of British imperialism (1954 April), Fenner, his work lives on [memorial pamphlet for Fenner Brockway, 1988].	
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ICS158/5/2	Liberation	1968-1976
	Financial data. Includes General Council income and expenditure accounts.	
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ICS158/5/3	Race Relations Board	1971-1972
	Correspondence, papers. Topics include possible amendment of Race Relations Act of 1968, Hetherington affair, criticisms of Board, complaints against Shipping Federation and National Union of Seamen by Somali seamen in Liverpool (1971).	
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ICS158/6/1	Billy Strachan personal	c1950- c1969
	Copies and drafts of curriculum vitae (CVs).	
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ICS158/6/2	Correspondence	c1924-1958
	Topics include Seretse Khama campaign, Billy Strachan and Ferdinand Smith's detention in 1952, bus strike in Jamaica (1948). Also includes lyrics to calypso "Billy Strachan and Ferdinand" by Mentoman.	

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ICS158/6/3 Correspondence

**c1956-
c1962**

Correspondents include Richard Hart. Includes draft of People's Programme [for Jamaica], 1956. Topics include prospects for trade between British Guiana and Czechoslovakia; politics (especially Communist Party) in British Guiana, and Jamaica; Jamaican referendum of 1961; death of Ferdinand Smith, 1961.

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ICS158/7/1 Correspondence

c1958-1966

Correspondents include Cheddi Jagan, Janet Jagan, Richard Hart. Subjects include political situation in British Guiana, especially proposed establishment of college of liberal arts and sciences (1961); civil liberties in Jamaica, 1961. Also includes typescript review by Billy Strachan of "British Historians and the West Indies" by Eric Williams, 1966 March.

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ICS158/7/2 Correspondence

c1966-1970

Correspondents include Cheddi Jagan. Also minutes of the Angela Davis Defence Committee, April 1971.

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ICS158/7/3 Correspondence

1971

Correspondents include Cheddi Jagan, Fenner Brockway.

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| ICS158/8/1 | Correspondence | 1971-1995 |
| | Correspondents include Janet Jagan. Includes minutes of meetings of the Angela Davis Defence Committee, c1971. Also include invitation letter (c/o Billy Strachan) from Victor Halberstadt to Cheddi Jagan, 1972 January. | |
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| ICS158/8/2 | Correspondence | c1993-1996 |
| | Correspondents include Richard Hart, Janet Jagan. | |
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| ICS158/9/1 | Clerical and Administrative Union | c1949-
c1956 |
| | Includes leaflets, pamphlets, delegate's papers for 1955/6 conferences. | |
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| ICS158/9/2 | Strikes in Trinidad and Jamaica | c1937-
c1938 |
| | Correspondence, papers. Subjects also include Jamaican riots of 1937. Correspondents include Vivian Durham, Ben Bradley, League against Imperialism. | |
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This is a file of historical papers (ie Billy Strachan was not a protagonist in the file's contents). | |
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| ICS158/9/3 | Racism and discrimination | c1969-1975 |

Includes Communist Party reports, memoranda including Memorandum of the Present Situation in the Community Relations Commission by Joyce Bellamy (1970 Sep 17), pamphlets including Danger - racialsists at work by Tony Gilbert (Liberation, 1974).

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ICS158/10/1 Racism and discrimination 1966-1978

Includes Campaign against Racial Discrimination memoranda, pamphlets and papers. Also Interim Report and Proposed Activities for 1969-1970 by P. A. C. Sealey (Liaison Officer of the Friendship Council).

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ICS158/10/2 Racism and discrimination 1955-1994

Includes Communist Party of Great Britain memoranda such as Report on Coloured Workers in Britain (International Affairs Committee, March 1955), pamphlets (No Colour Bar for Britain by Phil Bolsover, 1955 June); draft of Reflections on the Struggles of the 1930s and 1940s, talk by Billy Strachan at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, 1993 Feb.

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ICS158/10/3 Conference of Communist and Workers' Parties in Countries within the Sphere of British Imperialism (1954 April) 1954-c1957

Conference papers. File also includes They were killed because they were negroes (c1951, West Indies Committee of the Communist Party); West Indians in Britain, report by the International Affairs Committee of the Communist Party (March 1957).

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ICS158/11/1 West Indies Newsletter **1949 Jan-1952 Sep**

Produced by the West Indies Committee of the Communist Party.

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ICS158/11/2 Jamaica: historical, social **1948-1975**

Includes memorandum, Trade Union and General Labour Situation in Jamaica (c1954); rules of the Communist Party of Jamaica (1975); Graveside Tribute to the Life of Ferdie Smith by Richard Hart (1961); report of the second annual conference of the Sugar and Agricultural Workers Union (1954 Nov); Ken Hill's reply to the government on the sale of public franchises (1948 Jun).

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ICS158/11/3 Jamaica - political **c1949-c1963**

Includes Short outline of the People's Freedom Movement (c1962); People's National Party, Plan for progress: the programme of the P.N.P (1949); Keep Left by Richard Hart (1952); What is socialism? draft by Richard Hart (c1960); Freedom Newsletter, 1958 August 23, 1959 Aug 7, 1960 Feb; post-election analysis by Richard Hart (March 1958); memorandum on elections, 1955 Feb; People's Freedom Movement draft socialist programme (Jan 1960); People's National Party election leaflets, c1949; The Socialist Programme - report of the first annual conference. Pamphlet, H. C. Buchanan...exposes Manley's Bauxite Deal (c1958).

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ICS158/12/1 Jamaica - political

**c1952-
c1954**

Topics include negotiations between the People's Freedom Movement and the Socialist Party of Jamaica (1962-3); "Jamaica since independence", memorandum by Idris Cox (April 1963); correspondence from Richard Hart; Report on Jamaica by West Indies Committee of the Communist Party, October 1963; "The Origin and Development of the People of Jamaica" by Richard Hart (Trade Union Congress, Jamaica, 1952); speech by Richard Hart at the founding conference of the Socialist Party of Jamaica (c1962); draft programme of the Socialist Party of Jamaica.

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ICS158/12/2 Jamaica - economic

**c1948-
c1973**

Includes National Income of Jamaica (Central Bureau of Statistics, Jamaica, c1947), A review of the economics conditions in Jamaica (Central Bureau of Statistics, Jamaica, 1949 May); A review of the developments in trade and industry in Jamaica during the period 1944-1954 (Ministry of Trade and Industry, Jamaica, 1954 November); The Coruba Story 1889-1949; Trade unionism in Jamaica (paper by Billy Strachan, 1961); Guide to industrial relations in Jamaica (Ministry of Labour, 1966); statement on economic policy at the first annual conference of the People's Freedom Movement, 1954; Bananas: a study of the crisis in the Jamaican banana industry (c1970, North London Hastlemere Group).

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ICS158/12/3 Jamaica - political

c1974-1988

Includes report on the Workers Party of Jamaica (1988); memorandum by the Independent Trades Unions Action Council on the Labour Relations and Industrial Disputes Act 1974; Struggle (journal of the Workers' Liberation League), 1975 November, 1976 July; The Price of Progress in Jamaica, draft paper by Billy Strachan; Jamaica, a challenge from the right (Cutlass pamphlet by Richard Hart, 1976); Cutlass bulletins, 1977, 1988; correspondence from Richard Hart, 1973-4; Jamaica De-stabilised, Agee-Hasendall Defence Committee pamphlet.

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ICS158/13/1 Jamaica - political

**c1948-
c1995**

Includes TUC Monthly Bulletin, 1948 July; Workers' Voice, 1952 March; An open letter to sugar workers and banana workers (Jamaica Federation of Trade Unions, 1959); Freedom Newsletter, 1958 August, 1959 February (People's Freedom Movement); photograph of Ferdinand Smith at a rally of the Sugar and Agricultural Workers; Union; letter from Richard Hart about life in Jamaica (1995 August); draft of speech by Billy Strachan at the Norman Manley centenary celebrations (1993).

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ICS158/13/2 West Indies Federation

**c1957-
c1961**

Includes speech by Billy Strachan to the People's Freedom Movement conference (1960 November); draft report on the Caribbean federation by the West Indies Committee of the Communist Party (of Great Britain); West Indies Federation an imperialist plot (People's Freedom Movement, c1961); Second Caribbean Labour Congress charter for Caribbean freedom (1947 September); Communist Party of Great Britain statements, c1958-1961; Caribbean Commission "Monthly Information Bulletin", 1952 April -October.

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- ICS158/13/3 West Indies Federation** **c1945-
c1975**
- Includes report of the conference of the Caribbean Labour Congress, 1945; "Progress in Caribbean Integration during 1973" (Caribbean Community Secretariat).
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- ICS158/14/1 West Indies Federation** **c1952-
c1961**
- Includes draft, The Referendum and the West Indies Federation by Idris Cox; draft statement of the Communist Party of Great Britain on the Caribbean Federation (1956 January), "West Indies", research and script synopsis by Cyril Bennett (c1956).
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- ICS158/14/2 West Indies Federation** **c1952-
c1969**
- Includes Unity: the time is now (West Indian Students' Union, 1969); Caribbean Labour Congress leaflets and reports.
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- ICS158/14/3 Trade unions in the West Indies** **c1952-
c1960**
- Includes Freedom Newsletter, 1956-57 (incomplete); The People, 1952 June 7.
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ICS158/15/1 Trinidad and Tobago - Political **c1956-1975**

Includes "For New and Better Democracy and Tobago" by Lennox Pierre and John La Rose [West Indies Independence Party of Trinidad and Tobago, 1952]; The Circle, 1963-4.

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ICS158/15/2 Trinidad and Tobago - economic **c1950-1970**

Includes P.N.M. Weekly (1956 June 25); National Income of Trinidad and Tobago 1951 to 1957 (Government of Trinidad and Tobago Statistical Office); OWTU Leadership and Truth; the facts behind the Rahament Motor Supplies Gas Stations Issue (Lewis King, 1961); Workers' Educational Association, WEA News (1968 November-1969 July).

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ICS158/16/1 Trinidad and Tobago - political **c1950-
c1973**

Includes memorandum, Independence for Trinidad and Tobago (1962); "Oilfields Workers Trade Union July 1937-July 1977", anniversary booklet; handwritten constitution of the West Indian Independence Party of Trinidad and Tobago; Union of Revolutionary Organisations statements; Statement on occupation of its office by the executive committee of the Oilfields Workers Trade Union, 1970 May; Union of Revolutionary Organisations, "The Struggle against Dictatorship", 1971. Also includes memorandum by Fred Dalley regarding the Oilfields Workers Trade Union regarding relations with the employers and alleged vilification of non-communist union leaders (1954 February).

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ICS158/16/2 West Indies Federation

**c1958-
c1975**

Includes annual report of West Indian Workers and Students Association, 1958; "The Exploitation of Surinam by the Netherlands and the USA", report of the Surinam Committee, 1958; Caribbean Free Trade Association Agreement and Related Documents, 1968 (Kingston); correspondence from Richard Hart about West Indian federation (1958) and the new left in Jamaica (1973).

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ICS158/17/1 West Indies Federation

c1952-1963

Includes Claudia Jones funeral programme (1965 January); draft report on the Caribbean Federation (West Indies Committee of the Communist Party of Great Britain), 1956 June; "The Triumph", 1957 September; Directory of Employers Associations, Trade Unions, Joint Organisations etc in the British Caribbean area (1952 February); "Caribbean", draft by Billy Strachan, c1966

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ICS158/17/2 British Guiana

**c1961-
c1964**

Papers on British Guiana (Guyana). Include draft statement "On the political situation" by Cheddi Jagan (1961); "Guiana Today" (British Guiana Freedom Association, 1961); Notes on the trade union movement in British Guiana showing it is under the domination of the United States trade union movement, whose aim is the overthrow of the government of British Guiana (1963 June); official papers from the Premier's Office on disturbances in British Guiana, 1963; Memorandum by the government on the background to the February

1962 disturbances.

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ICS158/17/3 British Guiana 1964-1965

Correspondence, memoranda about alleged terrorist incidents 1963-4. Includes correspondence between Cheddi Jagan (Premier) and Sir Richard Luyt (Governor).

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Some material (file 2) is CLOSED for until 2044 under section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act.

ICS158/17/4 British Guiana 1963-1964

Memoranda regarding civil disturbances. Includes "Attempts by the opposition in British Guiana to overthrow the government by violent means after the election of August 1961". Letter to Alec Douglas-Hume, Prime Minister, from Cheddi Jagan (24 June 1964) regarding Harold Wilson's proposal to put British Guiana on the agenda of the prime ministers' conference.

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ICS158/17/5 British Guiana 1963-1964

Includes correspondence between the Commissioner of Police and Governor to the Minister of Home Affairs.

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ICS158/18/1 British Guiana 1960

Executive Council minutes.

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| ICS158/18/2 | British Guiana | 1961 |
| | Executive Council minutes. File of Cheddi Jagan. | |
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| ICS158/18/3 | British Guiana | 1963-1966 |
| | Guyana Import-Export Limited balance sheets. | |
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| ICS158/18/4 | British Guiana | c1966 |
| | Accabre College: correspondence course papers including the political development of Guyana. | |
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| ICS158/18/5 | Guyana - border controversy | c1966-
c1981 |
| | Includes "Border conspiracy exposed" by Cheddi Jagan (c1968); "The Venezuelan Border Issue: a sell out by the coalition government in Guyana" by H.J.M. Hubbard (1966, People's Progressive Party). | |
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| ICS158/18/6 | Guyana | 1991-1999 |

Includes Epilogue by Cheddi Jagan (1994 February); letter by Janet Jagan expressing concern about security arrangements for Cheddi Jagan.

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ICS158/19/1 Guyana justice system

**c1994-
c1997**

"Guyana: review and refurbishment of the justice system in Guyana", report by Billy Strachan (1997 January). Includes correspondence, notes.

2 files

ICS158/19/2 Barbados

**c1955-
c1967**

Includes constitution of the Democratic Labour Party (1955). Draft of Billy Strachan's (?) contribution on imperialism to the West Indies Committee of the Communist Party of Great Britain, 1965 May; draft of Federation of the British Occupied Caribbean Islands (1965, Communist Party); Barbados Development Plan 1962-1965. Also Truth, 1960s: Torch (1956 December 29); The federal negotiations 1962-1965 and constitutional proposals for Barbados (draft memorandum, Communist Party, 1965).

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ICS158/20/1 Barbados

c1969-1977

Includes "Black Star", 1969 Jan 25.

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ICS158/20/2 St. Kitts and the Leeward Islands

**c1960-
c1972**

Includes "Barbuda? What is it?" draft by Billy Strachan (1968 April); draft statement on the invasion of Anguilla by the Movement for Colonial Freedom (1969 April); notes by Billy Strachan on the rebellion in Anguilla (c1967).

2 files

ICS158/20/3 British Honduras / Belize 1935-c1981

Includes papers of the Movement for Colonial Freedom British Honduras Emergency Committee, 1968; correspondence between the League against Imperialism, Eleanor Rathbone MP and the Colonial Office about the British Honduras Ordinance, 1935 Dec - 1936 Jan; "The British Honduras Saga" draft by Billy Strachan, circa 1968 May; abstract of statistics May 1961 (Belize, British Honduras).

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ICS158/20/4 Haiti c1977-1997

Includes Haiti Support Group "Briefing", 1994-1996; "USA invades Haiti again" draft by Billy Strachan, "Haiti Info" 1995.

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ICS158/20/5 Haiti 1994-1996

Includes "Haiti Info" 1995-6; In defence of democracy in Haiti (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Guyana, 1994).

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ICS158/21/1 Guyana - People's Progressive Party c1970-c1985

Includes Guyana Information Bulletin, c1970-c1986; Thunder, 1980-1984 (incomplete); pamphlets including Bitter Sugar and the Working People (Clinton Collymore, 1984), Forward with the Women's Struggle (1983); Guyana Voice, c1980-1985 (incomplete)

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ICS158/21/2 Guyana

c1971-1974

News from Guyana [Ministry of Information], 1971; Guynews, 1973-4

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ICS158/21/3 Guyana

**c1953-
c1981**

Includes Catholic Standard, 1981 Sept; newsletters including Guyana Information Bulletin, 1981; People's Progressive Party pamphlets including "133 Days Towards Freedom in Guyana" by Ashton Chase (c1953); "Party of a New Type" (1974); "Race and Politics in Guyana" by Cheddi Jagan and Ram Karran (1974); "Army Intervention in the 1973 Elections" by Janet Jagan; Guy News, c1972-1976 (incomplete).

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ICS158/22/1 British Guiana / Guyana

**c1957-
1970s**

Includes correspondence, People's Progressive Party statements and circulars, circulars of the British Guiana Freedom Association. Topics include political situation in the run-up to independence, Guyana Agricultural Workers' Union strike for recognition by the Sugar Producers' Association (c1964). Also "May Day Celebrations", pamphlet (1957). Draft speech (undated) by Carlyle W. Liverpool.

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ICS158/22/2 British Guiana / Guyana

c1964-1979

Correspondents include Cheddi Jagan on the political situation (1975). Topics include General elections of 1973, statements of People's Progressive Party, freedom of the press (and the closure of the Mirror), 1979.

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ICS158/22/3 Guyana

c1968-1973

Political situation. Includes statements by the People's Progressive Party, Cheddi Jagan, elections of 1968 and 1973.

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ICS158/23/1 Guyana Information Bulletin

**c1973-
c1979, 1981**

Newsletter of the People's Progressive Party.

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ICS158/23/2 Guyana

**c1963-
c1980**

People's Progressive Party pamphlets, newsletters including "The Anatomy of Poverty in British Guiana" by Cheddi Jagan, "British Guiana's Future: peaceful or violent? (c1964), "Guyana's 1980 election fraud"; "The Full Cry: the voice of Guyana for full freedom (October 1963, People's National Congress); Guyana Voice (People's Progressive Party, UK branch), c1976-1980 (incomplete); Guyana News, 1969, 1970; Guyana Today, 1974-1976 (incomplete).

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ICS158/23/3 Guyana **1971-1972**
Thunder (People's Progressive Party journal),
incomplete series.
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ICS158/24 Guyana **c1976-
c1978**
Mirror (newspaper published by the New Guyana
Company), incomplete run.
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See also reference ICS158/38.

ICS158/25/1 Guyana **c1973-1976**
Mirror (newspaper published by the New Guyana
Company), incomplete run.
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ICS158/25/2 Guyana **c1996**
The Political Economy of Guyana, by Billy
Strachan.
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ICS158/25/3 British Guiana / Guyana political situation **c1963-
c1980**
Includes statement of policy by the People's
National Congress, c1964. Correspondence with
Cheddi Jagan, Richard Hart. Memoranda by the
Guyana Agricultural and General Workers' Union
(and General Council report, 1975), Guiana

Committee for Democracy. Other topics include trade union rights for sugar workers, rice crisis.

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ICS158/26/1 British Guiana 1964

Correspondence, papers.

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CLOSED until 2045 (Freedom of Information Act section 40).

ICS158/26/2 British Guiana 1968

Correspondence, papers.

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CLOSED until 2036 (Freedom of Information Act section 40).

**ICS158/26/3 New Guiana Publishing Company Ltd 1959
October-
1964**

Board of Directors minutes.

Minute book

**ICS158/26/4 New Guiana Printing Company Ltd 1959
November -
1984 July**

Minute book. Includes minutes of annual general meetings, annual accounts.

1 minute book

See also references ICS158/44/1-2.

ICS158/27/1	New Guiana Printing Company Ltd Register of members 1 volume	1959 Oct - c1973
ICS158/27/2	New Guiana Publishing Company Ltd Memorandum and articles of association 1 volume	1959 September 14
ICS158/27/3	Caribbean Co-operative Society Register of members 1 volume	1950 October 29
ICS158/27/4	Afro-caribbean people in the UK Publications, circulars. Includes memoranda and bulletins of the Race Relations Board, Institute of Race Relations briefing papers, Liverpool Community Relations Council, "The Colour Bar" by Harold A. Moody; "Immigrants the Facts" Camden Committee for Race Relations, c1968; Memorandum on Race Relations with Commonwealth Immigrants (London and Home Counties Area Council of the Movement for Colonial Freedom, c1969), Caribbean Workers' Weekly, 1965 July; The Caribbean, 1965 June-July. Also, Caribbean Labour Solidarity Newsletter, 1984 February; Cutlass: bulletin of Caribbean Labour Solidarity, 1988 March-July. 2 folders	c1944- c1997

- ICS158/28/1 Afro-caribbean people in the UK** **c1952-
c1961**
- "No colour bar in Britain" file. Includes notes by Billy Strachan, letter by Cheddi Jagan (1954 June), "Should we control immigration?" by Ben Parkin MP; statement on current events in Kenya (Caribbean Labour Congress); "Don't Blame the Blacks" Afro-West Indian Union, Nottingham Trades Council, c1957.
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- ICS158/28/2 Law in the Caribbean** **c1970-1997**
- Includes The Judicial Approach, undated memorandum by Billy Strachan.
- 3 folders
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- ICS158/29/1 Capitalism, Marxism: theory and practice of politics** **c1950s-
1960s**
- Circulars, publications including Communist Party Central Education Department syllabus, "British Capitalism Today" (July 1965), "The Class Struggle" (February 1962); Economic and Political Notes, compiled by the Education and Research Department of the People's Progressive Party (c1968).
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- ICS158/29/2 Oil in the West Indies** **c1951-1954**
- Includes Caribbean Labour Congress memorandum "Oil" by Billy Strachan, 1954 Sept, with precis of West Indian oil companies. Company annual reports including Premier Consolidated Oilfields Ltd, Trinidad Development Company Ltd, British Controlled Oilfields, c1952-4.
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| ICS158/29/3 | Sugar - the story of a colony | 1955-1964 |
| | <p>Research file for the pamphlet written by Billy Strachan. Includes draft version. Press-cuttings from West Indian newspapers (eg the Democrat), Memorandum on the Sugar Industry in British Guiana by Cheddi Jagan (1948). Also includes printed material on sugar (eg from The Truth, 1964); newsletter regarding general strike of sugar plantation workers in British Guiana, 1964 April.</p> <p>1 folder</p> | |
| ICS158/30/1 | Sugar industry | c1952-
c1993 |
| | <p>Includes press-cuttings from West Indian newspapers (eg Mirror, Thunder), 1960s-1970s; statement on the Persaud report by the Guyana Sugar Producers' Association, 1968; Bitter Sugar by Cheddi Jagan (c1952); Committee of Enquiry into the dispute between the West Indies Sugar Company and workers employed by Monymusk...represented by Bustamante Industrial Trade Union in the National Workers Union (1965 Oct).</p> <p>1 folder</p> | |
| ICS158/30/2 | Report of the Commission of Inquiry on the Sugar Industry of Jamaica
Annotated by Billy Strachan. | 1960
January |
| | <p>1 report</p> | |
| ICS158/30/3 | Jamaican labour periodicals | 1939-1950 |

Jamaica Arise: the political and labour guide, c1947-1950 (incomplete run); Jamaica Labour Weekly, 1938 May 24th-1939 July 29th.

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ICS158/31/1 Labour movement in the West Indies

**c1932-
c1964**

Includes correspondence on compulsory sterilisation and unemployment in Bermuda (1937) between the Communist Party of Great Britain officials and (British) Labour Party officials and MPS. Also "Caribbean Review", 1940 May-June; "Worker and Peasant", May-July 1940; draft, "The Government lies with the people of Jamaica" by B. Ashe (undated); "New Dawn", 1940 November; rules of Trinidad and Tobago Union of Shop Assistants and Clerks, 1938 October; "The Carib", 1964 October; "The Vanguard of the Army of Hope", pamphlet of speech by Norman Manley, 1949 August; Caribbean Hindu Society, 1963 Dec; "The Peasantry" [published Georgetown], 1949 June; PNP Newsletter, 1951 Nov; The Times [Kingston, Jamaica] 1950 Dec; Port of Spain Gazette, 1939 Dec.

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ICS158/31/2 The Federated Newsletter

1949-1950

Published in Port of Spain, Trinidad by the Workers' Literary and Cultural Group. Incomplete series (editions of 1949 August, 1950 Jan, June, Aug-Sept).

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ICS158/31/3 Sugar industry

c1965-1980

Includes "Bitter Sugar: the exploitation of plantation workers of Guyana" (Guyana Agricultural Workers Union, May 1975); Guyana Information Bulletin edition covering sugar workers' strike, 1975 April. Other subjects include implications of Lome Convention.

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ICS158/31/4 Sugar industry

**c1948-
c1970**

Includes company annual reports, 1969-1970 (eg West Indies Sugar Company Ltd), "New World: the sugar industry our life or death", 1967 December; memorandum on the sugar industry of British Guiana by Cheddi Jagan, 1948; "Labour displacement in a surplus economy: the sugar industry of British Guiana" by Edwin Reubens and Beatrice Reubens (1962, University of West Indies); newsletter on sugar plantation strike in British Guiana, 1964 April; "Sugar in Jamaica" by C. A. Bloomfield (c1966).

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ICS158/31/5 British Guiana Freedom Association

c1963

Constitution, annual general meeting papers.

1 folder

ICS158/31/6 West Indies, Caribbean politics

c1970-1986

Includes draft by Billy Strachan, "The Caribbean", 1976 Nov; "The Caribbean Basin as a Zone of Peace" by Cheddi Jagan, 1983; speech by Cheddi Jagan at the conference of communist parties of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1975; "The Caribbean revolution - tasks and perspectives" by Cheddi Jagan (c1970s).

1 folder

- ICS158/31/7 The Bahamas, Grenada** **c1968-1992**
- Includes "Commonwealth of the Bahama Islands" draft by Billy Strachan (1968 Nov); Committee for Human Rights in Grenada newsletters, circulars (c1980s); "The Grenada Murder Trial: no case for hanging. An analysis by Tony Gifford, QC", pamphlet (c1992). "Grenada: assessment of the revolution", text of lecture by Richard Hart at the University of the West Indies, March 1984.
- 1 folder
- ICS158/32/1 Jamaica** **1950s-1960s**
- Includes notes by Billy Strachan; "Independence and the People of Jamaica: a statement of policy by the People's National Party", c1960; "The OPTU - BP Case", 1967.
- 1 folder
- ICS158/32/2 Jamaica economic and general** **c1950s-1960s**
- Includes "Fact sheets on Jamaica" [Jamaica Information Service, c1965]; "Jamaica", draft by Billy Strachan (1962 March); News Bulletin Special (1966 Jun 15); Economic Survey of Jamaica (1965 and 1966 editions).
- 2 files
- ICS158/32/3 Lionel Jeffrey Memorial Lecture** **1994 July**

Draft of lecture by Billy Strachan on Caribbean unity.

1 folder

ICS158/33/1 Transnational companies

**c1960s-
1970s**

Circulars, publications, conference papers on multinational companies. Includes undated papers from Recession or Revival conference (authors include Judith Hart); World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) circulars.

1 folder

ICS158/33/2 X-Press Print

1955-1968

Hand-written balance sheets, annual accounts for X-Press Print (run by Billy Strachan).

1 folder

ICS158/33/3 Freedom

**c1954-1962
March**

Organ of the People's Freedom Movement, Kingston, Jamaica. Incomplete series.

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ICS158/33/4 Freedom

**1954 March
- 1959
September**

Published in Trinidad. Official organ of the West Indies Independence Party.

1 folder

- ICS158/33/5 Communist Party of Great Britain and racism in Britain** **c1949-1970**
 Publications and circulars on immigration and racism. Includes "The coloured worker" (Cardiff Communist Party, 1949 June), "The Colonial Worker" (Stepney Communist Party, c1950).
 1 folder
- ICS158/33/6 The Dawn** **1949 November**
 Edition of journal. Published by the New International Society [Merseyside branch]. Includes article by J. B. S. Haldane on heredity.
 1 journal
- ICS158/33/7 Middle East** **c1969-1980s**
 Circulars and publications. Subjects include the nationalisation of Iraqi oil, newsletter, leaflets of the Committee Against Repression and for Democratic Rights in Iraq, c1979-80. Also Movement for Colonial Freedom circulars. Other memoranda including a (Communist Party of Great Britain?) statement on the two communist parties in Israel, 1965.
 1 folder
- ICS158/33/8 Bermuda** **c1960s-1970s**
 Subjects includes proceedings at press conference by Bermuda Progressive Labour Party, Nov 1966; Liberation circulars and protests against proposed executions, 1978 Jan.
 1 file

ICS158/33/9	Dominica Includes leaflets, papers of the Free Desmond Trotter campaign. 1 folder	c1970s
ICS158/33/10	Cuba Publications, circulars including "News from Cuba", "Cuba's Struggle for Freedom" (London Communist Party pamphlet, 1961). "Cuba", Movement for Colonial Freedom publication, 1969 1 folder	c1960-1969
ICS158/33/11	Privatisation - cause, effect, result Typescript draft by Billy Strachan. 1 file	c1994
ICS158/34/1	Afro-West Indian Clarion Newspaper. Published by Plough Press, Clapham High Street. 1 newspaper	1956 June - 1956 July
ICS158/34/2	West Indies Gazette and Afro-Asian Caribbean News	1960 December

Newspaper. Published by Coloured People's Publishing House Ltd, Brixton.

1 newspaper

ICS158/34/3 The Nation

**1961
January 6 -
1963
November
29**

Newspaper, formerly PNM Weekly. Published by PNM Publishing, Port of Spain, Trinidad.

ICS158/35/1 Caribbean News

**1952
November-
1956 June**

Bi-monthly/monthly newspaper. Published by X-Press Print, edited by Billy Strachan.

1 folder

ICS158/36 Thunder

**1950 April-
1964
January**

Newspaper of the People's Progressive Party, Guyana. Incomplete series. Published in Guyana by the New Guiana Company.

See also reference ICS158/23/3.

ICS158/37 The Truth

**1961
August-
1963 June**

Newspaper. Published in Bridgetown, Barbados.

ICS158/38 The Mirror

**1963 June
23, 1982
April - 1986
January**

Newspaper. Incomplete series. Published by the New Guiana Company Ltd, Georgetown, Guyana.

See also reference ICS158/24.

ICS158/39 Quill

**1974 May-
August**

Newspaper of the National Association of Agricultural, Commercial and Industrial Employees (NAACIE). Published by the New Guiana Company, Georgetown.

ICS158/40 Second Caribbean Labour Congress Report

**1947
October**

In newspaper format. A "New World" monthly supplement to "Masses". The congress took place in September 1947.

ICS158/41 The Jamaica Gleaner

**1960 June
30 - 1964
January 24**

Overseas edition. Published in Kingston, Jamaica.

- ICS158/42 Caribbean Labour Congress (London branch) membership register** **c1948-
c1950**
Handwritten entries arranged alphabetically.

1 volume
- ICS158/43 Photographs of Cheddi Jagan's motorcade** **c1961**
Photographs (assumed to be by news agency photographer) of open-topped motorcade.

1 folder
- ICS158/44/1 New Guyana Printing Company Limited** **c1959-
c1969**

Correspondence, accounts. Also known as the New Guiana Printing Company Limited.

1 file

See also references ICS158/26/4, ICS158/27/1-2.
- ICS158/44/2 New Guyana Printing Company Limited** **c1959-1989**
Includes directors' reports, accounts, articles of association. Also includes undated (circa 1959) proposal to launch "progressive" national newspaper in Guyana.

2 files
- ICS158/44/3 Cuba** **c1966-
c1968**

Includes Communist Party of Great Britain International Committee report on Tri-continental conference (1966 January); Britain-Cuba Bulletin number 1 (1968 March); report of the meeting of the Ospala with foreign delegates (1966 July 24).

1 file

ICS158/44/4 People's Republic of China c1969-1978

Includes report to the 9th national congress of the Communist Party of China by Lin Piao (1969 April); China: an analysis of recent developments (Communist Party of Great Britain International Department memorandum, c1978).

1 file

ICS158/44/5 Socialism Today - review 1973

Draft review by Billy Strachan (annotated typescript, 3 pages) for *Labour Monthly*. Also copy of *Socialism Today* by A. Bezuglov (Progress Publishers, Moscow, 1973).

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