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Washington, D. C.

April 5, 1943

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- Mr. Clegg ✓
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- Mr. Quinn Tamm
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN

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In accordance with your instructions I attended the meeting of the National Police Advisory Committee on Social Protection held on April 2, 1943, at the Statler Hotel. This meeting convened at 2:00 P.M. on April 2, 1943, and previous thereto I had spoken to Mr. Clegg who was to attend the Executive Board meeting of the International Association of Chiefs of Police in the morning at the same place.

I met Mr. Clegg after the luncheon at the Statler Hotel and he introduced me to Joseph T. Owens, President of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. Shortly thereafter the afternoon session convened.

There is attached hereto the agenda of the afternoon session which was presided over by Messrs. Taft and Ness of the Federal Security Agency and Mr. Owens of the I.A.C.P. who was substituting for Donald S. Leonard who was not in attendance.

The program proceeded as indicated on the attached agenda. After introductory remarks by Mr. Taft dealing with cooperation and general congratulatory statements, Commander T. J. Carter of the Naval Medical Corps reported on achievements in the reduction of venereal disease infection in the Navy and there is attached hereto a mimeographed copy of his remarks and figures in this connection which he made available to all those present.

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas B. Turner, Medical Corps of the Army, spoke similarly and informed that for the past three months the overall venereal disease rate for the Army was 10 per thousand per year. He elaborated on this to explain that among the white military personnel this rate was 17 per thousand per year and among the negro personnel 120 per thousand per year. He went on to state that regarding syphilis alone as distinguished from other venereal infection, the rate was 5 per thousand per year the past four months for the whole Army as compared with 10 per thousand per year which prevailed during the last part of the war and that in this regard the white rate was 2.4 per thousand and

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and the negro rate 26 per thousand. It is interesting to note here that while the figure of 25 per thousand was quoted as the prevailing rate for the past three or four months, I was informed in January of this year by Major Robert Dyer of the Surgeon General's office that the rate for the entire army at that time was approximately 38 per thousand per year while the rate for the Air Corps alone was 28 per thousand. I suppose there is some statistical explanation for this discrepancy but I was unable to obtain any information in regard to it.

During the major portion of the program I sat with Colonel Turner and engaged in conversation with him from time to time. He stated he was aware of the effective work being done by the Bureau in its white slave and May Act jurisdictions to counteract prostitution and was appreciative of it. I took occasion to inform Colonel Turner of the up-to-date statistics of convictions under the statutes.

The next speaker on the program was Elliott Ness who acted as co-chairman with Mr. Taft at the meeting and he praised the program of the Social Protection Section of the Federal Security Agency which seems to embrace all avenues of activity. The burden of his remarks was "cooperation" and while he very cleverly gave credit to all agencies represented at the conference he took frequent occasion to project his own importance as Director of the Social Protection Section into his remarks and dealt with his own activities to considerable extent.

Dr. William Snow of the American Social Hygiene Association gave a short talk commending the program in general and commenting on the advancement during his twenty-five year association with the problem of venereal disease control.

Mr. Joseph T. Owens of the I.A.C.P. then gave a short involved statement in which he emphasized the difficulties encountered by police departments in suppressing prostitution, bringing out particularly the opposition encountered in the form of owners' property and stating that police departments would be only as effective as the public wished them to be. He also mentioned the difficulties encountered in police departments due to the loss of experienced personnel to the army by induction and enlistment. He pointed out in this connection that police responsibilities were increasing due to wartime conditions whereas the supply of experienced personnel was diminishing and used the situation requiring particular efforts to suppress prostitution as an example of the increased responsibility of law enforcement agencies.

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Mr. William ~~S~~outer of the International Sheriff's Association then gave a very bombastic talk in which he stated he had come to Washington prepared to uphold the position of the Sheriff's Association regarding this same matter of manpower shortage due to inductions and enlistments but that he had been converted while here and now was prepared to turn over every sheriff in the United States to the Army without further delay. He became rather hysterical during this talk and at the end was shouting, having substituted sound for sense.

Brigadier General B. C. ~~D~~raper, Chief Constable of Toronto, Canada, gave a short talk reviewing the experience of past years in connection with prostitution and venereal disease repression and commended the ends and purposes of the present conference.

Lieutenant Colonel George ~~B~~aker of the Selective Service headquarters talked at some length explaining the problems of Selective Service. He stated that the President had given specific directions as to the necessity for having eleven million men under arms by the end of 1943. He stated that the reservoir of eligible men between 18 and 37 years of age included twenty-two million; that from previous induction experience approximately 42% of these could be expected to be exempted for physical disabilities including venereal infection as well as less serious ills. He stated that in addition between three and a half million and four million men of the reservoir were engaged in agricultural pursuits which would be the basis for exemption and that accordingly it could be anticipated that all the rest of the reservoir would be in the armed services by the end of 1943. He pointed out this would include members of police departments and he encouraged the police departments accordingly to begin to obtain personnel immediately outside the age groups of 18 to 37. In the course of his remarks he unfortunately used the words "bartenders" and "race track bookies" and immediately upon his closing comments Edward J. Kelly of the Rhode Island State Police leaped to his feet and with a great show of force and resentment defended the police of the country from the inference which he asserted Colonel Baker had made that they were all bartenders and race track bookies. Of course, Colonel Baker had not actually made this inference and no such inference could have been obtained from his remarks. Either Mr. Kelly had not listened to him or was seizing the occasion to present some of his ideas and to demand some spectacular attention. Considerable heat was generated at this point by Kelly, and Taft who was in the chair at the time attempted on several occasions to inject himself into Kelly's remarks and

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slow him up but was unsuccessful. At this point in the proceedings it looked as if the meeting might degenerate into a riot and both Taft and Ness were obviously somewhat worried. However, Colonel Baker as soon as Kelly had slowed down, answered by explaining that he had not intended the inference which Kelly had taken from his remarks and made a complete and thorough apology adding that if such an inference had been made he was retracting it. At this point Taft suggested that an intermission was in order and the conference was discontinued for a ten minute interval.

After the intermission short talks were presented by E. S. Higgins, president of the Yellow Cab Company of Philadelphia and representative here of the National Organization of Taxicab Operators, Robert K. Christenberry, an official of the Hotel Astor, New York City, and representing the National Hotel Operators Association, and Howard Jones, secretary, Council of Alcoholic Beverage Industries. Jones, with whom I had a short conversation, is a former Department of Justice Attorney and was active in the latter days of prohibition enforcement with the Department. The talks by these latter three men were in the form of assurances of cooperation on the part of the businesses they represented toward the repression of prostitution.

The final speaker on the program was Mr. Clewell Sykes, Chief of the Taxicab Section of the Office of Defense Transportation. Sykes gave a rather clever talk explaining the operations of his unit and inferring that it would be cooperative in the present program.

Dr. Hahn, who replaced Dr. Otis Anderson of the U. S. Public Health Service on this program, gave a short talk again dealing with the plans of the Public Health Service in the matter of establishing centers for the treatment of venereal infection. No substantial claims were made by Dr. Hahn that any of these centers were actually established and it was impossible to gather from his talk any very substantial information.

Immediately before the intermission Mr. Taft took occasion to acknowledge the presence of Colonel McCullough, Colonel James V. Walsh and Major William A. Brumfield of the War Department and of myself as a representative of the FBI. This was the only occasion during the program in which any mention was made of this Bureau.

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The total attendance at this program was approximately 60 or 65 including those listed on the program of addresses. With the exception of the reports made by Commander Carter of the Navy and Colonel Turner of the Army there was no substantial indication of accomplishment toward the objectives of venereal disease repression and all of the other speakers dealt in terms of mutual congratulation because of the degree of cooperation apparent. Various references were made by the speakers to the fact that much had been accomplished in the past 25 years toward the objectives of venereal disease repression but no solid facts were shown to be resultant with the exception of a comment made by Elliott Ness to the effect that 20 years ago it was impossible to mention the words syphilis and gonorrhoea in public, whereas today it was quite possible. This was regarded as a great advance by all members who commented thereon.

With the exception of the explosion of Edward J. Kelly of the Rhode Island State Police above described, all those in attendance seemed to be on good terms on the surface at least. However, there was an obvious undercurrent of dissatisfaction on the part of the police in attendance who evidently feel that on the one hand their efforts to enforce local ordinances against prostitution are too frequently opposed by elements of personal or special interests in their localities and on the other feel that while special emphasis is being given to such problems today and while they are being asked to more aggressively enforce anti-prostitution ordinances, they are being deprived of their more able and capable personnel at the same time.

During the meeting neither Taft nor Ness had anything to contribute of the nature which would console the police in this regard and after boiling down their remarks their only rolls were those of conciliators and back slappers.

Respectfully,


R. F. Cartwright

AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of the
NATIONAL ADVISORY POLICE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL PROTECTION

Friday, April 2, 1943 - 2:00 P.M. Hotel Statler
Private Dining Room #4
Washington, D.C.

Presiding
Charles P. Taft, (Chairman)
National Advisory Police Committee on Social Protection

Donald S. Leonard, (Chairman)
Executive Committee
National Advisory Police Committee on Social Protection

- I. DEVELOPMENTS IN THE VENEREAL DISEASE CONTROL PROGRAM:
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|--|-----------------------------|
| The Navy | - Com. T.J. Carter, MC, USN |
| The Army | - Lt. Col. Thomas B. Turner |
| U.S. Public Health Service | - Dr. Otis Anderson |
| Social Protection Section | - Eliot Ness |
| The American Social Hygiene Association | - Dr. William F. Snow |
| The International Association of
Chiefs of Police | - Joseph T. Owens |
| The National Sheriffs' Association | - William Souter |
| Canada | - Brig. Gen. B.C. Draper |
- II. HOTELS COOPERATE IN REPRESSION
OF PROSTITUTION - Robert K. Christenberry
- III. TAXICAB ORGANIZATIONS COOPERATE
IN REPRESSION OF PROSTITUTION - E. S. Higgins
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| ODT regulations on taxi
operations in wartime | - Clewell Sykes |
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- IV. THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL OF ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGE INDUSTRIES - Howard Jones
- V. SELECTIVE SERVICE AND WAR MAN-
POWER REGULATIONS AFFECTING
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS - Lt. Col. George Baker
- VI. DISCUSSION BY PARTICIPANTS

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ENCLOSURE

PERSONS ATTENDING

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of National Advisory Police Committee on Social Protection

Donald S. Leonard, CHAIRMAN, Captain, Michigan State Police
Immediate Past President of International Association
of Chiefs of Police

Joseph T. Owens, Chief of Police, Rome, New York
(Chairman, Special Committee on Prevention of the National
Advisory Police Committee on Social Protection)
President, International Association of Chiefs of Police

Edward J. Kelly, Superintendent, Rhode Island State Police
(Chairman, Special Committee on Enforcement of the National
Advisory Police Committee on Social Protection)
Executive Secretary, International Association of Chiefs of Police

Donald F. Stiver, Superintendent, Indiana State Police
Former Chairman of State Section, International Association
of Chiefs of Police

John L. Sullivan, Chief of Police, Pittsfield, Massachusetts
Treasurer, International Association of Chiefs of Police

John F. Woods, Chief of Police, Norfolk, Virginia
Member of Executive Committee, International Association of
Chiefs of Police

Homer W. Garrison, Jr., Director of Texas State Department of Public Safety
Secretary of State Section, International Association
of Chiefs of Police

William Souter, Sheriff, Erie County, Ohio
President, National Sheriffs' Association

Charles J. Hahn, Jr., Secretary, National Sheriffs' Association

Eliot Ness, Director, Social Protection Section, Office of Defense Health &
Welfare Services

OTHER MEMBERS OF NATIONAL ADVISORY POLICE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL PROTECTION

Charles P. Taft, Assistant Director, Defense Health & Welfare Services

Robert K. Christenberry, American Hotel Association, New York, New York

E. S. Higgins, President, Yellow Cab Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

D. C. Coleman, Sheriff, Dade County, Florida

ARMY

Col. G. S. McCullough, G.S.C., War Department, Washington, D.C.

Col. James V. Walsh, Director of Military Police Division, War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Lt. Col. Thomas B. Turner, Office of the Surgeon General, War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Major William A. Brumfield, Office of the Surgeon General, War Department,
Washington, D.C.

NAVY

Com. John L. Reynolds, Director, Welfare Division, Navy Department, Washington, D.C.

Com. T. J. Carter, Division of Preventive Medicine, Navy Department, Washington,
D.C.

U.S.P.H.S.

Dr. Otis Anderson, Assistant Chief, Division of Venereal Diseases, U.S. Public
Health Service

A.S.H.A.

Dr. William F. Snow, American Social Hygiene Association

GUESTS

- Brig. Gen. B. C. Draper, Second Vice President, International Association
of Chiefs of Police
Chief Constable, Toronto, Canada
- Lt. Col. George Baker, Selective Service, Chief of Manpower Division,
Washington, D.C.
- Clewell Sykes, Chief, Taxicab Section, Division of Local Transport, Office
of Defense Transportation, Washington, D.C.
- Howard Jones, Secretary, Council of Alcoholic Beverage Industries,
Washington, D.C.
- Lt. Col. James F. Wahl, Chief of Organization Branch, Military Police,
War Department, Washington, D.C.
- Maj. Gen. M. W. Ireland, Former Surgeon General, War Department, Washington, D. C.

Korean General

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overall 25 per thousand for 3 or 4 years

Syphilis

under 5 per 1000 for first 4 years

last war 16 per

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

June 17, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

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_____ of the Office of I.A.C.P. telephoned.

Elliott Ness is calling a meeting of the Washington Security Vice Control Group in New York on June 26. The meeting will last from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM. A large number of the members of the Board of Officers are members of this group and will be present.

The Board of Officers of the I.A.C.P. is taking advantage of the presence of such a large group of the members of the Board of Officers to call a meeting of the Board of Officers and I was invited to be present as a member of the Executive Committee at the meeting to be held at the Pennsylvania Hotel.

It was indicated that Ness' program on vice control would begin at 9:30 AM and would probably last until 4:30 PM and that the Board of Officers meeting would convene thereafter and will probably last four or five hours.

Respectfully,
H. H. Clegg
 H. H. Clegg

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Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Detroit - Michigan
August 7, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Expenses of Police Paid by Elliott Ness

I came out on the train to Detroit, Michigan, and met [REDACTED] He informed me that his expenses, at least his transportation, were being paid by ELLIOTT NESS. He stated also that [REDACTED] expenses were being paid by NESS. He indicated that he was furnished with a government transportation request which he carried to the station and found acceptable.

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[REDACTED] had an individual room on the train, and I feel that it is entirely possible that NESS is paying a large number of officials' expenses to the Detroit Convention. He is probably doing this on the basis of the fact that social protection is one of the items for discussion on the program, and he is probably taking advantage of this situation by having their expenses paid to the Detroit Convention to hear and participate in this item on the program. Of course, for everyone present there is a potential vote for his stooge, MIKE MORRISSEY.

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Recommendations:

- 1) That through appropriate contacts, this matter be brought to the attention of Mr. FRANK YEATS, Assistant Comptroller General.
- 2) That it discreetly be brought to the attention of the House Appropriations Committee through proper channels.

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HUGH H. CLEGG

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Blair memo to Mr. Laughlin

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MEMORANDUM

Information has been received from a confidential source that the Social Protection Division of the Social Security Agency has paid the expenses of police officials to attend police conferences which they otherwise would have attended because of their official connection with the police organizations which were holding the conferences. It is understood that the police would have undertaken this travel at their own, or at municipal, expense as they have for many years past, but merely because one of the subjects on the program had to do with prevention of venereal diseases, expenses and transportation were provided by the above-mentioned agency. This practice, a confidential source advises, has been followed in connection with conferences of State Police Chiefs and State Sheriffs' Associations and national and quarterly meetings of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and its Executive Staff, in addition to regular conferences called specifically for the purposes of social protection.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
ST. LOUIS 1, MISSOURI
October 13, 1943

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Director, FBI

Dear Sir:

During my recent inspection of the St. Louis Office, I had occasion to talk with [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri, at which time he informed me that several days ago, he received an invitation to attend, in New York City, some time in November, 1943, a meeting called by ELLIOT NESS, at which will be discussed juvenile delinquency. [redacted] indicated that other police officials of the United States have been invited to attend the meeting.

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[redacted] remarked, during the course of our conversation, that the invitation urged that he attend and stated affirmatively that all railroad and other expenses incidental to the trip would be paid by the organization of which Mr. NESS is an official.

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I thought that the Bureau would be interested in receiving this information.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley

DWIGHT BRANTLEY
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[redacted] of the Bureau of Prisons called and inquired as to the rule on tours as he had a couple of friends who had heard of the Bureau's Identification Division. I informed him that no public tours were being shown through the Bureau for the duration, that, however, if he had any inquiries in the future on persons who might have some official interest, if he would call Mr. L. E. Nichols in the Bureau, Mr. Nichols would advise him according to the circumstances existing at the time.

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[redacted] stated he understood the Sheriff's Association was holding a convention in Washington next week, the convention having been called by Elliott Lewis and he wondered if the Bureau expected to have them call on he expected to have quite a few of them stop in at the Bureau of Prisons. I told him I was not familiar with it but thanked him for the information.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

DATE 11/22/43

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

You recall recently I mentioned to you that Elliot Ness of the Federal Security Agency was allegedly paying the way to Washington for various members of the National Sheriff's Association.

[REDACTED]

During my absence, with your approval, [REDACTED] to finding out just what the background of this might have been. [REDACTED] this afternoon that he had definitely determined Ness had appointed a number of law enforcement officers from key cities as consultants and had them appointed as such on a per diem basis, and in this manner the officers were actually paid for their time attending the convention here in Washington last week. [REDACTED] did not know the exact number, but doubts if it went as high as thirty. He stated they were paid about ten dollars a day, although this is not definite, but he knows it was more than six dollars a day. This practice, of course, is common in agencies such as OWI and WPB, and from what [REDACTED] could gather it was apparent that Ness had picked bell cows in the larger communities across the country in order to establish a background and entice local officers in these particular communities to come to the convention. [REDACTED] doesn't know how many were in attendance, but he gathered the impression that it was a small gathering that accomplished nothing and that they utilized the recent district court decision in the Neeley case relative to the murder of a metropolitan policeman wherein the judge threw out of court a statement taken from the suspect on the basis of the McNabb decision, and instead of being a convention to discuss juvenile delinquency it turned out to be a discussion of what an officer should do under the McNabb decision.

Respectfully,

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 L. B. Nichols

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.**



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December 7, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

SAC McSwain telephoned. He advised that Elliot Ness has telephoned Chief of Police John Woods of Norfolk trying to interest Woods in becoming Director of Public Safety at Cleveland, Ohio. Next a Mr. [redacted] of Cleveland, said to be a friend of the Mayor, has also contacted Woods with the same purpose in mind. Also, he has been contacted by a prominent railroad official of Virginia who is a friend of [redacted]. Woods has held a conference with the City Manager, Mr. Portland, who advised Woods to exercise due caution before committing himself.

McSwain advised that Woods has brought the whole problem to him and stated that whatever he was and whatever he expected to be in the future was, or would be, attributable to the FBI. He is of the opinion that the Bureau does not hold Ness in very high regard and he would do nothing to incur the enmity of the Bureau. He wants guidance and advice and he would like to come to Washington tomorrow, if possible, to confer with the Director and get the Director's advice.

I told McSwain that the Director was not in the city; that it was doubtful if he would be here tomorrow; that I would convey this information and request to the Director's Office, and if the Director desired to indicate a time for such an appointment, I would let McSwain know, or if the Director had any views he wanted relayed to Woods, McSwain would be advised.

I suggested to McSwain that he tell Woods to remember that Ness might have in mind returning to Cleveland as Director of Public Safety himself after the war and that Woods should survey the whole situation before making any decision. McSwain indicated that Woods would do whatever the Director suggests.

Respectfully,

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H. H. Clegg

I would be most cautious of anything Ness offers. Of course the decision is up to Woods & there is no advice

I would give him a tip to beware of Ness.



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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: MR. TOLSON

DATE: April 20, 1954

FROM: H. H. Clegg

SUBJECT: Elliot Ness organization

Subsequent to the recent LACP Meeting of the Board of Officers, I talked with Judge Holtzoff and explained to him some of the apparent action being taken by the Elliot Ness organization of the Federal Security Agency and inquired if he would find it convenient sometime to do so, if he would examine their basic statute granting authority to that agency to see if it was within the scope of their authority to conduct police training schools or to engage in a program of preventing and curbing juvenile delinquency.

Subsequently Judge Holtzoff called back and stated he could find no authority for such action. He expressed the opinion that this agency had probably received some of the moneys from the President's Confidential Fund and if so they would be able to use these funds within the scope of the Directive or instruction given to them for using such fund, but definitely there was nothing in the statute granting them authority to finance Federal projects and their methods of operation under the law would be to make grants of money to states.

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Thursday, February 24, 1944

Repression of Prostitution

Elliot Ness was one of those speaking yesterday to the southeastern Regional Conference on Social Hygiene in annual conference in Atlanta.

Director of the Social Protection Division of the Federal Security Agency, Ness came to the agency after a sensational, yet practical, success in ridding Cleveland, Ohio, of various municipal abuses.

He went straight to the peace officers of the nation. In final analysis the job was their job.

He got the co-operation of police officers. This was not always easy. But he got it.

In 662 cities red light districts were closed.

In the Army and Navy the venereal rate began to come down. The present record is the best war record we have ever had. The venereal rate per thousand men per year in the War Between the States (Federal) was 210; in the Spanish-American War 140, and in World War I 110.

In the present war the rate in 1940 was 80 per thousand men for the Navy, 43 for the Army; in 1941 it was 51 for the Navy and 41 for the Army; in 1942 it was 36 for the Navy and 38 for the Army; and for the first six months of 1943 the rate was 30 for the Navy and 25 for the Army. Figures for the last six months are not available.

To all concerned go the thanks of a nation. To Elliot Ness goes a large share of the thanks. He took it out of the field of statistics and theory and "deploring" and put it in the field of police repression where it belonged. He got co-operation and results.

The Southeastern Conference on Hygiene does a good work. It merits more co-operation.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

GAN:DAJ

November 15, 1941

TIME: 12:00 Noon

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Egan called from the Willard Hotel, where he is attending the meeting of the Executive Committee of the IACP, and advised that in attendance this morning were the following individuals: Owens, Sullivan, Kelly, Leonard, Steiver, Egan, a person by the name of Hayes, Ben Gunner of the Chrysler Corporation, Wells of the Hercules Powder Company, Larson of General Motors Industrial Police, Elliott Ness, formerly of Cleveland and now Director of Social Protection of the Federal Security Agency and a Phil Broughton of the Federal Security Agency who is supposed to be an expert on venereal diseases.

Mr. Egan stated that the first thing taken up this morning was the question of a survey of the available men and equipment of the police departments throughout the country. Mr. Egan stated that a letter would be addressed to the governors and to the state associations of chiefs of police in the form of a questionnaire asking information regarding available men and equipment in the event of an emergency. It is contemplated that this information when compiled will be published by the IACP. In addition to this there was discussed the mailing of a questionnaire to all police departments throughout the United States asking for information in regard to the salaries of the various police officials throughout the country, this information also to be published.

Mr. Egan stated that there arose the question of forming a section in the IACP of industrial police. No definite plans were introduced in this regard, but Leonard brought up the question in connection with calling a meeting of all industrialists and plant protection men to see what they could do on blackouts, etc. Mr. Egan stated that this looked like a publicity stunt to him. Leonard suggested, after the meeting had indicated an unfavorable reaction, that the IACP contact the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Mayor LaGuardia to determine their reactions on this plan.

Mr. Egan stated that Elliott Ness had asked him to give a talk on venereal diseases. Mr. Egan was furnished with a pamphlet which had been written by Phil Broughton, who is supposed to be an expert on venereal diseases. Mr. Egan will furnish the Bureau a copy of this pamphlet. Ness indicated that he wanted the IACP

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to go on record as endorsing the plans of the Federal Security Agency. Mr. Egan stated that Ness also wanted a committee appointed by the IACP to act as an advisory committee to the Federal Security Agency, this committee to be composed of dollar-a-year men. Mr. Egan stated that this committee would be given money for expenses and transportation. Mr. Egan suggested that probably Ness was trying to get this committee formed for entirely selfish reasons as any tieup his organization could get with the IACP would be profitable.

Mr. Egan stated that by H.R. 4545, \$150,000,000 was appropriated for this work. Ness indicated that he is trying to get the police to cooperate but if this attempt is unsuccessful Ness stated there would be an opportunity to invoke the May Act. Ness desires the studies of the committee to be published in booklet form, and he told Mr. Egan the Federal Security Agency would have the necessary money and would be in a position to buy thousands of copies of this pamphlet and distribute it.

Ness indicated to Mr. Egan that last Monday he had talked to Mr. Raymond Fosdick, President of the Rockefeller Foundation, and had told Mr. Fosdick about the plans of the Federal Security Agency and that the IACP would need about \$150,000 to \$200,000 to carry on their work. Ness stated that Fosdick was very favorably impressed and said to Ness that he would take up the matter with the Board of Directors of the Rockefeller Foundation.

Mr. Egan said that everyone was in favor of Ness' program. At the meeting Ness also made a statement to the effect that he wanted Major Brown appointed on this committee, and he also wanted some state officer and some sheriff also on the committee, that the rest was to be left to the President. Mr. Egan said that Leonard indicated there should be some newspaper publicity and he told Ness to wait after the meeting and he would talk to him concerning this. Ness also wanted a letter written to Paul McNutt, Administrator of the Federal Security Agency, telling him of the cooperation of the IACP. Mr. Egan indicated that the entire plan of getting the cooperation of the IACP originated with a letter from Paul McNutt to Leonard telling him to obtain the support of the police on this program.

Mr. Egan stated that this concluded the morning meeting and that he would call later concerning any further developments.

Respectfully,

This is most unfortunate
J. P. Case
A. Hesse

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
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February 5, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

On January 22nd I attended a conference in the office of Federal Security Administrator McNutt, which was called for the purpose of discussing the effect of the May Act and potential plans for its enforcement. In attendance at the conference in addition to Mr. McNutt and Mr. Wayne Miller of his staff were Drs. Parrin and Dr. Vonderlehr of the U. S. Public Health Service, Colonel Van Brunt of the War Department, Dr. W. F. Snow of the American Social Hygiene Association, Commanders John Reynolds and Carter of the Navy Department, General McAfee, Assistant Surgeon General of the Army, and Mr. Elliott Ness of Cleveland, Ohio, who has been doing work for Mr. McNutt's organization.

The discussion was lengthy as to the steps that were being taken to "close" various areas in the vicinity of Military camps, the verb "closing" referring to some mandate issued by local authorities prohibiting the operation of houses of prostitution. When called upon for observations in behalf of the Bureau as to the extent of prosecution, number of violations of the White Slave Traffic Act, etc., I outlined the Bureau's current experiences and took issue with Elliott Ness on a number of statements. Ness at one point recommended the establishment of a Federal law against prostitution, which I ridiculed to the point that he withdrew the suggestion.

No affirmative program or policy was adopted, although it was stated that Mr. Miller and Mr. Ness would write up some minutes of the meeting.

It might be noted that Dr. Parrin, Dr. Vonderlehr and Dr. Snow were particularly strong in their statements concerning the desirability of furnishing the FBI with funds and Agents necessary to put some teeth in the May Act and enforce it through the declaration of restricted areas. I outlined in detail the Bureau's position with reference to any activity under the May Act, pointing out that until the Bureau received funds, hired Agents, trained and assigned them to the field, no action could be taken by the Bureau.

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Respectfully,

Edward A. Tamm

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June 5, 1942

Mr. Elliott Ness
Director, Social Protective Division
Federal Security Agency
Fourth and Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ness:

With reference to your telephone conversation with Mr. A. Rosen of this Bureau in which you requested information in our files regarding Orville V. Meslar, County Prosecutor, Morristown, New Jersey, I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter dated July 29, 1935, directed to this Bureau by Mr. George Riehl, Editor, Hudson News, Union City, New Jersey.

Inasmuch as the matter contained in this letter was not within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau, the same was furnished to the Alcohol Tax Unit of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Treasury Department for whatever action was deemed necessary by that Department.

I do not know what, if any, action was taken by the Alcohol Tax Unit with reference to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E.A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 11-20-59

FROM : M. A. Jones

- Tolson
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SUBJECT: ~~VINCENT "MAD DOG" COLL.~~
~~THE UNTOUCHABLES~~
~~DESILU PRODUCTION~~
~~CHANNEL 7, WMAL~~
~~NOVEMBER 19, 1959~~

Last night "The Untouchables" portrayed the criminal activities of Vincent "Mad Dog" Coll, a New York hoodlum who had a psychopathic hatred towards New York beer baron "Dutch" Schultz. The program depicted means by which Coll, a demented thug with uncontrollable homicidal tendencies, attempted to cause Schultz financial ruin.

In trying to hurt Schultz, Coll kidnaps and murders one "Lefty" Gallagher, a Schultz bodyguard, for whom he attempted to extort \$100, 000 ransom from Schultz. There is no indication whatsoever of interstate transportation of the kidnap victim. In fact it appears that the body was found in New York City, the same place where the kidnaping occurs. "The Untouchables" headed by Elliot Ness entered the action following the kidnaping, commenting to local police that they can go into this now because of the kidnaping. While at no time is any mention made that "The Untouchables" are connected with the FBI, the suggestion is conveyed that jurisdiction in kidnap matters falls within the authority of "The Untouchables."

Walter Winchell once again figured prominently as a narrator of this program.

OBSERVATION:

While no mention was made that "The Untouchables" are members of the FBI, there is a tendency to usurp FBI jurisdiction for the purposes of portraying achievements of other law enforcement agencies. A continuation of this trend will be watched carefully as future programs of this series are monitored by the Crime Research Section.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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CRIME RESEARCH SECTION

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Mr. Boardman	
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Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

TO : Mr. Callahan

DATE: 3-22-60

FROM : C. R. Davidson

SUBJECT: ELIOT NESS
"THE UNTOUCHABLES"
TELEVISION PROGRAM

Handwritten notes:
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m. B. Sullivan

On 3-21-60 [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] who was temporarily residing at the YWCA in Washington, telephonically requested information concerning the above individual. [REDACTED] stated she is a member of the American Historical Society and does considerable research in connection with the organization. The members of the "Ness Clan" of York County, Pennsylvania, after noting the publicity given Eliot Ness in connection with the television program wondered whether he might be related to individuals in the group. Accordingly, the group asked her to do some research concerning Ness. It was her understanding that Ness had been an employee of the Bureau and accordingly she called for information concerning him.

Ness was employed as a Prohibition Agent, Internal Revenue Service, from 8-26-26 to 6-5-29 when he was transferred to the Bureau of Prohibition, Department of Justice. He worked in the Department of Justice from 7-1-30 to 8-10-33 at which time he became a Senior Prohibition Investigator in the Internal Revenue Service. (Note: During a brief portion of the time Ness was employed in the Bureau of Prohibition, Department of Justice, that unit was under the immediate jurisdiction of the Bureau.)

We have previously furnished the above information (with the exception of the parenthetical remarks) concerning Ness's employment as a Prohibition Agent to other inquirers. Accordingly, the above information was furnished to [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was appreciative of the information furnished.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: July 26, 1941

FROM : Mr. Nichols

SUBJECT:

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Mumford
- Mr. Jones
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
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- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

[redacted] who is associated with the Community War Service, telephone District 9065, called to advise that he is preparing an exhibit for the Community War Service. The first panel will show the devastation of prostitution, the second panel will show how venereal diseases are spread, and the third panel will show what can be done about it.

[redacted] states that he has several pictures of prostitutes, but he was wondering if we could furnish him with pictures of prostitutes convicted of the White Slave Traffic Act. I told him that I would check into the matter and see what was available.

I think that it would be highly desirable to furnish three or four photographs of prostitutes receiving long-term sentences in cases investigated by the Bureau. We could prepare the photographs showing the name of the individual and label the picture as an "FBI Photograph." This would chill the Ness group administration and would carry the impression of the Bureau's participation in this program. If approved, this will be done.

this is Elliot Ness outfit.
I am opposed to any cooperation

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A. O'Brien

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Office Memorandum • UNITED GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: 12/4/57

FROM : A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: ELLIOTT NESS
FORMER SAFETY DIRECTOR
CLEVELAND, OHIO

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Boardman	_____
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Reference is made to the attached memorandum which Mr. Nease directed to Mr. Tolson under date of November 29, 1957.

The files do not reflect the most current information concerning Elliott Ness. I recall discussing with Supreme Court Justice Burton, at the Liaison party, our previous association in Cleveland and the name of Elliott Ness came up. Justice Burton stated that it was too bad Elliott Ness had died. I did not make any comment on this point. I today checked the file and am unable to locate any reference to this.

A check with the Cleveland Office indicated that Elliott Ness, according to a news item, died on May 16, 1957, at his home in Coudersport, Pennsylvania, of a heart attack. Among other things, it indicated he had been married three times. It is also noted he was married to Elizabeth Seaver. This was his last wife and it is my understanding that she had some tie-in with the Diebold Safe Company. This may account for the fact that he was Board Chairman of the Diebold Safe Company and it is also noted that he was connected with the Fidelity Check Corporation and the Guaranty Paper Corporation.

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Enclosure *sent 12-4-57*

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cc - Mr. Nease

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 11/29/57

FROM : G. A. Nease

SUBJECT: ELLIOTT NESS
FORMER SAFETY DIRECTOR
CLEVELAND, OHIO

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[redacted] of the Scripps-Howard Bureau called. He stated that his Cincinnati Office had asked him to find out if the above-named individual had ever been assigned to the Cincinnati Office of the FBI, possibly for the purpose of cleaning up prohibition violators in Kentucky in the early days. He stated that he did not know the reason for their inquiry.

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I told [redacted] that the answer to his question was no; that he had not been assigned to the office of the FBI in Cincinnati. I told him that for his background information, so far as we knew, Ness had been employed as a Prohibition agent under the Internal Revenue Service from August, 1926, until June, 1929, at which time he was transferred to the Bureau of Prohibition in the Department of Justice, but that this work had subsequently been transferred back to Internal Revenue in 1933. I told him that during a portion of the time the Prohibition Unit was under the jurisdiction of the Attorney General it had been under the immediate jurisdiction of the Bureau, but that it had never been integrated as such with what is known today as the FBI. I suggested to him that he might wish to check with Internal Revenue Service to determine whether Ness had ever been assigned by them to the Cincinnati area.

Our files do reflect that in August, 1933, Ness was reappointed as a Senior Prohibition Investigator in the Internal Revenue Service located at Cincinnati. I thought it best, however, to let Mr. Bridwell determine this from Internal Revenue Service.

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Very well handled by Nease, as over the years Ness has been portrayed as having been in F.B.I.

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Federal Bureau of Investig.
United States Department of Justice
New Orleans, Louisiana

June 26, 1944

Director, FBI

Re: CRIME SURVEY
EMERALD CREEK'S FIELD DEFENSE

Dear Sir:

On June 24, 1944, [redacted] representative of the Federal Security Agency, called on the writer and stated that he had just returned from Shreveport, Louisiana, and desired to discuss conditions existing in that city. He stated that recently a program was established under the local authorities had complained that the Inspector Marshall's Office at Darksdale Field would not cooperate in efforts to curtail prostitution, and that the Sheriff Marshall's Office at Darksdale Field had about a dozen intelligence officers, and they have had a good deal of success in that city. He stated that Sheriff Marshall at Darksdale Field has exhibited to him his file and that the vice conditions in Shreveport, and that considerable information is available therein concerning the city government of Shreveport. [redacted] further stated that the general rate at Shreveport is about \$10.00 per month and is not considered alarming, and is at present running about \$10 to \$15 per thousand per annum.

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He was asked by the writer as to what the possibilities were of a general survey made by the FBI along the lines of the report furnished concerning investigations at New Orleans and Texas, evidently having reference to information furnished by the Bureau to H. H. [redacted] concerning these two cities several months ago. He was advised that surveys of this nature were not within the normal scope

of the activities of the Bureau and would have to be done on specific authorization from Bureau headquarters. He then advised that he would write a letter to Mr. [redacted] requesting that Mr. [redacted] transmit a formal request to either the Attorney General or the Director requesting such investigation at Shreveport, Louisiana. [redacted] explained to the writer that he desired this information not to be published but merely to furnish him lead and background so that action can be taken by the Sheriff Marshall's Office and his Agency with reference to the conditions existing in Shreveport.

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[redacted] was furnished no information from this office, and the only information furnished to you inasmuch as it is anticipated that you may receive a request from Mr. [redacted].

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Very truly yours,
A. F. [redacted], SAC

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