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**COVER SHEET**

**SUBJECT: NOEL COWARD**

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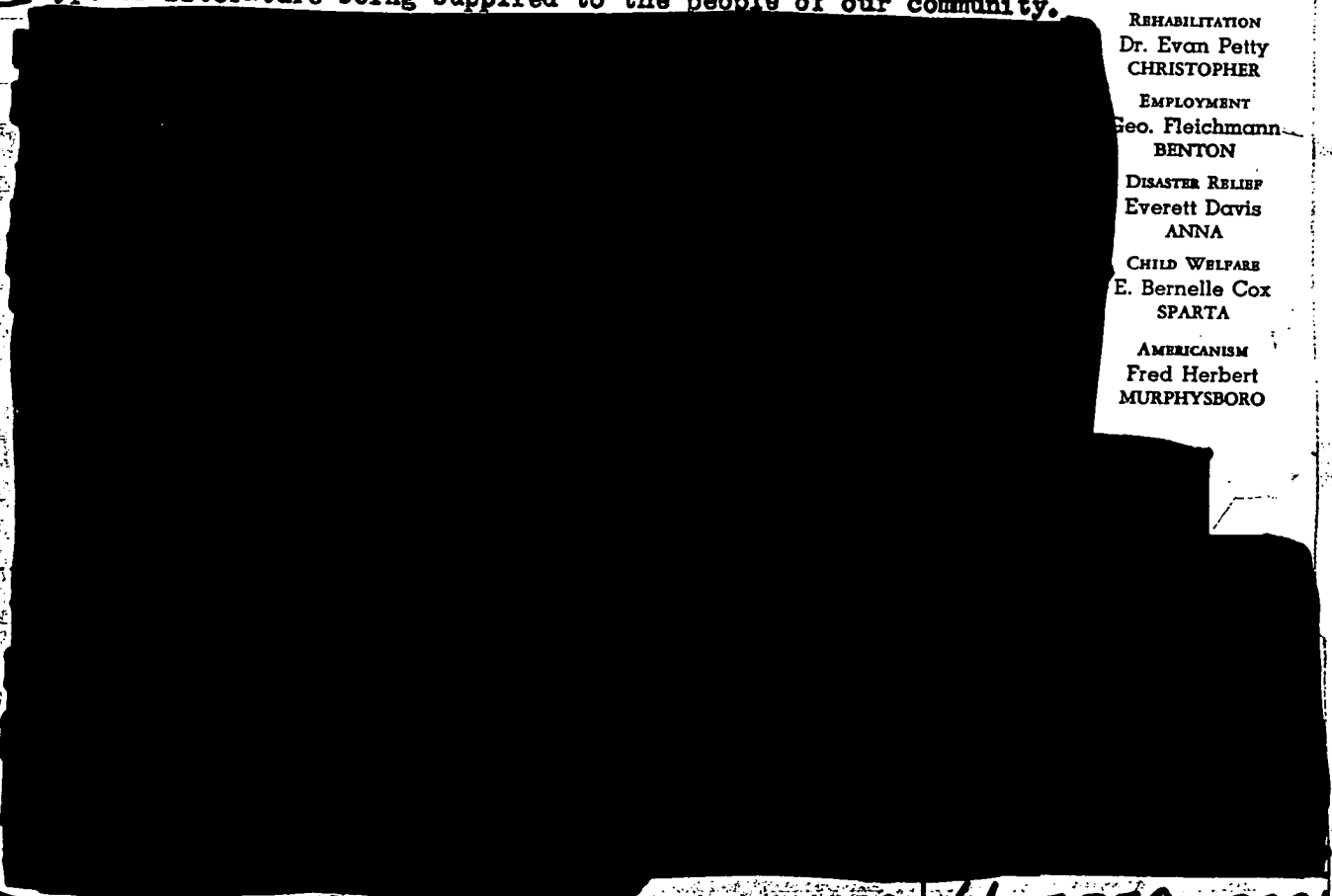
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To Whom This May Concern,

The enclosed pamphlet was dropped from a plane bearing the ident. Numbers and letters, 18771 N.C. This plane has been distributing. This type of literature is and near Franklin County Illinois for, some time past. We of The American Legion are opposed to this, type of literature being supplied to the people of our community.



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Respectfully Yours

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THE SMOKESCREEN OF THE FIFTH COLUMN SPREAD BY WALL STREET AND ITS PRESS IS A COVER-UP FOR THEIR WAR PREPARATIONS.

## THE "FIFTH COLUMN" OF WAR-MONGERS

Do you want to see the real "Fifth Column" in action in the United States?

Read this—

"Noel Coward is a member of the British Intelligence Department (secret police, propaganda agents and spies—Editor) and is said to be on a visit here to check upon some British notables to see that they do their bit." (New York Post, Sidney Skolsky, May 20).

And this—

"Lord Lothian, the British Ambassador to the U. S., is doing some very effective work quietly, convincing important people that this is our war—" (Kiplinger letter to businessmen.)

Noel Coward is only one of a whole gang of British agents disguised as actors, novelists, writers, lecturers, etc., who are working to drag the United States into the war, if what the Post says is true.

No newspaper raises the alarm about these "Fifth Column" agents.

Neither Martin Dies nor J. Edgar Hoover bursts into a sweat. There are no midnight raids as they did against the boys of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade who faced death to fight the fascist invasion in Spain.

On the contrary, these war-making agents are adored, entertained, banqueted and welcomed by the "best society" everywhere.

College presidents are flattered to receive them. Editors give them front page publicity. The recent Allied Ball for "relief" was organized with Noel Coward as the chief attraction for the "suckers."

And J. P. Morgan was photo-

graphed with Ambassador Lothian.

The American people must awaken to this real "Fifth Column."

Washington yells "Fifth Column" against labor leaders, against Harry Bridges, trade unionists, against any decent American who refuses to die for the profits of Morgan and the grabbing of the Dutch East Indies. The Communist Party is slandered and hounded because it refuses to betray the American people to the plots of the war-mongers and profiteers.

And the real criminals, the agents who are here to trap your brother, your son, into the trenches are pampered and wined by Wall Street's own "Fifth Column" of bankers and profit-grabbers.

## THE REAL "FIFTH COLUMN" IS THE WEAPON OF WALL STREET

The "Fifth Column" comes from the top. It comes from the traitors who would sell America for the sake of munitions profits and for colonial empire. It comes from the labor hatters and union wreckers who see a wonderful chance to alibi their own brand of fascist terrorism behind the brutality of "fifth column" hysteria.

The Fifth Column is the exclusive weapon of the rich, reactionary capitalist cliques. It is the weapon of treachery created by Franco with the help of the British Cabinet and the Socialist-Anarchist stooges in Republican Spain. In France, it is those Cagoulards and army officers, protected by the government, who gave Hitler Czechoslovakia and its rich munitions plants, who opened the bridges over the Meuse to Hitler's armies. In every country the real Fifth Column is the ruthless gang at the top which seeks to disguise the war which it is waging against its own people at home, while it drives its people into the hell of imperialist war.

In America, we can, for example, see the Fifth Column in the Dies

Committee, in the formation of the "Christian Front" gangs with the support of the Coughlin machine inside the Catholic hierarchy, and in the nation-wide activities of the war-mongers of all types working with Allied propaganda agents to drag us into the war. It is just these enemies of the people who disguise themselves today by yelling "Fifth Column" against those who desire to keep the U. S. out of war.

The profit-hungry war-makers will shrill "Fifth Column" at the most courageous defenders of the people's interests. The American people will send the indictment back to where it belongs—to the breeders of war hysteria!

## FIGHT THE "FIFTH COLUMN" FIGHT AGAINST WAR

Together with the great majority of the American people, we say:

KEEP AMERICA OUT OF THIS IMPERIALIST WAR!

STARVE THE WAR AND FEED AMERICA!

FOOD FOR THE UNEMPLOYED, NOT FODDER FOR CANNON!

NO BLITZKRIEG AGAINST THE BILL OF RIGHTS!

MOTHERS SAY WE WANT OUR SONS NOT GOLD STARS.

Let all common people, Workers and Farmers, all who toil, unitedly say and determinedly speak out—

## THE YANKS ARE NOT COMING!

Issued by the Illinois State Committee, COMMUNIST PARTY, U. S. A.

208 N. Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

FILE NO. 100-6997

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TITLE <b>[REDACTED] b7c</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY</b>	
SYNOPSIS FACTS: <b>[REDACTED] b7c</b> <b>[REDACTED] b7c</b> <b>[REDACTED] b1</b> <b>[REDACTED] ds b7c</b> <b>[REDACTED]</b> Subject entertains extensively. On March 30, 1941, NOEL COWARD, British playwright, visited at Hotel. <b>[REDACTED]</b> <b>[REDACTED]</b> <b>[REDACTED]</b> <b>[REDACTED]</b>			

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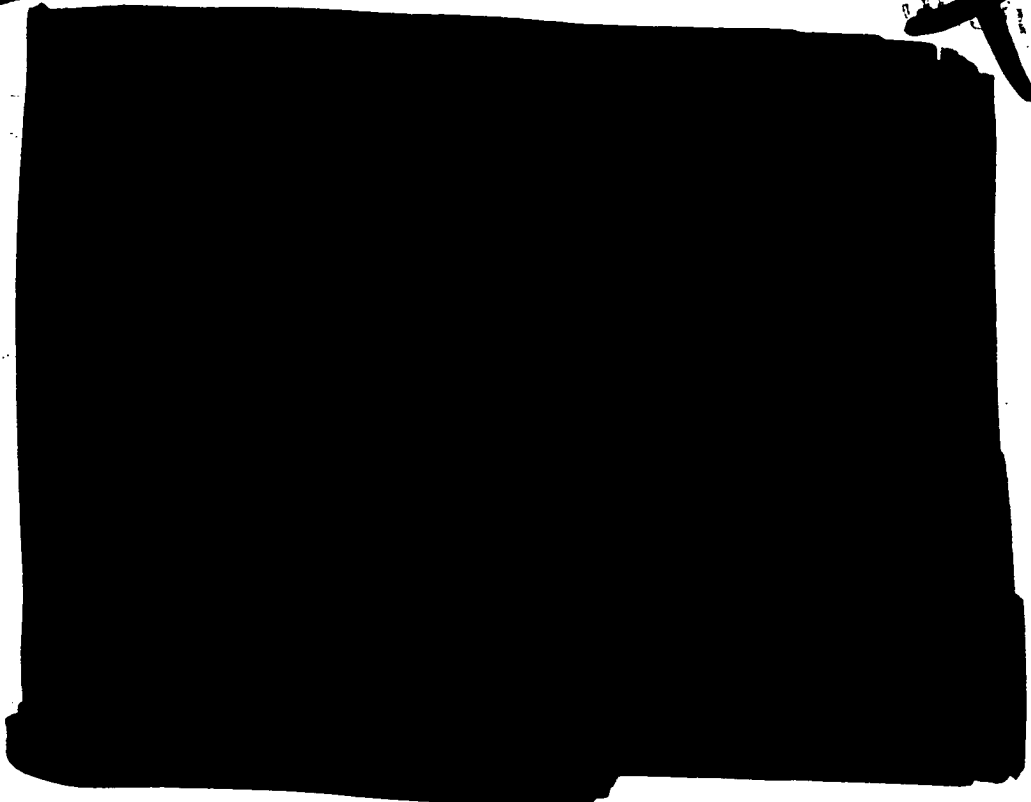
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mentioned that on March 30, 1941 NOEL COWARD, noted British playwright, had called on [redacted] at the hotel

Age: [redacted]  
Height: [redacted]  
Weight: [redacted]  
Hair: [redacted]  
Eyes: [redacted]  
Nationality - [redacted]  
Peculiarities - [redacted]

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In closing [redacted] stated that [redacted] had told him that he and his family intended to stay at the Berkshire Hotel for the remainder of the Summer.

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**FILE NUMBER** 65-HQ-4409

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Cleveland, Ohio

HRT: fbs

August 25, 1942

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: [REDACTED]

Informant

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to report of the Akron Police Department to the effect that the above named informant had information which would be of interest to the Bureau contact was made with him at his residence at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that the subject had in several of his letters stated that he had found it necessary to travel to England and that while there he had gone to [REDACTED] place on the Isle of Wight and that the "usual crowd was there including NOEL COWARD and his American friend".

[REDACTED] advised that because of his thorough knowledge of the [REDACTED]



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Washington, D. C.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] trips to England would have been made for that purpose. He believes that [REDACTED], whom he states is [REDACTED], and COWARD both favor appeasement and friendship with Germany and he believes that the fact that gatherings were held at [REDACTED] place would be of interest to the English Government.

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This information is being forwarded to the Bureau for whatever action is deemed advisable.

Very truly yours,

*L. U. Boardman*

L. V. BOARDMAN,  
Special Agent in Charge

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MI-SUMMARY CONTINUED

3:19 pm  
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Colored woman to Dr. ~~HOLDEN~~'s office re: appointment. -Dr. not in

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3:27 pm

~~MADELINE KARR~~ (ph) to ~~ANNE WHITE~~. ~~MADELINE~~ apparently just returned from vacation in country. ~~MADELINE~~ invites ~~ANNE~~ to dinner Friday night. ~~ANNE~~ declines invitation says most every night is taken up with a ~~private~~ dinner this week, formal dinner on Wed. and Thurs. and thinks ~~HARRY~~ has a private dinner scheduled Friday to which she is not in on. ~~ANNE~~ says as soon as this is all over they are going to New York about Wednesday (next week apparently) and when they come back would love to get together with ~~MADELINE~~.

4:02 pm

~~HARRY WHITE~~ to ~~ANNE WHITE~~. He may get away at 5 or 5:15 pm from the ED BY meeting. She will take a taxi -as "it" doesn't start until 6pm, and she doesn't want to be early. -Apparently ~~ANNE~~ is going to the Mexican Embassy. ~~HARRY~~ will go directly to "the other one" (Some other Embassy? possibly Russian?) because it closes at 7pm. Afterward he will come over to the Mexican Embassy and they will come home together.

4:50 pm

~~CHRIS WAGNER~~ told ~~GEORGE SILVERMAN~~ that he received the confirmation from Dallas. ~~CHRIS~~ said ~~BILL HUNT~~ is coming in town tomorrow and we are all meeting. ~~CHRIS~~ asks ~~GEORGE~~ to come to the meeting; ~~CHRIS~~ does not know what time yet, but he will talk to ~~BILL~~ in the morning and then call ~~GEORGE~~. ~~CHRIS~~ says "I was thinking it might be damned interesting to you, ~~GEORGE~~.... I was just thinking ~~my~~ because of your broad economic interest an operator like this stuff might be a fascinating guy to you." ~~GEORGE~~ said he is not as much interested in that as he is in the deal. ~~CHRIS~~ says "You might as well enjoy things as you go along." ~~CHRIS~~ says whether ~~GEORGE~~ is in NY or not, they ought to be able to act for each other.. ~~GEORGE~~ said ~~AXELROD~~ will be in town tomorrow and he (~~GEORGE~~) will see him. ~~CHRIS~~ said he got "beautiful handling" down at the Treasury. He has bid on some contract. ~~CHRIS~~ said there is between 14 and 15,000 in it for "us". ~~CHRIS~~ said he has to get ahold of some \$300 tonight, so he will see what he can do with ~~CHARLIE~~ tonight. ~~GEORGE~~ said he will check with ~~AXELROD~~ on the Turkish stuff, the cigarette business, and the trucks in Canada. ~~CHRIS~~ said ~~SUTOR~~(ph) called him this morning about the wood for St. Louis. In regard to his deal with Treasury, ~~CHRIS~~ said he thinks he is the only one, but "General Electric may be in there with an escalator clause which will throw it out ipso facto." Apparently UNRRA gave ~~CHRIS~~ hint he is the only one. Anything as large as that, \$200,000, has to go through Legal Dept. as Procurement cannot act on it. ~~CHRIS~~ said the sugar deal looks good to ~~BILL~~. ~~CHRIS~~ told ~~GEORGE~~ he should be getting "my" letter on the coal and silk, in the morning. The silk is a million dollar deal, at 2%, or \$20,000. ~~CHRIS~~ asks how ~~DICK~~'s Russian is. ~~GEORGE~~ says not bad, and he is now taking over German to finish it out. ~~GEORGE~~ said ~~DICK~~ is only going to mess around a while, then he will go back to school.

*GEORGE*

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7:00 pm

~~JOHNNY GROUND~~(ph) left word for ~~PRISCILLA LEE~~ that he would be over in 15 minutes.

8:40 pm

JENNIE(MILLER?) asked SARAH SILVERMASTER if they can drop over to see them tonight. OK. JENNIE said she would bring the pots and pans. SARAH said there is no need to do that. SARAH said that GREGORY is in bed already as he does not feel well.

9:10 pm

An unidentified man chatted with TRUDY, a baby sitter at the LUNNING's. The man told of his attempts to get a publicity job, apparently with Red Cross. They discuss books.

9:27 pm

HENRY HARFIELD contacted DUNCAN LEE, who said that PAUL said he saw him. LEE chided HENRY for not answering his letter. They discuss how they missed seeing each other the last time HENRY was in town. HENRY invited LEE to lunch tomorrow, but LEE has another engagement. HENRY could not accept LEE's invitation to dinner tomorrow. HENRY will be in town until Thursday night. LEE said he would be at his RE-2730 office, the Tower Building at 14th and K Sts. most of tomorrow. HENRY will contact him there tomorrow to arrange to see him. LEE said he would like to have HENRY see that office. HENRY said he is staying at the Wardman Park, and will tell LEE about a curious thing there when he sees him.

10:45 pm

CATHERINE HURLEY(ph), a school teacher, chatted with Mrs. PLENN about the weather. CATHERINE said she is working hard to organize a union mass meeting Thursday, at which she is having a teacher from England. CATHERINE said she wired this guy from France to see if he could come too, and she hopes he can make it. CATHERINE said she called DEWITT(ph) but he can't make it as he has tickets for NOEL COWARD for Thursday. CATHERINE said that DEWITT told her that BOB and PRESTON are leaving Saturday. Mrs. PLENN said they are going to NY, and will leave from there next week. CATHERINE said she envies them. Mrs. PLENN said she thinks this is a rather bad time to be going to France. Mrs. PLENN said she just got back. CATHERINE said she talked to ABEL last week as she wanted to ask her to go to this mass meeting. Mrs. PLENN told of taking her daughter to NY to put her in school. Mrs. PLENN said ABEL just got back from the library. Mrs. PLENN asked if the meeting Thursday is at the same place, and if extra people are allowed to come. CATHERINE said it is in the same place, and she is welcome to come. Mrs. PLENN told of ABEL's trip to Chicago and Milwaukee, and said he wants to know if CATHERINE has any friends in Chicago that she would like to have him contact. CATHERINE suggested Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT WEAVER(ph), whom ABEL knows, at HULL(ph) House, 820 South Halstead, and Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT TAYLOR, 4512 Michigan Ave. Mrs. PLENN said they apparently have a well-functioning Spanish committee out there, and a man named HORACE C. DAVIS(ph) has been writing to ABEL about

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October 1, 1946

MI- SUMMARY CONTINUED:

CATHERINE HURLEY to Mrs. PLENN (continued)

10:45 pm

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the arrangements. Mrs. PLENN said that this is a good time to get the thing started everywhere. Mrs. PLENN said she is so pleased about CATHERINE's big meeting Thursday. CATHERINE said she only hopes they get a big enough attendance to repay them for what they put out getting all these people. CATHERINE said she was talking to DEWITT tonight, and when he said the LEWIS' (ph) were leaving, she wanted to have them out to dinner, but probably won't be able to if they are leaving Saturday. Mrs. PLENN said she thinks she is having the LEWIS' over tomorrow night, and will contact CATHERINE about it tomorrow. CATHERINE said she may be busy with the teacher from England tomorrow, but if Mrs. PLENN finds that she is definitely going to have the LEWIS' tomorrow, she will call CATHERINE about 5:10 pm. OK.

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**FILE NUMBER** 66-1731

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

August 28, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: The Congressional Record

Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

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Please be advised that the attached copy of the Congressional Record for Tuesday, August 27, 1940, has been reviewed and the following matters contained therein are marked for your attention:

H O U S E

Page 16751 to 16756 An address by Mr. Dickstein entitled "Fifth Columnists" concerning the efforts of the German Government to undermine the morale of the United States by flooding the country with propaganda delivered by means of the postal service to German-Americans in this country. Some of the propaganda is designed to be re-mailed in this country to selected persons who might be susceptible to such propaganda. A few of the German business groups who are aiding this scheme are named in the article.

Page 16760 Adjournment - Until Wednesday, August 28, 1940, at 12 o'clock noon.

S E N A T E

Page 16812 to 16813 Mr. Lundeen inserts several documents in the Record illustrating the extent to which German agents control South American air lines.

Page 16825 Mr. Lundeen names several Englishmen supposedly engaged in disseminating propaganda designed to secure the intervention of the United States in the present war. Among those named are: Lord Northcliffe, Sir Gilbert Parker, and Sir George Paish. Mr. Holt adds the names of Sir William Wiseman (official of Kuhn, Loeb & Co.) and Noel Coward (playright).

Page 16848 Recess - Until Wednesday, August 28, 1940, at 11 o'clock a. m.

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Confirmation - John D. Martin, Sr. to be judge of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

A P P E N D I X

Page 16853 "Another Plea for an Investigation of War Propaganda Activities in the United States" - an extension of the remarks of Mr. Thill in which the New York City headquarters for Nazi, Fascist, Communist and British propaganda are listed together with the addresses of each.

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Page 16864 to 16865 "National Rifle Association" - an extension of the remarks of Mr. Dickstein - renewing prior charges that the NRA has sold arms and ammunition to Nazi Bund members and other subversive groups, including the Christian Front. Mention of the F.B.I. is made throughout the article in connection with a controversy arising between Mr. Dickstein and other Congressmen as to the proper agency to conduct an investigation of the charges.

ENCLOSURE  
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**SUBJECT** Noel Coward

**FILE NUMBER** 100-HQ-21601

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Form No. 1  
This Case Originated at **MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 31106** MILWAUKEE File No. 100-1198

Report Made at <b>MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN</b>	Date When Made <b>10/15/41</b>	Period for Which Made <b>5/23-9/9/41</b>	Report Made by <b>[REDACTED]</b> <b>b7C</b> KMB/by
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Title <b>WISCONSIN CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL LEGISLATION</b>	Character of Case <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - R</b>
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Synopsis of Facts:

Chronological report of daily activities of **[REDACTED]** and WISCONSIN CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL LEGISLATION from 5/23/41 to 6/30/41, as provided by Confidential Informant **[REDACTED]** **b2, b7D**

Reference:

Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** **b7C** dated 7/18/41 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Details:

The following information was obtained through Confidential Informant **[REDACTED]** whose identity has heretofore been disclosed to the Bureau. The information obtained through Confidential Informant **[REDACTED]** is being set out in chronological order on the dates the information was obtained by him. **b2, b7D**

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[REDACTED] came into the office at 11:15 a.m. [REDACTED] came in thirty minutes later wondering where [REDACTED] could be. [REDACTED] did not answer her. [REDACTED] came in with a copy of the CIO News, and said he had 22 in it this time. Evidently he was referring to the number of advertisements that he would be able to sell for the paper. He asked [REDACTED] how she liked the new copy of "FRIDAY". [REDACTED] said she did not see one but was supposed to be taking the magazine. [REDACTED] said he would look into the matter for her and they unwrapped a package with copies of "IN FACT" in it. They mentioned the names of NOEL COWARD and [REDACTED] (phonetic) as being agents of a foreign country.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] was re-contacted by the reporting Agent at which time she furnished the following information:

The subject claims to know, or know of a group of people whom he could not know unless he was well bred and had considerable money. When asked specifically who these people were Confidential Informant [redacted] stated that they were people well known in international circles meaning people such as NOEL COWARD, MAURICE CHEVALIER, etc. In speaking of CHEVALIER the subject indicated that it was perfectly natural for CHEVALIER to collaborate with the Nazis after the German occupation of France inasmuch as anyone would rather be on the side of power and money. According to the subject the proper philosophy is that it shouldn't make any difference who runs the world as long as you as an individual are comfortable. The subject has expressed the opinion that America is the worst place on earth. He says that he has nothing in common with Americans.

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