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wife, EDNA L., as President-Manager of the REUTER SEED COMPANY, INC., located at 320 North Carrollton Avenue, and his house address is given as 604 Metairie Road, Metairie, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, which is adjacent to New Orleans.

MR. FRANK MORTIMER, jury commissioner, informed that he knows MR. REUTER personally; that he is a fine gentleman and one of the outstanding citizens of New Orleans, but at this time, according to information received, he is not in good health. MR. MORTIMER stated that MR. REUTER'S brother, RICHARD REUTER, is at the head of the FRENCH MARKET CORPORATION, which position is political of course, and is probably an appointee of MAYOR ROBERT S. MAESTRI of New Orleans.

The New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau has no investigative report on MR. LOUIS B. REUTER but their files show MR. LOUIS B. REUTER as Manager of the REUTER SEED COMPANY, and that his rating is very good. The credit bureau has in its files a letter from MR. LOUIS B. REUTER dated July 6, 1936, advising that he will not be responsible for any debts contracted for by his son, LOUIS B. REUTER, JR.

GIDEON T. STANTON

The city directory of 1938 for New Orleans shows GIDEON T. STANTON, wife's name, LILLIAN, as State Director of the WPA; residence, 1314 Jackson Avenue, New Orleans. The said directory also shows GIDEON T. STANTON, JR., employed as City Circulation Manager of the NEW ORLEANS STATES.

MR. FRANK MORTIMER, jury commissioner, informed that he knows MR. GIDEON T. STANTON, SR., personally; that he is an exceptionally fine man and at one time was associated with the firm of LOUIS H. STANTON & COMPANY, Stock and Bond Brokers in New Orleans, that after the 1929 stock market break the firm went out of business. MR. MORTIMER stated that MR. STANTON is about fifty-five years of age at this time.

MR. PAUL GAUDET, Chief Deputy United States Marshal, stated that he does not know MR. GIDEON T. STANTON, SR., but several years ago was acquainted with his son and daughter, the son at the time, and believed presently to be, working for the TIMES-PICAYUNE PUBLISHING COMPANY.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau on GIDEON T. STANTON, SR., 1314 Jackson Avenue, show that his credit rating is good. However, there is no investigative report concerning this individual.

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However, the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau has a record of GIDEON TOWNSEND STANTON, JR., and confidential report of that bureau dated July 20, 1939, shows that MR. GIDEON STANTON, JR., is married; wife's name, GERTRUDE PATRIDGE; address, 1526 Second Street, New Orleans; that he is a native of New Orleans, thirty years old, no children; employed by the TIMES PICAYUNE PUBLISHING COMPANY, New Orleans, since 1932, salary, \$65.00 per week; reputation good; that he is the son of GIDEON T. STANTON, SR., who is Art Director for the WPA, and is also a grandson of MRS. L. E. JUNG, a prominent resident of New Orleans; that his mother is reported to have means which she inherited from her father, and his grandmother is reported to be worth around \$250,000.00.

In the files of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau is a death notice secured from one of the daily papers which reads as follows: "On April 24, 1938, LEWIS H. STANTON, husband of the late ADELE TOWNSEND, father of EDWIN M. STANTON, MRS. ERNEST LEE JAHNCKE, and GIDEON T. STANTON, died."

CHARLES STEWART

The city directory of 1938 for New Orleans shows CHARLES B. STEWART; wife, MARY E.; as vice-president of ST. VINCENT de PAUL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION; secretary, ACME REALTY COMPANY, INC., and ACME MARBLE & GRANITE COMPANY; residence, 515 Lowerline Street, New Orleans.

MR. FRANK MORTIMER, jury commissioner, informed that he knows MR. STEWART very well and always found him to be a splendid type man and, in his opinion, would make a juror. He stated that he has never heard of MR. STEWART as being active in politics.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau show CHARLES B. STEWART, residence address 515 Lowerline Street, as being connected with the ACME REALTY COMPANY, INC. The only report in the files of that bureau on MR. STEWART is dated October 15, 1930, and that report states that MR. STEWART is a native of New Orleans, and is the son of ALBERT L. STEWART who was at that time President and Owner of the ACME REALTY COMPANY, INC., and that the subject since his graduation from Tulane University in July 1930 has been assistant to his father in the management of that business. The records of the credit bureau, however, do show that the credit rating of MR. CHARLES B. STEWART is very good.

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A. C. VAN HORN

The 1938 city directory for New Orleans does not list A. C. VAN HORN.

MR. FRANK MORTIMER, jury commissioner, and MR. PAUL GAUDET, Chief Deputy United States Marshal, were unable to furnish information on this juror.

MR. GAUDET informed that the juror's notice was sent to A. C. VAN HORN at 8400 Sycamore Street by registered letter, and that the same was returned to his office with the notation "unknown". From the information gathered, hereinafter mentioned, there is reason to believe that MR. A. C. VAN HORN is deceased.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau show that MRS. ALBERT C. VAN HORN, according to confidential report dated January 18, 1936, resided at 1142 Wilkinson Street, Shreveport, Louisiana; former address, 8400 Sycamore Street, New Orleans; that MRS. VAN HORN is not employed and her wealth is generally estimated to be \$20,000.00. Under "Remarks" it is stated that MRS. ALBERT C. VAN HORN is the widow of the late ALBERT C. VAN HORN who died November 19, 1932.

PHILIP WILLIAMS

The 1938 city directory for New Orleans shows PHILIP H. WILLIAMS, employed as Assistant to the President of the New Orleans Motor Co., Inc., address 842 Canal Street. Also the 1935 city directory shows PHILIP H. WILLIAMS employed as Assistant to the President of the New Orleans Motor Company.

For information, 824 Canal Street is the address of the Boston Club.

MR. FRANK MORTIMER, jury commissioner, informed that he knows MR. WILLIAMS personally; that he is a good man, and he doubts very much that this individual could be influenced if selected as a juror.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau show PHILIP H. WILLIAMS, according to confidential report dated February 9, 1935, as sales manager and Assistant to the President of the New Orleans Motor Company, business address: 1801 Canal Street; that MR. WILLIAMS receives his mail at the Boston Club, New Orleans, and formerly resided

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at 2908 St. Charles Avenue, Roosevelt Hotel, 2235 Carondelet Street, 1531 Henry Clay Avenue; that he is a native of New Orleans, fifty-five to sixty years old; widower; no dependents; that he has held his present position for three years or more, and was formerly connected with the UNITED HOTELS, INC. His credit rating is given as very good. The report shows that it is the understanding that MR. WILLIAMS has accumulated some means of a personal nature which yields him a moderate income, in addition to his salary. Information is given that he is not assessed with real estate.

This report covers investigation of all jurors, members of the petit jury, United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, for the term beginning May 1939.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

New Orleans, Louisiana

N.O. 74-228
FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT New Orleans, La.	DATE WHEN MADE Aug. 25, 1939	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE Aug. 14, 15, 16 & 17, 1939	REPORT MADE BY J. O. PEYRONNIN	SH
TITLE PETIT JURY - May 1939 Term, Eastern District of Louisiana, New Orleans, Louisiana, Division			CHARACTER OF CASE JURY INVESTIGATION	
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">United States Attorney, New Orleans, on August 14, 1939, submitted to New Orleans Field Office additional list of names and addresses of individuals drawn as members of the petit jury, United States district court, Eastern District of Louisiana, New Orleans, Louisiana, for the term beginning May 1939, and requested discreet investigation as to each juror. Authorization to conduct this investigation secured from the Bureau. List in question consists of twenty-five names. Discreet investigation conducted as to each juror in New Orleans, and detailed information secured as to each made part of this report. New Orleans Office files checked as to each juror and whatever information derived therefrom made part of this report.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">G.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. O. PEYRONNIN, New Orleans, Louisiana, August 21, 1939.</p> <p>DETAILS: At New Orleans, Louisiana</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">On August 8, 1939, United States Attorney RENE A. VIOSCA, New Orleans, informed the New Orleans Office that on Monday, August 14, 1939, additional names of individuals would be drawn by the jury commissioners at New Orleans, which names would be added to the petit jury panel for the term</p>				
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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Crowl	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Lester	✓
Mr. Lawler	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sears	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
TOLSON Tamm Tracy

NEW ORLEANS, LA.--ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHN ROGGE REVEALED THAT HE HAD KNOWN FOR A WEEK THAT TELEPHONE WIRES INTO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WERE "TAPPED."
HE MADE NO VENTURE AS TO WHO MIGHT BE LISTENING IN ON GOVERNMENT CONVERSATIONS, BUT SAID HE KNEW THAT ONE LONG DISTANCE CALL TO ATTORNEY GENERAL MURPHY IN WASHINGTON WAS TAPPED.

*Oh, for heavens sake! This is
terribly cheap publicity. Be certain
Sackett is doing nothing toward
checking such allegations.*

August 26, 1939

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Special Agent in Charge
New Orleans, Louisiana

Re: CRIME CONDITIONS - LOUISIANA

Dear Sir:

For your information in connection with the investigations being conducted in Louisiana, you are advised that Mr. Tom Dutton, former United States Marshal at New Orleans and now in the automobile business at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, recently called at the Bureau, at which time he offered his services as a private citizen in the event he could render any aid to Special Agents in regard to the graft and corruption investigation in Louisiana.

Mr. Dutton related that he was possessed of a good many rumors, the truth of which he could not vouch for, that he could impart; further, that he has many friends and connections, and because of these contacts may be able to assist the investigating Agents.

Very truly yours,
For the Director

Harold Nathan
Assistant Director

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. Nathan _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
- Mr. Egan _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Crowl _____
- Mr. Harbo _____
- Mr. Lawler _____
- Mr. McIntire _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Sears _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Q. Tamm _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Miss Gandy _____

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 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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JGJ EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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August 21, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Tom Dutton, former United States Marshal at New Orleans, now in the automobile business at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, called personally. He wanted his regards extended to the Director. He wanted also to offer his services as a private citizen and as a Naval Intelligence Reserve Officer to the Bureau, in the event any of the Bureau's Special Agents needed any assistance in connection with the graft and corruption investigation in Louisiana. Dutton stated that he was probably possessed of a good many rumors, the truth about which he is not sure, that he could impart. Further, he has many friends and connections and he might, because of such contacts, be able to shorten some of the investigation to be conducted by the Special Agents.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

1308 Masonic Temple Building
New Orleans, Louisiana
August 29, 1939

Honorable Rene A. Viosca
United States Attorney
New Orleans, Louisiana

Re: LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS;
Information Concerning

Dear Sir:

In accordance with past procedure, there are enclosed herewith photostatic copies of communications received by the Bureau and by the Attorney General, which are described as follows:

One undated letter to the Director signed "Harph";

One letter dated July 11, 1939 to the Attorney General signed "Miss Agnes E. Lewis";

One anonymous letter addressed to Assistant United States Attorney Rogge under date of August 1, 1939, a copy of which was furnished this Bureau by the Department, together with enclosed newspaper clippings.

Letter dated at Shreveport, Louisiana, August 2, 1939, from Mr. Donald Scott, with its enclosure.

Anonymous letter beginning "Proceeds from Jefferson Parish....," postmarked at New Orleans, August 3, 1939.

Letter dated at Shreveport, Louisiana, August 3, 1939, from United States Attorney Harvey C. Fields, Western District of Louisiana, together with its enclosure.

Very truly yours,

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B. E. SACKETT
Special Agent

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New Orleans, Louisiana

August 28, 1939

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Honorable Rene A. Viosca,
United States Attorney,
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

RE: LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS -
Information Concerning

In accordance with past procedure, additional information is being furnished your office with this letter.

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Please be advised that the informant previously referred to in communications as "TOM" advised that early on August 21, 1939, he observed an individual, whose name he does not know, coming out of the Baronne Building, which individual he thought might have information of value in connection with some of the investigations presently being conducted in this city by Federal authorities. It seems the individual to whom he was referring was formerly employed by the Jefferson Lake Oil and Developing Company in an unknown capacity and that while employed there embezzled about \$500.00 of that company's funds; that the officials of that company became aware of the embezzlement of funds by this individual and instead of having him prosecuted caused him, allegedly, to do a lot of unlawful acts that he would not have ordinarily done except for the fact that they had the prospect of his embezzlement charge hanging over his head; that after they had used him for their purposes they then discharged him. "TOM" stated that this individual advised that one of the officials of this company obtained a salary of \$60,000.00 per year without authority from the board of directors; another received \$40,000.00 per year, and still another had obtained five thousand shares of stock. "TOM" stated this individual did not furnish him with the names of these officials but that he believes this information can be obtained by further contact with that individual. His purpose of furnishing this information was from the standpoint of income tax violations.

"TOM" also stated that CLEM SERHT, a New Orleans attorney, and associate of S. G. WIMBERLY and EARL K. LONG, is reported to have sent one of his agents by the name of FAULKNER to an establishment known as the "Marine Bar Room", 731 Conti Street, operated by one "MABEL"; that FAULKNER is alleged to have threatened MABEL unless she took out the nickelodeon which she then had in her bar room and put in one belonging to the association (TOM could not furnish the name of the association but stated it is one for which SERHT, WIMBERLY and LONG serve as attorneys); that if she refused to do so she would suffer dire consequences; that she refused at first and this association caused her to be

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To Honorable Rene A. Viosca, New Orleans, 8/28/39

put in jail on a trumped up charge of violating local board of health ordinances, and that finally, after she had agreed to put in a nickelodeon of the association, she had no further trouble. "TOM" states that this FAULKNER was formerly with the New Orleans Police Department and is now alleged to be employed with the New Orleans Levee Board. He thinks that possibly this woman, MABEL, can furnish information relative to an \$8,000.00 weekly "take" in a racket operated by this association for which SERET, WIMBERLY and LONG are attorneys.

R. E. BEARD, Attorney, Carondelet Building, telephonically advised this office that he had just come from Pointe a la Hache, Louisiana, and noted that HARRY JACOBS, a State engineer of Louisiana, had a magnificent house near Pointe a la Hache and a large estate evidently costing thousands of dollars; that he understood materials had been hauled into this place for the last six months, that the people in that vicinity were wondering how a man receiving a small salary could expend such a large amount of money on an estate.

The matters referred to in this letter are not within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau but may be of interest to you in connection with other investigations in which your office may have an interest.

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT,
Special Agent in Charge

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LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS, INFORMATION CONCERNING. DR. JAMES O'ALLEN

~~SHAW~~ SHAW, DIRECTOR OF MINERALS DIVISION OF STATE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

COMMISSION, NEW ORLEANS, TONIGHT COMMITTED SUICIDE BY SHOOTING

HIMSELF WHILE A PATIENT IN A NEW ORLEANS HOSPITAL FOLLOWING AN

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT YESTERDAY. ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL ROGGE

HAD A GOOD INCOME TAX EVASION ~~CASE~~ CASE AGAINST SHAW AND SHAW

WAS ALSO INVOLVED IN A HOT OIL CASE. ROGGE INTENDED TO INDICT SHAW

TOMORROW. SHAW HAD PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO TESTIFY AS A GOVERNMENT

WITNESS. I AM TAKING NO ACTION OR CONDUCTING ANY INQUIRY REGARDING

SHAW'S SUICIDE.

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- Mr. Quinn Tamm
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
AUG 29 1939
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
TAMM TWO

RE LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS, INFORMATION CONCERNING GRAND JURY, NEW ORLEANS, TODAY INDICTED DOCTOR CLARENCE A. LORIO, LOUISIANA POLITICAL LEADER, FOR INCOME TAX EVASION AND BOND SET AT SEVENTY FIVE HUNDRED, JAMES M. SMITH FOR INCOME TAX EVASION AND BOND SET AT TWO THOUSAND, SMITH TO BE RETURNED TO NEW ORLEANS FROM BATON ROUGE IMMEDIATELY AS STATE OFFICIALS ARE AFRAID SMITH MAY COMMIT SUICIDE EVIDENCED BY BICHLORIDE OF MERCURY TABLETS FOUND IN HIS POSSESSION AT BATON ROUGE, ROBERT NEWMAN, NORVIN HARRIS, HENRY J. MILLER, ABE SHUSHAN AND H. W. WAGUESPACK FOR MAIL FRAUD IN CONNECTION WITH REFUNDING OF NEW ORLEANS LEVEE BOARD BONDS, BOND OF FIVE THOUSAND SET FOR MILLER AND FIFTEEN THOUSAND EACH FOR OTHER DEFENDANTS, NO ARRAIGNMENT DATE SET, ALL DEFENDANTS EXCEPT SMITH EXPECTED TO MAKE BOND TODAY,

SACKETT.

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Copy to Mr. Tamm

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

August 28, 1939

EAT:LCJ

2:20 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

SAC Sackett called from New Orleans and stated that he was talking with Mr. Rogge, Assistant Attorney General, today, and Mr. Rogge brought up the matter of the automobile accident in which his wife was involved in Texas. Mrs. Rogge is apparently under the impression that the car had been tampered with, as the steering suddenly went bad which caused the car to go into the ditch and turn over.

Mr. Sackett said that he would not have thought so much of this incident except for the fact that a week ago, Dr. J. A. Shaw, who later committed suicide, was in an automobile accident in his son's car. An adjustor for the Fire Companys' Adjustment Bureau told Mr. Sackett that he had examined the car, and the wreck was evidently cause by a blow-out. After looking at the tire that blew out, this adjustor is apparently convinced there had been heat applied to the tire, possibly with a blow torch, which weakened the tire to such an extent that it blew out.

Mr. Sackett stated, also, that James A. Noll (phonetic), a State Senator who has been one of the Administration's principle opponents, was also in an automobile accident last Friday in which a tire blew out, according to the newspapers.

Mr. Sackett whether, in view of all these facts, we should do something about the matter. I advised Mr. Sackett "Absolutely not." I told him that if we receive any information on how Mr. Rogge's accident occurred, we will transmit it to him, but that we will not go out and investigate it.

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August 23, 1939

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Special Agent in Charge
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith photostatic copies of the following letters:

Letter dated August 9, 1939, addressed to the Bureau by Mr. Acie Julius Belton, Box 105, Scotlandville, Louisiana;

Letter addressed to the Attorney General by Mr. E. M. Johnson, Long Beach, California.

It is requested that a copy of each of these letters be furnished to Honorable Rene A. Viosca, United States Attorney, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,
For the Director

Harold Nathan
Assistant Director

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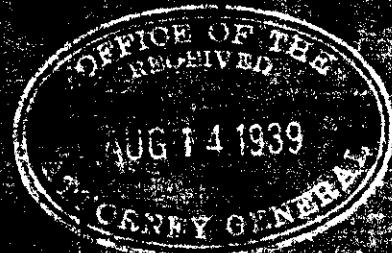
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Atty Gen Murphy
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir - Congratulations on the Hot
oil scandal report in Louisiana
may I suggest you check and
double check on a man named
Bill Hillis of New Orleans
and the Hot oil business

Sincerely

E. M. Johnson



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

AUG 26 1939

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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MISS GANDY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 74-228 JOP:CEW:NP/V

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

New Orleans, La.

REPORT MADE AT New Orleans	DATE WHEN MADE 8-21-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7-27-39 to 8-14-39	REPORT MADE BY J. O. Peyronnin
TITLE PETIT JURY - May 1939 Term, Eastern District of Louisiana, New Orleans, Louisiana Division.			CHARACTER OF CASE X JURY INVESTIGATION.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

U. S. Attorney, New Orleans, submitted to New Orleans Division names and addresses of individuals compromising the petit jury, U. S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, for the term beginning May 1939, and requested a discreet investigation be conducted as to each juror. Proper authorization was secured from the Bureau to conduct this investigation. The list in question consists of 50 names. Discreet confidential investigation conducted through various sources at New Orleans, Bogalusa and Mandeville, La. Detailed information secured as to each juror made part of this report. Also New Orleans office files checked and information derived therefrom as to each of these jurors made part of this report.

REFERENCE: Bureau telegram of July 27, 1939.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 62-32501-274
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Investigation in this matter was requested by U. S. Attorney RENE A. VIOSCA, New Orleans, on July 25, 1939. telegram from the Bureau dated July 27, 1939, authorized investigation. U. S. Attorney VIOSCA furnished a list of names in the jury panel, drawn for the term of court commencing in May 1939 to Special Agents NELSON PERRY and C. E. WEEKS. He advised that the present term of court extends from the third Monday in May to the third Monday in November; that the investigation must be very discreet inasmuch as Federal jurists have held that should knowledge of such investigation come to the attention of a member of the panel it may be held to be prejudicial to the jury.

In discussing this investigation MR. VIOSCA advised that FRANK MORTIMER is the Jury Commissioner and that according to statute the U. S. Clerk of Court is the other Jury Commissioner. He suggested the inadvisability of consulting employees of the office of the Clerk of the U. S. District Court.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents NELSON PERRY, J. O. PEYRONNIN and C. E. WEEKS. The investigation recorded hereinafter will be set up under the names of the respective jurors under investigation:

RE: E. M. BABST, JR.

The latest City Directory indicates EMILE M. BABST resides at 4427 S. Miro Street, New Orleans, is Vice-President and Secretary of EMILE M. BABST COMPANY, 1050 Camp Street, a plumbing business. EMILE M. BABST, SR., is listed as President of this Company and also is treasurer of the Eureka Homestead Company. The Directory indicates one CHARLES J. BABST, JR., Inspector for the City Sewerage and Water Board, and resides at 2435 Robert Street.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau, Inc., American Bank Building, New Orleans, reflect that EMILE BABST, JR., is employed by the EMILE BABST COMPANY, INC., plumbers, located 1050 Camp Street. BABST'S residence is given as 4427 S. Miro Street, with previous residence at 756 City Park Avenue.

On December 26, 1938, BABST bought from the Eureka Homestead a piece of property on Napoleon Avenue and Saratoga Street for \$5500.00 on terms. The record of payment ratings reflected several small retail accounts with "A" ratings, last purchase being noted in April 1938.

Confidential informant #1 advised that he is quite sure EMILE BABST is related to FRANK BABST, who is presently a captain in the U. S. District Court.

the Eighth Ward, in which Ward CY HICKEY and FRANK PERRILLEAUX are leaders, but otherwise he knows nothing against BABST.

RE: BEN F. BARNES

The latest City Directory indicates BEN F. BARNES resides at 2625 Joseph Street, New Orleans, wife MAURINE, and he is Manager of Seymour's Credit Clothing.

The files of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau show that BEN FRANKLIN BARNES resides at 2625 Joseph Street, New Orleans, previous addresses Baton Rouge, Louisiana and Little Rock, Ark., and on the date of the report of their office dated September 23, 1937, this individual was Manager of the Seymour Clothing Company, 922 Canal Street; that BARNES is 38 years old, married, has a wife and four children, daughters, formerly resided Baton Rouge, La., September 1926 to February 1937, and two years prior thereto resided at Little Rock; that he has been Manager of Seymour's since February 1937 and as to his ability, he is regarded as competent. Previous employment: Abbott & Barnes, Baton Rouge between September 1936 and February 1937. His character, reputation, habits and morals are considered good. His income is estimated at \$50.00 per week and commission on sales. His worth is estimated at \$500.00, his credit rating is regarded as satisfactory among the trade.

RE: A. BLANCHARD

This individual is supposed to have resided in Napoleonville, La., and the City Directory probably does not reflect his name, although there is an A. BLANCHARD at 503 Eganias Street; he is listed as a salesman. The 1935 Directory lists an ALLEN BLANCHARD, 1758 Moss Street, timekeeper for the Board of Commissioners, Port of New Orleans, and an ARTHUR E. BLANCHARD, 3303 Bowdin Street, timekeeper for the same Board.

MR. OTTO ODENDAHL, Manager, Credit Clearing House, New Orleans, advised that he has a credit record on A. B. BLANCHARD, Napoleonville, La., who operates a retail hardware store and is a dealer in Spanish moss. The record reflects BLANCHARD has a good business reputation and is considered a conservative business man. His rating is the highest rating given, and the file reflects he has been in business in Napoleonville for 25 years.

No record of this individual is recorded in the files of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau. The records of Dun & Bradstreet, by report dated May 22, 1939, shows that ALEXIS BLANCHARD is a tinsmith and welder, Napoleonville, La.; that this individual is

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52 years old, a widower and has been a native of that section for many years, and is of French descent. The report reflects that information gathered from various sources indicates ALEXIS BLANCHARD has an investment in machinery and equipment amounting to \$2500 or \$3000 and possibly \$800 to \$1000 being due in outstanding accounts. The report shows that he has a fairly good cash balance in the bank; that he owns his home valued at around \$3,000.

Investigation in the community in which he lives reflects that his neighbors speak well of him; that he is a hard worker and attends to his affairs in a very business-like manner. In conclusion, the report of this concern shows that ALEXIS BLANCHARD is reliable and well thought of in general by his creditors.

Dun & Bradstreet's records also contain a report dated November 29, 1938 of ALPHONSE B. BLANCHARD, Napoleonville, La.; said report shows style of business at Napoleonville as moss manufacturing company - variety store, and moss gin; that the said A. B. BLANCHARD is 59 years old, married and a native of that section; was formerly employed and engaged in business, in 1912, as a member of the firm of Blanchard Brothers; that in October 1922 the brother died and his interest in the business was continued by his widow until June 1923 when A. B. BLANCHARD acquired the business and has since continued the business individually; that some years ago A. B. BLANCHARD was associated with R. J. SCHWING in the manufacture of moss; that SCHWING subsequently withdrew and BLANCHARD has since conducted the business as above. The investigative report shows that the financial statement was not available at the time of the investigation in November 1938 but that the last figures received were from estimates in December 1937, which shows the assets of ALPHONSE B. BLANCHARD as \$108,000, net worth \$98,500, cash in bank \$10,000; that he is reported presently to have merchandise in the variety store worth \$6500; that he is credited with controlling substantial cash balance and his indebtedness is well in hand. He is reputed to be a good business man, attends to his business, has a good reputation, good habits and morals.

FRANK MORTIMER, Jury Commissioner, cannot identify this juror and in view of the size of Napoleonville it is deemed inadvisable and indiscreet to make inquiries directly at that place to determine which of the individuals referred to is the juror.

RE. G. E. BRIERRE

The City Directory lists G. E. BRIERRE as residing 4450 Franklin Avenue, full name GEORGE E. BRIERRE, occupation clerk in

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Burke, Soniat & Herrell Insurance Company. This company is located 307 Camp Street, PATRICK E. BURKE is President, ROBERT E. SONIAT, Vice President and GRADY HERRELL, Secretary-Treasurer.

Also at 4450 Franklin Avenue is one JOSEPH T. BRIERRE, wife AGNES, occupation, Assistant Port Medical Officer, United Fruit Company.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau contain no investigative report on G. E. BRIERRE, but general information is contained on the record of GEORGE E. BRIERRE, JR., 4450 Franklin Avenue, which report shows this individual to be an auditor, place of employment, 1312 Pere Marquette Bldg. Notation on the said record shows that this individual acquired property as follows:

Third District, City of New Orleans, April 30, 1938, from the Central Homestead Association, two lots valued at \$1300, sold on terms.

Third District, City of New Orleans, June 21, 1939, from the Central Homestead Association, two lots valued at \$5400, purchased on terms.

The credit rating of GEORGE E. BRIERRE, JR., reflects the same to be good.

P. A. GAUDET, Chief Deputy U. S. Marshal, advised that he knows the BRIERRE family quite well; that MR. BRIERRE was formerly in the rice business, and is now with the insurance firm of Burke, Soniat & Herrell Insurance Company and is engaged in the selling of general insurance and surety bonds. MR. BRIERRE is about eighty years of age, and is a fine, honest, upstanding man.

MR. FRANK MORTIMER, Jury Commissioner, advised the BRIERRE family is very prominent and stands very high in the city, but he could offer nothing further specific.

RE: E. E. BUCKNER

The City Directory lists ERROL E. BUCKNER, wife JUNE J., clerk in the National Bank of Commerce, residence 104 Elmeer Place, Metairie, La. The 1935 Directory gives his address as Box 222, Arabi, La.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau reflect ERROL E. BUCKNER presently resides 104 Elmeer Place, Metairie, has formerly lived at Poydras, La., 1427 St. Mary Street, New Orleans, St. Louis, Missouri, 8737 Marks Street, and Arabi, La. His present occupation was given as Manager of the Bond Department for the Nation-

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al Bank of Commerce. The file contains an investigative report of December 19, 1931, which reflects that at that time BUCKNER was statistician for the Canal Bank & Trust Company, and had been formerly a stenographer with the Mississippi Valley Trust Company from December 12, 1927. He is regarded well and lives with his mother. His sister MILDRED works for the Southern Bell Telegraph Company and in May 1928 his salary was reported as \$1260.00, with no other income. Remarks indicated that BUCKNER was not an active credit customer.

The file further contains a report made for D. H. Holmes Company dated May 23, 1939, reflecting that his present as 104 Elmeer Place, Metairie, La., since January 1937, and has been in New Orleans since 1931; born September 17, 1902, is white, an American, married, has four children, presently employed in the Bond Department of the National Bank of Commerce; that his character is good and he is shown to own his own home; salary reported as \$300 per month. The buying record lists several small accounts with good payment ratings. The report also indicates that he has outstanding currently loans amounting to over \$300.00.

MR. FRANK MORTIMER states he knows the BUCKNER family quite well, it is a nice large family and he knows that none of them are connected with politics; that BUCKNER personally is a very fine fellow.

RE. V. L. CAPETILLO

The City Directory lists VALENTINE L. CAPETILLO, wife LOIS, plumbing contractor, 1923 Elysian Fields Avenue. The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau show that VALENTINE L. CAPETILLO resides at 1923 Elysian Fields Avenue, by occupation is a plumber, and according to investigative report dated August 14, 1936 CAPETILLO is married, is a native of New Orleans, has resided at his present address for thirty years, is 41 years old, living with his wife and one child; has been in business for himself at 1923 Elysian Fields for many years; that the size of his business is small and his credit rating is very good. Previous employment Ganier Plumbing Company. The records show his character is good, income as approximately \$90.00 per month, and under remarks the notation appears that VALENTINE L. CAPETILLO has no real estate in his own name, but resides at the above address with his mother MRS. LOUISE P. FOULON, who owns the property.

MR. FRANK MORTIMER states that CAPETILLO has done plumbing work for him and that he regards him as a very high type master mechanic and absolutely dependable, which he states is a rarity in that occupation. He does not know what CAPETILLO'S political connections might be or whether he has any political business, but has never heard of his having such.

RE: RALSTON S. COLE

The City Directory lists this individual as residing at 1561 Calhoun Street, occupation salesman Community Motors, Inc., 724 Carondelet Street.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau on RALSTON STEELE COLE, are as follows: Separated from his wife, salesman for Louisiana Motor Car Company, Inc., 750 St. Charles St. Confidential report of that Bureau dated October 21, 1931 shows RALSTON STEELE COLE, 38 years old, wife, MARY CLOTHILDE KELLER from whom separated; COLE'S address as 1561 Calhoun Street, New Orleans. Employment record, Louisiana Motor Car Company, Inc., New Orleans, for period of two weeks, during which time the investigative report was prepared, as salesman; former employment, insurance agent and worked for the Graham Paige Company. Resources, commission, amount not known, owns no real estate, is regarded as slow pay and as having domestic trouble. Under remarks the following notation is given: "R. S. COLE was formerly engaged in insurance business at 701 Hibernia Bank Bldg., and previous to that member of firm of Cole, Reese Co., Inc., and Floweree Cole, Reese Company, Inc., engaged in the same line of business; that COLE did not meet with much success and in about 1926 became a real estate salesman for the Perrin Realty Company; about October 1, 1937 he entered the employ of the Aetna Life Insurance Company as salesman; that about January 1, 1930 entered the employ of the Graham Paige Auto Company and this latter business was taken over by the Louisiana Motor Car Company and COLE remained with the latter concern; that COLE has never met with any success in any of his business ventures and is heavily indebted at this time, and numerous suits and judgments appear against him".

The credit records also lists RALSTON K. COLE, indicating he is the son of RALSTON S. COLE, who is well regarded; that the former has resided at 1561 Calhoun Street, previous thereto at 1735 Short Street and 8008 Burkley. RALSTON K. COLE has a wife, EDITH, presently residing Y. M. C. A., Baton Rouge, La., since November 1938, and employed as a clerk in the State Department of Public Welfare, and is 24 years old.

MR. FRANK MORTIMER says he knows RALSTON COLE and understands him to be an insurance salesman, knows nothing against him, but does not know him very well. Confidential informant #1 states that he knows COLE by reputation and understands him to be not much good, and to be connected with politics, and to hand around the Shamrock Cafe, opposite City Hall, which is a politicians handout.

RE. DAN DANUER

The City Directory lists DANIEL J. DANUER, wife, ZULINE,

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4533 Camp Street, occupation salesman. The credit records fail to reveal a report on DANUER, but contain one on MRS. DANUER on October 1938, for Kraus Company, giving her maiden name as A. ANGAMAN, residing 3541 Camp Street since 1936, age 42; well regarded as to morals, wife of DANUEL DANUER, formerly employed Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for two years, but not regularly employed past year. House at that address assessed in MRS. DANUER'S name, she having inherited it from her father, RENE J. AGAMAN. She has a sister NELLIE, who is a school teacher, formerly residing at 3238 Delachaise St., and 1919 Robert Street.

P. A. GAUDET, Chief Deputy U. S. Marshal, advised that he does not know DANUER, but understands there is someone by that name or similar name employed in the Parish Assessor's Office. DANUER is unknown to FRANK MORTIMER.

RE. RATHBORNE E. DUBUYS

The City Directory lists this person's address as 1512 Calhoun Street, occupation architect, wife CORINNE. The credit records reflect the full name of DUBUYS as RATHBONE EMILE DUBUYS reported January 17, 1939 to live at 1512 Calhoun Street, his credit clearing is very poor. Report made for the Retailers Commercial Agency, New York City, September 17, 1932, states his age as 58, (1932) his address then as 1720 Calhoun St., previous address 1438 Calhoun St., and Miami, Fla. Employed by himself as architect in the Hibernia Bank Building. Both he and his wife are of old Louisiana families, graduated as an architect and practiced for thirty years, income at that time \$8000 to \$9000 per year. He and his wife are members of exclusive organizations and are negligent in taking care of obligations.

Report of February 12, 1934 reflected he was in bankruptcy, assets \$5,852.06, liabilities \$25,573.30. He was discharged May 30, 1935. Numerous unsatisfactory accounts are listed, together with two judgments against him, and one suit disposition not reported.

Report of December 12, 1934 on MRS. DUBUYS states she is the sister of DR. LUDO VON MEYSENBERG and works as an interior decorator, making about \$100.00 a month; that her husband's business was seriously off from what it had previously been.

MR. P. A. GAUDET knows DUBUYS and states he has a good reputation as an architect, but that there is some talk about his being a "stuffed shirt". FRANK MORTIMER states he knows DUBUYS very well but he does not believe he has any affiliation with the political crowd presently in power in Louisiana and believes him to be honorable.

RE: W. K. DEPASS, JR.

The City Directory lists this individual as WILLIAM K. DEPASS, JR., wife MARION, address 142 Oak Ridge Park, Metairie, La., occupation salesman. The telephone directory lists his address as 142 East Avenue. The City Directory lists WILLIAM K. DEPASS as President of the Standard Supply & Hardware Company, 822-838 Tchoupitoulas Street, residence #2 Newcombe Blvd.; MORRIS B. DEPASS, City Architect, 926 Pauline Street.

The credit records reflect this juror's last address is 142 Oak Ridge (August 1933), other addresses, 477 Lowerline St., #9 Nassau, Metairie Drive, 3723 Canal St., 4215 S. Broad St., 1912 Palmer, Newcombe Blvd., and St. Charles Avenue (May 1937), occupation, clerk Standard Supply & Hardware Company. Credit clearings excellent.

MR. FRANK MORTIMER stated WILLIAM K. DEPASS, SR., is a cousin of the City Architect, MORRIS B. DEPASS; that the juror is the son of the President of the Standard Supply & Hardware Company, works for his father, has no interest in politics and is an excellent type of person. MR. DENNIS BARRY, Certified Public Accountant, Masonic Temple Bldg., New Orleans, stated he does not know this juror but knows MORRIS DEPASS is pretty deeply involved in local politics.

Re: JOHN DOMINGUEZ

The City Directory lists JOHN L. DOMINGUEZ' residence as 124 Glenwood Drive, Metairie, Secretary, Assistant, to McKesson, Robbins, Inc., Parker-Blake Division, 755 Magazine Street. The credit records reflect the same address and occupation, position held since 1924, previous addresses 2517 Conti St., and 520 S. Rendon St., wife, MARIE C. CARROLL, present address since December 1936, native of New Orleans, age 56, two children, has been with this concern 20 years as salesman, assistant credit manager, credit manager, character, habits and morals unquestioned, salary \$300 per month, owns his home, is also Assistant Treasurer of McKesson, Robbins, Inc., McKesson-Parker-Blake is a subsidiary. Was a stockholder in the Standard Brewing Company, went into bankruptcy in September 1936, in which he lost his investment.

It is to be noted that McKesson, Robbins, Inc., in which he is an officer was recently involved in the PHILLIP MUSICA scandals.

FRANK MORTIMER states he knows this individual very well but does not know his family. He states that it is not a prominent

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family but is a good one, and he considers DOMINGUEZ a very high type man, and insofar as he knows, is not associated with any local political crowd.

RE: OSCAR DRESNER

The City Directory lists his address as 4902 Marlborough Gate, which is apparently in error, his true address evidently being #2 Marlborough Gate.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau on OSCAR DRESNER show the following: Residence #2 Marlborough Gate, former address 4926 Howard Ave., and Lockport, La. Reference on the investigative report dated August 29, 1936 states "See report on Hamcor Realty Company". The information contained in the Credit Bureau files further shows that DRESNER resided at #2 Marlborough Gate for 10 years or more; that he is 65 years old, a widower, and has a dependent, one daughter, 25 years old; that he resided 4926 Howard Ave., for one year and at Lockport, La., for several years; that he is in business for himself as a real estate operator, and has been very successful in his operations. His character is reported among the trade as well regarded and is considered reliable; that his habits and morals are good; that his income from investments is estimated at not less than \$5,000 a year; that he owns his home and his worth is generally estimated at \$50,000 to \$75,000.

Under remarks in this confidential and investigative report there is a notation to the effect that OSCAR DRESNER is a former resident of Lockport, La., was engaged in business there and was rather successful; that he has been living in New Orleans for a number of years and since in New Orleans has been principally engaged in the real estate business for his own account; that he is Vice-President of what is known as the Hamcor Realty Co., Inc., which has an interest in property at San Angelo, Texas; that in addition it is understood he owns property in Lockport, La., and is also interested in property in the City of New Orleans; that his property holdings, with the exception of his home, are colored property, and he receives a good income from the rentals. Special mention is made in the confidential report that in the past six months OSCAR DRESNER has been in ill health. Investigation in that connection was made on August 29, 1936.

The report on the Hamcor Realty Co., Inc., 1624 Canal Bank Building, reflects MELVIN B. GRIFFIN, President, OSCAR DRESNER, Vice-President and DAVID J. HEIDERICH, Secretary and Treasurer, and trustees, OSCAR DRESNER, DAVID J. HEIDERICH, and U. A. DOUSATTE, incorporated in 1932 under the Louisiana law, to take over property foreclosed in San Angelo, Texas. The firms affairs are handled by EDWARD

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T. MERRICK of the law firm of Merrick, Schwartz, Guste, Barnett and Redmann. GRIFFIN is in the real estate business, DRESNER was formerly in the general merchandise business in Lockport, and is now retired. HEIDERICH has been in the belting and bearing business for 25 years. Almost all the shares of stock were paid for by 5 1/2% first mortgage and Gold Bonds, and JOHN W. HAMPTON and TOM CORRISON aggregated \$57,500, secured by real estate and improvements in San Angelo, Texas. These were valued in the exchange for stock at \$28,750.

MR. P. A. GAUDET advised he is not acquainted with OSCAR DRESNER, but knows the two Attorneys DRESNER, who, he understands, are his nephews and represent the Greater New Orleans Homestead. He further advised he understood the nephew of OSCAR DRESNER was involved in renting office space to the Levee Board, which had recently attracted some publicity.

FRANK MORTIMER, Jury Commissioner, states he knows DRESNER; that he is elderly and retired and he has a nephew named HARRY CAPLAN who is secretary to MR. LUCAS, President of the National Bank of Commerce.

Re: JOSEPH M. DUCROS

The City Directory shows J. M. DUCROS, customers' man, E. A. PIERCE COMPANY, residence Abita Springs, La. The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau reflect that this individual is a customers' man for E. A. Pierce Company of New Orleans, a reputable and substantial brokerage firm; that DUCROS' rating is entirely satisfactory and that credit in only one or two cases was refused. According to report dated September 13, 1937, DUCROS was a resident of Abita Springs, La., and resided there since 1934 and was regarded as a good citizen, character, habits and morals good; that he is about 45 years old, has a wife and two children, does not drink; does not own any real estate. The record further shows a chattel mortgage on May 19, 1938, was made in favor of Orleans Loan & Credit Corporation in the amount of \$615.00 for a Dodge car; that a suit on June 8, 1938 was filed by ELEANOR D. AUXIER, against DUCROS for \$28.00. There is a notation on the records reflecting that DUCROS' home is mortgaged for more than it is worth.

FRANK MORTIMER, Jury Commissioner, states that he has known DUCROS for years as a customers' man. He was with Post & Flagg, then E. A. Pierce & Company and now is with Beer & Company, New Orleans. He believes him to be entirely satisfactory.

ERNEST KIEFFER, clerk in this office, formerly employed by E. A. Pierce Company in 1937, knows DUCROS and states he seems to be

a fine man, and it is his belief he is related in some way to some member of the firm. He states DUCROS is 40 to 45 years old and has a wife and a couple of children.

RE: M. L. EAST

The current City Directory does not list M. L. EAST. The 1935 City Directory lists MARION L. EAST, grocer, 1418 St. Charles St., residence 1113 Thalia Street; the telephone address directory gives the address of 1113 Thalia Street as MISS MARIAN HALE.

The Credit Bureau report reflects that M. L. EAST resides at 1037 Thalia St., according to data secured in November of 1933 and that this individual formerly resided at 133 S. Gayoso St., 701 Baronne St., and 1244 Magazine St., occupation, grocery business, 1117 Thalia St.; no investigative report is contained in the files of the Credit Bureau as to this individual's credit rating. The notation appears that he paid one or two accounts satisfactory, but since 1935 the Bureau has made no investigation of EAST'S account, but information received that he has paid three or four accounts very satisfactory and unsatisfactory on two or three accounts.

RE: HENRY GARIC

It has been developed that this juror is deceased. Information is contained in the files of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau that HENRY L. GARIC, who was in the insurance business for himself at 801 Carondelet Bldg., died on December 5, 1938. This information was verified by FRANK MORTIMER, Jury Commissioner.

RE: LESLIE W. GOULD,
Bogalusa, La.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau and Dun & Bradstreets were checked and no information relative to this individual was contained in their files.

At Bogalusa, Louisiana.

J. H. CASSIDY, attorney, formerly Assistant U. S. Attorney at New Orleans, was interviewed, and advised that approximately two years ago he was requested by Deputy Clerk SHAW of the District Court Clerk's office for names eligible individuals to include in the jury list, and the name of LESLIE W. GOULD was submitted to SHAW at that time. MR. CASSIDY advised he has known GOULD personally all his life.

GOULD is about 27 or 28 years old, single, and lives with his parents at Bogalusa. He is employed by the Gayor Container Corporation which has a mill at Bogalusa. GOULD is a salesman and travels the State of Louisiana for his employers and CASSIDY is of the opinion that he earns a very good salary due to his manner of living. GOULD has lived in Bogalusa his entire life, is well known in the community, and known by CASSIDY to have no political connections in that community. His father for many years was Superintendent of the N. O. & G. N. Railroad, which is now the G. M. & N. Railroad. According to CASSIDY, GOULD attended three years at Ole Miss and completed his college at Louisiana State University, graduating about five or six years ago. CASSIDY advised that in his opinion GOULD would make a very good juror as he believes him to be honest and will have the courage of his own convictions.

Re: CECIL GUEST

CECIL GUEST is listed in the City Directory as residing at 3541 Carondelet Street, President of Guest & Viviano Sheet & Metal Works, 827 Dryades Street, wife's name JESSIE.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau show that CECIL GUEST, according to report of October 18, 1938, resided at 1327 8th St., he is president of Guest & Viviano Sheet & Metal Works, Inc., 837 Dryades St.; that he is a native of New Orleans, 52 years old, formerly resided at 1825 St. Andrew St., and 2931 Castigliona Street; that he has been president of Guest & Viviano Sheet & Metal Works since March 12, 1929; that the business, according to investigative activities, is enjoying a good trade and that prior to going into this business was connected with the firm of Guest & Bordenheimer, Inc., for a period of five years; that the character, habits and morals of MR. GUEST were very good and among the trade is considered reliable; that he has an income estimated at \$2,000 per year and has two sons in the employ of his company; that his wealth is considered nominal and he owns no real estate.

The records of this Bureau reflect bankruptcy proceedings under date of February 6, 1929, CECIL GUEST, New Orleans, La., sheet metal worker, assets none, liabilities \$8,892.60; that a suit on March 19, 1929 was filed against CECIL GUEST by the National Manufacturing Store Corporation for \$15.80, judgment rendered March 31, 1929; that another suit was filed on May 12, 1931 against CECIL GUEST by the National Material Company for a claim in the amount of \$585.51, judgment rendered April 21, 1922. The records also show suit under date of April 2, 1937 filed by DRS. CAINE and BAKER against CECIL GUEST for \$11.50.

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FRANK MORTIMER states he knows GUEST quite well, he is in the furnace, heating and sheet metal business, is very reputable and believes he is above question.

Re: ARTHUR P. HALL

The City Directory lists ARTHUR P. HALL, 1739 Marengo Street, wife, LOUISE, business, representative Aluminum Company of America.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau show ARTHUR P. HALL, residing 1738 Marengo Street, former addresses, St. Louis, Missouri, 1446 Nashville Ave., 4502 Prytania Street and 505 Royal St., all New Orleans; that he is married, wife's name LOUISE FINLEY, occupation, resident representative Aluminum Company of America, American Bank Building; the report on HALL bears no date but was evidently prepared several years ago. The said report shows he is 34 years old, has been connected with the Aluminum Company of America for six years; that he does not own his home and his net worth is approximately \$2500; that he is well regarded by his employers and among the trade, and lives up to his income, but is slow in paying his bills. As to ownership of property it is reported that his wealth consists of his car, personal effects and savings. According to another report contained in the files of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau bearing the date of May 17, 1938, he is 40 years old, married, wife dependent upon him for support, employed by Aluminum Company of America as resident representative, previous employment, Aluminum Company of America, St. Louis, Mo., for a period of four years; that his income is \$3600 a year with this company; that he owns no property and is well regarded as a reputable individual among the trade and otherwise. This report shows that MR. HALL is understood to be a native of St. Louis and is the son of DR. FRED B. HALL of that city; that he was at one time in the employ of Skinner & Kennedy Stationery Company and later with the Coast Paint & Varnish Company, and then he entered the employ of the Aluminum Company of America at St. Louis, remaining with that company there for about 3 years and in 1932 was transferred to New Orleans, where he has since been employed by the same company; that at the time of coming to New Orleans he was single; that his wife was for some time employed by the GEORGE B. JURGENS COMPANY, but resigned her position and has not been employed since marriage.

Re: ROBERT J. HEIM

The City Directory lists ROBERT JOSEPH HEIM, 4144 Cleveland St., wife MARY, occupation salesman.

P. A. GAUDET, Chief Deputy Marshal, advised he knows HEIM slightly as a salesman for the Underwood typewriters.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau show that ROBERT JOSEPH HEIM is a salesman for Underwood, Elliott Fisher, located 324 Camp Street, New Orleans; that according to report dated September 19, 1936, he resided at 602 St. Patrick St., New Orleans. Other addresses, 6125 W. End Blvd., 2830 Cleveland St., and 4144 Cleveland St., all New Orleans; that his wife's name prior to marriage was MARY BOYLE; that he has one child, a girl about 7 years old; that he is a native of New Orleans, and is 35 years old; that on the date of the report, September 19, 1936, he was a salesman for the Underwood, Elliott Fisher Company for a period of two months, previous employment Metropolitan Life Insurance Company from 1932 to 1936 and previous thereto worked for a period of about one year for D. H. Holmes Company; that his employers regard his character and reputation as good; that he is considered reliable, owns no real estate, income from his present position approximately \$200.00 month; estimated net worth \$850.00; that his credit rating is good.

RE: R. H. HOLBROOK

The City Directories of New Orleans for the years 1935 and 1938 do not reflect any information on this individual.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau show that RICHARD F. HOLBROOK of 2101 Milan St., is a salesman for the Standard Supply & Hardware Company, 822 Tchoupitoulas St., and that his rating based on purchases made is good. The records of the credit Bureau contain no investigative report on this individual. Notation on the records available in this Bureau show that on March 5, 1938 WILLIAM A. ARMBRUSTER, et al, sold to RICHARD F. HOLBROOK and wife a piece of property in the Fourth District in the amount of \$2,000 cash.

FRANK MORTIMER states he knows HOLBROOK well, is an employee of the Standard Supply & Hardware Company, dealing in pipe, machinery and steel, and is a very high class man.

Re: JOHN T. HOLMES

The City Directory lists JOHN T. HOLMES, 5807 St. Charles Ave., as president of the Dixie Brewing Company. At the same address is listed FRANK J. HOLMES, engaged in the grocery business, 759 Camp Street and JOHN A. HOLMES, student.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau show that JOHN T. HOLMES resided during the period of this record at 2900 St. Charles Ave., 5807 St. Charles and 2908 St. Charles, business address "The Smile", 119 St. Charles St., an oyster bar and lunch counter. Property holdings, first district, purchased on March 18, 1938, from administration of the Tulane Education Fund, to JOHN T. HOLMES, a certain lot located in the boundary of Canal, Camp, Common and Magazine Streets, for \$29,250.00.

Second purchase, First district, March 27, 1939, from the succession of MRS. MUTIE BUCKLEY BOULLEMET to JOHN T. HOLMES, bounded by Camp, Canal, Magazine and Common Streets, \$8,000. History of JOHN T. HOLMES, April 9, 1930. This person in the neighborhood of 59 years old, married and has children, native of this city and for many years operated saloons prior to the passage of the Volstead Act; that after the passage of that Act for a time he was proprietor of the Bijou Theater at 119 St. Charles St., also operated several soft drink stands and oyster saloons at 111 Baronne St., known as The Smile. Under resources, information is given that during the past has made accumulations of a considerable nature and has a large quantity of valuable real estate; that he has control of a very good volume of business in his oyster bar and lunch counter and is gradually adding to his accumulations. This person has first class ability; that he represents considerable financial responsibility. The file on JOHN T. HOLMES makes reference to the Metz Products Company.

Examination of the records of the Metz Products Company, 2401 Tulane Ave., as contained in the files of this Credit Bureau, shows that JOHN T. HOLMES is President, FRANK MANALE, Vice-President, D. K. MURRAY, Secretary-Treasurer, H. H. NEVELOUS, Manager. The report shows that this business was established years ago, having been originally incorporated under the name of the Dixie Brewing Company. The report shows that H. H. NEVELOUS, Manager of the Metz Products Company, is a son-in-law of HOLMES; that HOLMES is a native of Ireland and has been a resident of New Orleans since childhood.

DENNIS BARRY, C.P.A., New Orleans, says he knows HOLMES quite well, rents an apartment from him. HOLMES has a great deal of real estate, runs The Smile, and has for years, and sold out years ago. He made a lot of money the hard way, that is, he got behind the counter himself. He is interested in the Dixie Brewing Company and is now its President; that he is honest, conservative and is a very quiet, unassuming man, but not a man who would run away from an argument.

FRANK MORTIMER states he knows HOLMES, he is a rich man, a big stockholder in the Dixie Brewing Company, is a nice man but very ordinary, and MR. MORTIMER would not vouch for him further as a juror.

Confidential Informant #1 states that HOLMES has a lot of money; in addition to his other business has a big grocery on Camp Street and Julia Street, or had one. Is a very old man; that he is O. K. himself but subject to influence and that he mixes with politics. It is to be noted that The Smile Restaurant is at the entrance to the Crescent Billiard Hall, a gambling place operated by FREDDIE RICKAFOR, notorious gambler and politician in the city of New Orleans. RICKAFOR, for information, is a close friend of the political leaders of the City and State.

Re: KILLIAN HUGER

The City Directory lists KILLIAN L. HUGER, 1424 Octavia Street, wife, MIRIAM, Vice President of the Garcia Stationery Company, of which JOSEPH F. GARCIA is President.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau show that KILLIAN L. HUGER is married, 36 years old, resides at 1424 Octavia St., and is President of the Garcia Stationery Co., Ltd., 414 Camp St.; that MR. HUGER is a native of New Orleans, and is the son of MRS. ARTHUR M. HUGER; that his wife is the daughter of G. HOPKINS, who has been identified with the Garcia Stationery Company for the past eight years, originally as Vice President but for the past four or five years has been named as President. This concern has been operated for years, and about three years ago took over the Fitzwilliams Printing Co., Ltd. In addition MR. HUGER is President of the Klein Brothers Furniture Company, but this is a dummy corporation and HUGER has practically no interest in it.

The report gives information that HUGER has the controlling interest in the Garcia Stationery Company, which is given a commercial rating of from \$5,000 to \$10,000; that MR. HUGER derives a fairly good income from the Garcia Stationery Co.; that the premises occupied by HUGER are assessed in the name of JEAN HUGER for \$7,000, unencumbered, and that his wife has other personal means in her own name. The report shows that MR. HUGER'S mother is well off financially; that he is well spoken of and enjoys a good reputation as to character and reliability. His credit rating is considered very good.

MR. P. A. GAUDET states that he knows HUGER quite well and believes him to be strictly alright. BEN L. UPTON, clerk in the New Orleans Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, states that HUGER handles sale of the printing in his father's printing firm of E. S. UPTON COMPANY and is in the stationery business, and is supposed to be entirely reputable.

Special Agent T. F. WILSON of this office was acquainted with HUGER at Tulane University and states he was a very high type boy. FRANK MORTIMER, Jury Commissioner, states he knows HUGER family quite well and all members stand very high in his estimation.

RE: CHARLES IBERT,
Franklin, La.

The New Orleans City Directory lists nothing concerning this juror, but lists a GERTRUDE M. IBERT, 218 Delaronde Street, bookkeeper for Emile Babst Company, it being noted Emile Babst is also a member of this petit jury. The N. O. Credit Retailers Bureau have no record on this individual

The confidential records of Dun & Bradstreet show that CHARLES A. IBERT of Franklin, La., owns and operates the Ibert's Esso Station and Ibert's Garage, Franklin, La.; that according to report dated February 11, 1939, CHARLES A. IBERT is married, is 47 years old, native of that section, Franklin, La., and is of French descent; that he is operating a garage and service station at Franklin, handling the products of the Standard Oil Company; that from general information received IBERT is enjoying a good business and seems to have a good reputation in that neighborhood; that efforts to obtain a statement of his finances meet with no success; that the last figures of the agency are from estimates secured on February 18, 1938 which show that IBERT at that time had cash on hand and in bank amounting to \$4,000, accounts receivable \$1600, merchandise \$845 and U. S. Government Bonds in the amount of \$6,000; that he has real estate amounting to \$13,000 and his net worth is estimated at \$32,345. The report shows from general information received IBERT is attentive to his business and has administered good ability in the handling of his affairs.

The records of the National Association of Credit Men New Orleans, show that IBERT'S service station is owned by CHARLES A. IBERT, Franklin, La.; that the Association only received three inquiries regarding the credit of this concern; that three houses in New Orleans reported doing business with IBERT, one reporting a discount, and the other two reporting he pays bills when due; that his estimated worth is about \$25,000 and is a man in good standing.

RE: JOSEPH S. INGRAHAM

The City Directory lists JOSEPH S. INGRAHAM, 5919 Ferrier Street, wife ANTOINETTE, occupation, cotton classer.

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The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau show that JOSEPH S. INGRAHAM is in the employ of Shepart & Gluck Company, 816 Union, residence 5919 Ferrier Street, former addresses, 5915 Third, 914 Orange, 716 Calhoun; that a suit was filed against INGRAHAM on August 30, 1934 by DR. THEODORE T. MOORE, for \$34.00, which was a claim, and judgment was rendered in this suit against INGRAHAM on September 7, 1934. According to the records INGRAHAM pays his bills in a satisfactory manner. The files do not contain a general investigative report on INGRAHAM.

Special Agent C. E. WEEKS became acquainted with the sons of this juror in connection with an official, the elder of whom is employed by the Central Finance Company and all three are enrolled in the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve.

FRANK MORTIMER states it is his understanding that INGRAHAM was for many years with LEMANN, STERN COMPANY, it being noted WALTER STERN of that firm is also a juror. MORTIMER is not acquainted with INGRAHAM except casually.

Re: J. D. KITCHEN

The City Directory lists JAMES D. KITCHEN, wife EUGENIE, 1442 Webster Street, engaged in the insurance business as J. D. KITCHEN & BROTHER, associates J. KNOX FARGE and CHARLES H. STORTS, FARGE residing 7033 Ferret St., and STORTS in Fort Worth Texas.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau show that JAMES D. KITCHEN resides 1442 Webster St., previous addresses 1421 Webster and 1214 Peters Avenue and that the credit rating of this individual is good. Reference on the file of this individual is made to the records of J. D. KITCHEN & BROTHER of New Orleans.

The records on J. D. KITCHEN & BROTHER were examined and same shows this business to be operating at 1115 Union Indemnity Bldg., New Orleans, which company is comprised of JAMES D. KITCHEN, J. KNOX FARGE and CHARLES H. STORTS; that this business was founded over 30 years ago by JAMES D. KITCHEN and his brother and that MR. KITCHEN has been connected with the said concern since organization. As to resources, information is given that this concern is controlling a large volume of business and had built up a large permanent clientele. Remark is made that the members of the firm represent some little financial responsibility. Under the heading of general information it is stated that the affairs of this concern are capably managed and have shown a steady growth and that prospects for the future are favorable; that trade records on both JAMES D. KITCHEN and J. KNOX FARGE indicate that they are prompt and satisfactory in meeting their credit obligations. The date of the investigative report relative to all of the

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above matters is September 19, 1932.

FRANK MORTIMER states that J. D. KITCHEN has been prominent in the insurance business for years and his family stands very well in the community.

Confidential informant #1 states he does not know J. D. KITCHEN but knows there is a BOB KITCHEN who is related to EULIC BURKE, notorious corrupt leader of politics, but he does not know J. D. KITCHEN.

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RE: EDWIN J. KOSTER

The city directory lists EDWIN J. KOSTER as living at 2119 Spain Street, New Orleans, wife - LOUISE; occupation, deputy clerk, city recorder of mortgages.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau, Incorporated, New Orleans, reflect a EDWIN J. KOSTER, residence address, 2119 Spain Street, New Orleans, and, according to investigative report made by that bureau under date of April 14, 1939, KOSTER pays his bills promptly and is employed by the mortgage office of the city of New Orleans as a clerk, having been so employed for about nine years, and receiving a salary of \$140.00 per month. This investigative report shows that in 1934-35 KOSTER made loans-three items; namely, \$283.00, \$358.00, and \$150.00, on installment plans, and that he paid out these indebtednesses as originally agreed.

Confidential Informant #1 states that KOSTER is a nice fellow, but probably could be reached for money; that he is a politician in the 8th Ward, holding position of precinct captain, and is employed at "CY" HICKEY'S office, CY HICKEY being the recorder of mortgages and a leader in the 8th Ward. CY HICKEY is very closely aligned with ROBERT MAESTRI and other political leaders of the city of New Orleans, and, of course, all employees in the office of CY HICKEY are expected to be loyal to the same people.

RE: GASTON LANAUX

The city directory lists GASTON LANAUX, wife, GERMAINE, has residing at 547 Esplanade Avenue, being superintendent of the local office of the Liverpool, London and Globe Insurance Company, Maritime Building.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau, Incorporated, show that GASTON LANAUX, SR., resides at 547 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans; occupation, superintendent, city soliciting department, Liverpool, London and Globe Insurance Company; credit rating during period 1932-38 - good, and from last report in 1938, only owed \$25.00. There is no other information available in their files on GASTON LANAUX, SR. The records of this bureau show that GASTON LANAUX, JR., twenty-three years old, and single, resides with his parents at 547 Esplanade Avenue; employment, extra driver at Elaise's Garage. The income of LANAUX, JR., is reported as being only nominal. There are no recent reports on GASTON LANAUX, JR.

MR. P. A. GAUDET, Chief Deputy United States Marshal, informed that he knows GASTON LANAUX, the juror, who is between forty-five and fifty years old, and is in the insurance business, and that as far as he knows MR. LANAUX is one hundred per cent OK.

The city directory for New Orleans (1938) shows a CHARLES A. LANAUX residing at 547 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans, employed as a clerk at the Hibernia National Bank.

FRANK MORTIMER stated he knows LANAUX and his family very well; that they are very prominent here and he can be depended upon to be a honest and reliable witness.

RE: BERNARD J. LAPORTE

The city directory lists BERNARD J. LAPORTE, SR., 38 Allard Boulevard; wife, HENRIETTE E.; occupation, bartender, Metairie Golf Club. BERNARD J. LAPORTE, JR. is listed as a clerk in the Gulf Refining Company.

Records of the credit bureau, New Orleans, reflect that BERNARD JOHN LAPORTE, SR. resides at 48 Allard Boulevard, and has resided at 847 North Carrollton Avenue; is a bartender at the Metairie Golf Club; and a report dated August 19, 1938, to the National Bank of Commerce, shows rating of payments as excellent; that he has resided at 48 Allard Boulevard for years; is a native of New Orleans, fifty-four years old, married, and has had his present position since April 1934 at a salary of \$85.00 per month; for several years prior to that he was with different local concerns and was at one time a member of the firm B. J. LAPORTE & COMPANY, 141 Royal Street, but severed his connection there in January 1934. In July 1934 he mortgaged to the Home Owners Loan Corporation property in the Second District, Square bounded by Morgan Boulevard, Dumaine, Orleans and Carrollton, Lot S, for \$7,331.00, which is still of record as of that date. On February 10, 1937, he purchased from the Homeseekers Building and Loan Association property located in the 6th District, Square 239, bounded by Magazine, Camp, Soniat and Robert Streets, Lots 3 and 4, for \$3,000.00, on which a mortgage for that amount is still of record. Also on February 10, 1937, he bought of the Homeseekers Building and Loan Association property in the 6th District, bounded, Square 468, by Carrollton, Dumaine and Morgan Boulevard, Lot A, giving a mortgage of \$4,800.00, which is still of record. He also owns the property at 48 Allard Boulevard; the property at 5023 Magazine Street, and property at 845-47 North Carrollton.

FRANK MORTIMER, Jury Commissioner, stated he has known LAPORTE for years, as he was bartender at the Boston Club; that he was a fine fellow but probably should not be on a jury where there is a chance of considerable pressure being brought.

Confidential Informant #1 stated that LAPORTE is a fine fellow personally but that he is probably subject to influence.

RE: RICHARD McCONNELL

The city directory shows a RICHARD B. McCONNELL; wife, VIRGINIA; residing 731 Calhoun Street.

Records of the Credit Bureau, New Orleans, reflect a RICHARD B. McCONNELL as a customers' man for Fenner and Beane, Brokers, 820 Gravier Street; former residences: 1720 Palmer, 1327 Webster, 630 St. Ann, and 1733 Calhoun. Report made for the Texas Company in January 1937 reflects that his wife was VIRGINIA FENNER; that he is a native of New Orleans, resided at 1720 Palmer for six years; thirty-two years old, two small children, has been a customers' man since 1926 at Fenner and Beane; was previously employed by Favrot Supply Company as a salesman for three years; character and habits, satisfactory; salary three to four thousand dollars per annum (commission); that he is worth five thousand dollars; and that his father-in-law is CHARLES FENNER, SENIOR, of Fenner and Beane.

FRANK MORTIMER stated he knows McCONNELL very well; that he is the son-in-law of CHARLES E. FENNER; that he is personally entirely satisfactory.

RE: LOUIS MANIENT

MR. MANIENT is a resident of Mandeville, Louisiana. No record is contained in the files of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau on this individual or in the files of Dun and Bradstreet, Commercial Agency, New Orleans.

At Mandeville, Louisiana, Assistant Postmaster GENEVIEVE TEMPLEMAN advised that the only LOUIS MANIENT presently living in Mandeville is a young man of about eighteen years of age who has been out of Mandeville during his service in the Navy for the past two years. MISS TEMPLEMAN advised that she has seen him while on leave visiting in Mandeville at periods of about six months, and that he was last in Mandeville about five months ago and probably will return within a few months for another visit. This man's father was also named LOUIS

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but he has been dead for about six years. The father was an old resident of Mandeville, although MISS TEMPLEMAN does not know whether he was a native or not. He was a former justice of the peace and employed on the school board for many years. MISS TEMPLEMAN advised that she recalls about two months ago when a registered letter came for LOUIS MANIENT which was from some Government office, which specific one MISS TEMPLEMAN could not remember. After a period of about two weeks she advised that she turned it over to the brother of LOUIS MANIENT, ELMER, who is presently residing in Mandeville. She could give no information as to the contents of the letter.

H. G. MEADOR

The city directory lists HENRY G. MEADOR; wife, SARAH B.; residence, 1806 Metairie Road; occupation, District Manager, Gulf Refining Company.

Records of the Credit Bureau reflect HENRY GRADY MEADOR residing at 1806 Metairie Road; previous addresses: 4524 Banks, 2909 Calhoun, 1017 Elenore, 2734 State, and Number 7 Glenwood Drive. Report of September 1938 for the National Bank of Commerce reflects MEADOR owns his present home, has resided in New Orleans since 1925, and at this address since 1937; he is fifty-one years old, married, two children; District Manager for the Gulf Refining Company since about 1925. Prior to this employment was employed by this company in Memphis in 1910 → 1925; very highly regarded; salary estimated at \$15,000.00, which is paid from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in addition to which he receives bonuses, which with savings and investments yield him a nice income.

FRANK MORTIMER, Jury Commissioner, knows MEADOR well as a fine fellow and a man who is not a native. He stated it was his opinion that he was from Tennessee or Georgia.

W. W. MESSERSMITH

The city directory lists WILLIAM W. MESSERSMITH; wife, TERESA; residence, 7810 Sycamore Street; occupation, Agent, New England Mutual Life Insurance Company, 331 Carondelet Street.

Credit records reflect the same information as above, and previous addresses of: 7910 Plum, 8001 Panola, 8000 Spruce, 6223 Patton and 1117 State. Trade clearances reflect A rating on payments.

MR. P. A. GAUDET, Chief Deputy United States Marshal, stated he knows MR. MESSERSMITH'S sons quite well; that MR. MESSERSMITH himself is highly regarded, but that he is quite a talker. SPECIAL AGENT T. F. WILSON, of this office, knows the MESSERSMITH family and states MESSERSMITH was a vice-president of the Whitney Bank until the depression, and since then has been with the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company; and that he has been interested in the local hospitalization service; that he is a high-class man and a great talker.

MR. FRANK MORTIMER stated he knows MR. MESSERSMITH quite well; that MESSERSMITH was a clerk in the Canal Bank at the time he, MORTIMER, was cashier, and that MESSERSMITH went out when the bank closed; that his rating with the bank was very high.

~~RICHARD~~ MESTAYER

The city directory lists RICHARD F. MESTAYER, 3034 Paris Avenue, President of R. F. MESTAYER LUMBER COMPANY, INC., at 1533 Lafitte Avenue; wife's name, ALDA, and also a MILDRED MESTAYER at the same address who is a stenographer at the Association of Commerce, and M. JANE, same address, who is a stenographer for C. ADRIAN BODET; LILLIAN, same address, who is a teacher; MARIE, same address, widow of HENRY; GENEVIEVE, same address, student; RICHARD F. JR., same address, clerk.

Records of the credit bureau on the RICHARD F. MESTAYER LUMBER COMPANY reflect that RICHARD F. (DICK) is President and General Manager; there are five hundred shares of stock at \$50.00 per value, of which MESTAYER carries or subscribes for four hundred and ninety-six. He is forty-eight years old in 1936; native of New Orleans; for many years was in the employ of the George Opdenweyer Lumber Company, then with the Rocca-Mestayer Lumber Company, which was succeeded by the present company. Paid up capital, \$25,000.00. During past few years has transacted only moderate volume of business. Suit was brought against the company by the Jewish Lodge Publishing Company October 1934 and by LOUIS BLANCHARD February 1936 in a compensation case. The cards on RICHARD F. (DICK) MESTAYER personally reflect his present address as 3034 Paris Avenue; previous addresses: 1433 Fontainebleau Drive, 263 Audubon Street, 2313 Dumaine Street. He is a native of New Orleans, has a good house, married twice, only dependent is his wife, income estimated at \$5,000.00 per year or more; worth \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00. Owns considerable property, of which Square 630 in the 6th District, bounded by Robertson, Breslau, Louisiana Avenue and Delechaise, was mortgaged September 30, 1929, for \$2,500.00 which is still of record. On January 31, 1928, MESTAYER and OCTAVE BECHTEL purchased property in the First District, Square bounded by Carondelet, Melpomene, Thalia and St. Charles, for \$9,000.00, paid \$2,829.00 cash, and assumed mortgage of \$6,500.00, which has been re-

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duced to \$6,170.50, which is still of record. On January 21, 1935, the MESTAYER LUMBER COMPANY bought from the Greater New Orleans Homestead property in the Third District, Square 1938, bounded by Paris Avenue, Treasure, Gentilly, Desaix and Abundance, giving a \$5,000.00 mortgage, which is still of record.

Confidential Informant #1 stated that MESTAYER is personally a fine man and apparently a high-class man, but that he is an intimate friend of BEN DALY, attorney for JAMES MONROE SMITH; that he was an intimate friend of PETER JUDLIN, who was on the jury panel during the previous tax trials.

For further information, Attorney BEN J. DALY, who is representing DR. SMITH, resides at 2805 Paris Avenue, and MR. MESTAYER resides at 3034 Paris Avenue.

~~FRANK MEYERS~~
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The city directory lists FRANK C. MEYERS; wife, JENNIE; as a clerk in the Whitney National Bank; residence, 1407 Bordeaux Street. Credit records reflect the previous addresses of 2334 Nashville and 921 Cherokee, in addition to 1407 Bordeaux. Only payment clearings are reflected which show them to be excellent.

FRANK MORTIMER, Jury Commissioner, stated he knows MEYERS; that he is a clerk in the Whitney National Bank, and that MEYERS is acquainted with members of his family and he regards them as high-class people.

Confidential Informant #1 stated that MEYERS' father used to be Sheriff of Plaquemines Parish about twenty years ago but that the family has long associated with politics; that MEYERS was at one time employed by Dollote and Williams, ship builders, of which firm MILTON B. DOLLOTE is a present political power in the present administration.

~~J. M. O. MONASTERIO~~
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The city directory lists a JUAN M. O. MONASTERIO, who resides at 1738 Robert Street, occupation, Assistant Vice-President, Hibernia National Bank. Credit records reflect JUAN MANUEL ORTIZ MONASTERIO as a department manager at the Hibernia National Bank, address - 1731 Robert Street; previous addresses: 4841 Camp Street,

1140 Webster Street. Report reflects in May 1939 the address of 1738 Robert Street. Report made in September 1933 for Gus Mayer Company, of which the first page of the report was missing, indicates on page 2 that the family of this person is in Mexico; that he is in good financial circumstances, and receives some income from his family in Mexico; that he is well regarded personally; that his payment ratings are excellent.

MR. DENIS BARRY, Masonic Temple Building, New Orleans, stated he has heard MONASTERIO speak on foreign trade occasionally and that he evidently is in charge of the foreign trade department of the Hibernia National Bank but otherwise does not know him personally.

Night Clerk A. H. SMITH, New Orleans Bureau Office, stated that his brother used to work under MONASTERIO at the Hibernia Bank and that MONASTERIO used to be an officer in the Mexican Army; that MONASTERIO has a brother who teaches at Loyola University.

MR. FRANK MORTIMER stated that MONASTERIO handles the foreign business of the Hibernia Bank; that his father is a professor at Loyola University, and that he is regarded as a very fine person.

For information, according to confidential reports bearing date of July 21, 1927, in the New Orleans Bureau Office, GENERAL JOSE ORTIZ MONASTERIO, the brother of JUAN M. MONASTERIO, assistant manager of the foreign trade department of the Hibernia Bank and Trust Company at New Orleans, Louisiana, has been confidentially reported to have been appointed chief organizer of the Catholic Revolutionary Movement in Mexico, and that it appears that this organization is for the purpose of aligning themselves with some political candidate. However, there is information contained in this file, through the medium of a report dated August 8, 1927, in connection with the Mexican Revolutionary Matters on the part of GENERAL JOSE ORTIZ MONASTERIO and others, that JUAN M. MONASTERIO has been considered as not being interested in Mexican politics, but has devoted his entire time to his responsible position as the practical head of the foreign trade department of one of the most important banking institutions in New Orleans.

WALTER MOORE

The city directory lists WALTER MOORE; wife, LOU; residence, 2324 Cambronne Street. The 1935 directory shows his occupation as a clerk in the Whitney National Bank. Records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau reflect that WALTER PAUL MOORE is employed as an analysis clerk at the Whitney National Bank, and give the following addresses: 8340 Belfast, 900 Dublin, 1318 Dante, and 2324 Cambronne.

Credit report dated November 23, 1931, reflects that MOORE was at that time twenty-eight years old, married, had no children, employed by the Whitney National Bank since 1918 at salary \$1,800.00 per year, with no other income. Reputation is given as good, and opinion of his employers is given as good. Report indicated that he had no bankruptcy or no domestic trouble, and that the report was made for the Progressive Company.

MOORE'S credit record reflected that he has outstanding several small credit accounts on which his payment ratings are A; that he has outstanding installment accounts on furniture, with an AA rating, and that he has two small finance loans, the payment records on which are AA.

Confidential Informant #1, who has a close relative in the Whitney National Bank, ascertained that WALTER MOORE is now in charge of one of the departments in the bank in the main office, and that he started at the bottom and has elevated himself, that his record there is perfect, and that he has no political connections and is regarded as a high type person.

E. S. MYERS

The city directory reflects that ERNEST S. MYERS, wife, EDITA, resides at 2926 St. Charles Avenue, and that he is assistant to the President of the New Orleans Public Service Company. ANNA ANN MYERS is listed at the same address as a student.

Records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau reflect that ERNEST SCIPPIO MYERS is employed as Assistant to the Vice-President of the New Orleans Public Service Corporation, and has lived at the following addresses: 2000 Audubon Street, 1654 Valmont Street, 3222 Prytania Street, 5121 St. Charles Avenue and 2926 St. Charles Avenue. The file contains report made for the Retail Credit Men's Association of Washington, D. C., in which information is given that MYERS has been living in New Orleans since 1924, is fifty-two years of age, in 1934, married, with two or three children; that his salary is \$350.00 per month; his character is given as good, his reputation as good, and that he is a native of Indianapolis, Indiana. MYERS purchased in the 4th District, Square 219, on August 1, 1934, for \$10,000.00 cash, property, and his worth is estimated at a fair amount. He has several small credit accounts presently outstanding, with payment ratings of A to B.

Confidential Informant #1 stated that he does not know MYERS well but that it is notoriously known that the Public Service

Company is deeply involved in paying graft to local officials, and that obviously if MYERS is in an executive position he would not be in a good position to sit on a jury in cases involving politicians.

ARTHUR J. MORAN

The city directory lists ARTHUR J. MORAN and wife, ETHEL, residing at 316 Audubon Boulevard, and as connected with THOMAS J. MORAN SONS, Printers, 518 Bienville Street, which firm is composed of ALFRED T. MORAN, ARTHUR J. MORAN, HARRY P. MORAN, ALFRED T. MORAN, JR., partners.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau show that ARTHUR J. MORAN has lived at 316 Audubon Street, 1664 Robert Street, 7227 Broad Place, 8126 Green Street; his employment is not given and the file does not contain a credit investigative report. A credit clearance of December 14, 1935, reflects several small outstanding charge accounts, with credit rating of from A-C. A credit clearance of May 22, 1937, reflects a A rating with several accounts with small balances outstanding. On October 1, 1938, ARTHUR J. MORAN purchased from WILLIAM J. KING a portion of the Vincennes Place in the 6th District, bound by State Street Drive, Conti and Rocheblave, for \$4,800.00 on terms.

From local newspapers for the period July 29 through the first part of August, 1939, it will be noted that THOMAS J. MORAN & SONS have been involved in considerable notoriety as a result of the fact they have controlled the state printing contracts and there are indications that these contracts may at some time become the subject of investigation by state officials.

C. C. NASH

The city directory lists CLARKE C. NASH, wife, NORMA B., bookkeeper for the First Homestead and Savings Association, residence, 5367 Magazine Street. The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau reflect that CHARLES CLARKE NASH has resided at 5347 Camp Street, 5367 Magazine Street and 1023 Joseph Street, and his occupation is given as Assistant Secretary of the Audubon Homestead Association, and the records in October 1938 show his employment as First Homestead and Savings Association. The files contain credit report made for the Merchants Association of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, June 13, 1935, at which time his address was given as 5367 Magazine Street, and that he

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has resided at that address for the past seven years. NASH is said to be a native of New Orleans, permanent residence; 1938, age, thirty-eight, wife, NORMA L. BLESSY, and that they have two children. Report further states that NASH has been Assistant Secretary of the Audubon Homestead Association for the past fifteen years and had no previous employment. The business of the Audubon Homestead Association is considered good, and in the opinion of that association NASH is said to be good. Report informs that his reputation and morals and close friends and associates are good; that there is no suspicion of illegal liquor or narcotic traffic. His salary in the report is given as \$175.00 per month. On July 26, 1928, MRS. C. C. NASH purchased from MRS. FRANK MANNING in the 6th District, Square 244, for \$4,897.11, of which \$86.00 was paid in cash, and mortgage assumed of \$4,811.71, which is of record at the date of the report.

HURTIS A. NELSON

The 1938 city directory shows HURTIS A. NELSON as Vice-President and Manager of the Bienville Furniture and Manufacturing Company, New Orleans, residence, 2303 General Taylor Street, New Orleans, wife's name, NAOMI.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau, Incorporated, show HURTIS A. NELSON as Secretary-Manager of the Bienville Furniture and Manufacturing Company, Incorporated, 743 South Front Street, New Orleans, Louisiana; that, according to confidential report of that bureau, dated December 20, 1937, HURTIS A. NELSON resided at 2303 General Taylor Street since October 1936; that he is a native of New Orleans, thirty years of age; married, wife and two children; wife's name was RASCH. Formerly resided at 7611 Marengo Street, 2717 South Gayoso and 3154 Toulouse; that he has been secretary and manager of this concern since 1933, previously employed Woodward-Wight and Company, New Orleans, as clerk 1927-1933, hardware establishment; that he is regarded as capable; reputation, good; habits and morals, good; and is considered very reliable; that his income from his present position is not known but it is estimated to be \$150.00 per month. Also information is contained in the confidential investigative report that his estimated worth is \$500.00. His credit rating, as reflected by the said credit bureau, is satisfactory.

G. J. NEWMILLER

The city directory lists GEORGE J. NEWMILLER, 932 Clouet Street, as a helper for the Salzer Plumbing Company.

Records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau reflect

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that GEORGE NEWMILLER is employed as a painter for the New Orleans School Board; that he has resided at 2824 North Rampart Street, 929 Montegut Street, and 934 Clouet Street. Credit clearings were made on NEWMILLER as of December 1937 reflecting that he has maintained charge accounts in New Orleans since 1929 and has made several small credit purchases with payment records of A rating. The file does not contain an investigative report.

F. J. OUBRE

The city directory does not show any F. J. OUBRE at 4727 Baudin Street, as it appears on the list, but shows 4727 Baudin Street listed to EDWARD KENNEDY. There is a FELIX J. OUBRE listed as a salesman for J. D. CATHEY COMPANY, residence, 8633 South Claiborne Street. The telephone directory reflects that FELIX J. OUBRE is at 3024 Lowerline Street.

Night Clerk, New Orleans Bureau Office, A. H. SMITH, whose brother is employed by the J. D. CATHEY COMPANY, ascertained that FELIX J. OUBRE is still employed there as an automobile salesman.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau disclose that FELIX J. OUBRE is employed as a salesman for the J. D. CATHEY COMPANY, INC., 919 Girod Street; that he has resided at 4727 Baudin Street, 3107 Cambonne Street, 4819 Leonidas Street, 1016 Tupelo Street, 3624 Lowerline Street, 8633 South Claiborne, and in May 1939 resided at 3024 Lowerline Street. A report made for Hartsfield dated April 29, 1936, reflected that he had been employed by his present employers six years on a salary-commission basis, with an average income of \$150.00 per month; that his wife was MILLIE McLAUGHLIN. A previous report made for L. FEIBLEMAN COMPANY on August 8, 1934, furnishes the information that he was a native of New Orleans, has been residing at the address 4727 Baudin Street for several months, which is a good dwelling in a good neighborhood; that at that time he was thirty-six to thirty-eight years old, and married with two children. He had been a salesman for four years; previous employment, New Orleans Chevrolet Sales Company, where he had worked for several years; his employers' opinion, good; character and reputation, good, and his payment rating was given as A. The records also reflected that on March 15, 1937, a chattel mortgage was recorded to the Personal Finance Company for \$110.00 on a Chevrolet automobile, and that on October 24, 1938, a chattel mortgage was recorded to Hartsfield Company for \$157.00 for furniture.

GUS PITARD

The telephone directory for the city of New Orleans shows the firm of GUS PITARD & SONS, Manufacturers' Agents, 526 Poydras Street,

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and shows G. PITARD, residence, 2007 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans.

The city directory for 1938 shows the firm of GUS PITARD & SON, Manufacturers' Agents, 526 Poydras Street, New Orleans, and the city directory lists GUSTAVE J. PITARD, wife, LUCIE G., residence, 2007 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans.

Records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau reflect that the business address of GUS PITARD is 526 Poydras Street, and that he has resided at 2007 Esplanade Avenue. The files does not contain an investigative report, and reflects that there have been five credit transactions entered for PITARD since 1919 until 1938, with nothing subsequent. Records also show that on October 8, 1918, GUS PITARD, was sued by EDWARD W. PIERSON for merchandise and repairs amounting to \$85.00; October 30, 1918, he was sued by D. MERCIENS SONS, INC. for \$28.20; on December 3, 1918, PITARD was sued by AUGUST FRAK for \$100.00 and on December 18, 1918, judgment was entered on this suit for \$100.00 and costs. On February 7, 1919, PITARD was sued by the MAISON-BLANCHE COMPANY for \$30.00 in merchandise. On May 23, 1919, PITARD was sued by EDWARD N. EBERLING & COMPANY for \$41.12 in merchandise. On August 15, 1919, EDWARD N. EBERLING entered a writ of fieri facias and also on October 25, 1919 for \$41.12. On February 10, 1920, WILLIAM DANNIER & SONS sued PITARD for \$56.30 in merchandise. On May 27, 1933, MACKIE PINE PRODUCTS COMPANY sued GUS PITARD for \$400.00 on a note and execution was entered on October 23, 1933.

WILLIAM P. ROVIRA

WILLIAM P. ROVIRA, wife, ALICE, is shown in the 1938 city directory, as president F. J. ORFILA COMPANY, INC., residence address, 3801 Fairmont Drive, New Orleans. The city directory shows HAROLD J. ROVIRA, vice-president of F. J. ORFILA COMPANY, INC., and JOSEPH M. ROVIRA, bookkeeper, F. J. ORFILA COMPANY, INC. Also the city directory shows ROSEMARY ROVIRA, teacher, Orleans Parish School Board, residence, 3801 Fairmont Drive, which is the same address as for Juror WILLIAM P. ROVIRA.

The 1935 city directory reflects that one EDWARD ROVIRA, residence, 1403 St. Charles Avenue, is a deputy clerk, criminal district court.

Records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau indicate that WILLIAM P. ROVIRA is president of the A. J. ORFILIA STEAMSHIP AGENCY; that he has resided at 2422 Tulane Avenue, 517 South Conti Street, 617 S. Conti Street, 271 Fairmont Drive, and 3801 Fairmont Drive. On a credit report made for Maison-Blanche July 5, 1939, ROVIRA had several small accounts outstanding with payment record of A. In June 1939 \$10.00 of these accounts was past due. Report reflected that

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ROVIRA had made installment purchases from May 1932 to January 1939, at which time \$29.00 was owing and the payment rating was given as A.

Confidential Informant #1 stated he knew nothing against ROVIRA but that ORFILA/steamship agency has a son who was sent up from Federal court on a Prohibition case.

~~ARMAND SCULLY, JR.~~

The city directory does not list any ARMAND SCULLY, JR. It lists ARMAND J. SCULLY at 6125 West End Boulevard, as president of Delgado and Company, Inc., wife's name, FRANCES. It lists an ARMAND C. SCULLY at the same address as a stenographer at the C & M Specialty Company, which is a company dealing in vending machines and of which STERLING W. COMEAUX is president. Delgado and Company, Inc., is listed as being in the syrup and molasses business at 315 North Front Street.

Records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau reflect a record on ARMAND J. M. SCULLY, wife, FRANCES A. FLEMING; occupation as president of Delgado and Company, 315 North Front Street. SCULLY'S previous addresses were given as: 239 North Broad Street, 2730 Bienville Street, 2402 Octavia Street, 5743 West End Boulevard, and 6125 West End Boulevard. On April 12, 1939, report was made for L. Feibelman and Company, which reflects that SCULLY has lived at his present address for the past two and one half years, and that he is a native of New Orleans; that he is about forty to forty-two years old, married, four children; for past two years has been president of the Delgado company, dealer in molasses, located at 315 North Front Street. His character is given as good. Was previously employed by the Dunlap Molasses Company but left that company in 1920 to become a member of Scully and Brown, sugar brokers. This partnership was dissolved in 1921, at which time he entered the employment of the present company and acquired interest, becoming vice-president, and two years ago became president of the Delgado company. The Delgado Company was organized in 1909 with capital of \$100,000.00, of which \$50,000.00 is outstanding. SCULLY has a good income but no estimate is made. On February 4, 1937, SCULLY'S wife purchased from the Phoenix Building and Homestead Association in the Second District, Square 279, Lots 3 and 4, on West End Boulevard, for \$4,300.00; a first mortgage was given and this mortgage was cancelled June 4, 1937. This property is assessed at \$5,000.00.

SCULLY'S credit record reflects numerous small credit accounts for clothing, advertising, department stores, furniture and loans, with

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a payment rating from A to C. In March 1939 he owed \$540.00 on a loan.

P. A. GAUDET advised that SCULLY was an applicant for the position of Postmaster of New Orleans at the time FERGUSON obtained that position; that he is not sure whose backing SCULLY had for the position but that SCULLY appears to be politically ambitious.

MR. DENIS BARRY, Masonic Temple Building, stated he does not know SCULLY well but that he judges him to be fifty or fifty-five years old, and he is reputed to be a loud, blustering bull-dozing sort of fellow.

Confidential Informant #1 stated that SCULLY tried to get the postmaster's job with the backing of the Board of Trade; that he was supposed to be lined up satisfactorily with the present crowd of politicians; that he is a nephew of DR. GEORGE ROWLAND, former coroner of New Orleans who ran for mayor and who is now head of the mental disease hospital.

For information, there appeared in the New Orleans States (newspaper), issue of July 16, 1936, a photograph of A. MILES PRATT, taking oath of office as Collector of Customs, New Orleans, which oath was administered by the Honorable Judge RUFUS E. FOSTER. Participants in the ceremonies inducting MR. PRATT into office were a group of ten; namely, MR. PRATT, JUDGE FOSTER, GOVERNOR R. W. LECHE, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR EARL K. LONG, POSTMASTER JOSEPH J. FERGUSON, ARMAND J. SCULLY, President of the Louisiana Sugar and Rice Exchange, CONGRESSMAN FERNANDEZ, and others.

WALTER S. STERN

The city directory lists WALTER S. STERN as residing at No. 3 Richmond Place. The phone book shows his office at 840 Union Street. Wife's name is listed as JOSEPHINE M., and his brother, EDGAR B. STERN, is also listed at 840 Union Street. His business is Lehman Stern and Company, Limited, in liquidation, former cotton commission merchants, with offices at 840 Union Street.

MR. DENIS BARRY stated that he is not personally acquainted with STERN but that he understands Lehman Stern and Company is voluntarily liquidating its business; that STERN brothers are supposed to be very wealthy; that one of them married a daughter of the ROSENWALD connected with Sears-Roebuck and Company who left something like fifty million dollars in trust for philanthropy; that one of the brothers is supposed to be spending most of his time in the administration of that fund.

MR. FRANK MORTIMER stated that WALTER S. STERN is related

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to GOVERNOR LEHMAN of New York, partner in the firm of Lehman Brothers, the great financiers, and that a brother of WALTER STERN, named EDMUND STERN, married a member of the ROSENWALD family and spends part of his time in connection with the fifty million dollar philanthropic fund left by the late president of Sears-Roebuck and Company. MR. MORTIMER stated that WALTER STERN is highly regarded as to character and civic spirit in the city.

OTTO A. ODENDAHL, Manager of the Credit Clearing House, knows WALTER STERN principally as the brother of EDGAR STERN who is said to be a former president of the Association of Commerce in New Orleans, and one of the outstanding civic leaders. The brothers have been in the cotton business in New Orleans together for a number of years but of the two MR. ODENDAHL believes WALTER is thought to be less capable, and too easy-going, but he is of good character.

~~W. W. TUTTLE~~

The city directory lists WILLIAM W. TUTTLE, oil operator, 1716 Soniat Street; ELIZABETH TUTTLE, Clerk, United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, same address; and ETHEL TUTTLE, Clerk, same address. The telephone book reflects an ELIZABETH TUTTLE at 534 Esplanade Avenue. It is noted that 1310 St. Andrew Street is an apartment house.

Records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau reflect that WILLIAM W. TUTTLE is owner and operator of the Rose Apartments at 1310 St. Andrew Street; that on December 6, 1935, a credit report was made for the Interstate Trust and Banking Company reflecting that TUTTLE had been of record in the bureau since 1927, and that he had resided at his present address since 1928; that he was a native of New Orleans; that the Rose Apartments are in good condition and in a good location. TUTTLE was born in 1877 and is married. The report reflects that his character and reputation and competency are considered good; that he was previously employed by the Government for twelve years in the United States Department of Labor; that his present income is reported as from \$90.00 to \$100.00 per month with no other income except from the apartment house. The report also reflected that he has two employed daughters and that his worth is nominal. Notations on the report disclose that for many years TUTTLE was identified in politics and at one time was one of the prominent Republicans in Louisiana and for ten years was Commissioner of Immigration at New Orleans, but with the advent of the Democratic administration he was replaced in that position. The Rose Apartments which he owns are estimated to be worth \$15,000.00, but were mortgaged in March 1935 to the HOLC for \$10,480.00. TUTTLE also owns property in the 5th District, Square 7, which is mortgaged to the Interstate Trust and Banking Company

as of February 24, 1928, for \$3,500.00. TUTTLE follows no commercial pursuits at the present. On October 5, 1936, the Interstate Trust and Banking Company filed suit against TUTTLE on a note for \$2,400.00 and on May 20, 1937, the HOLC entered an executory process against TUTTLE for \$10,480.10.

~~PARK~~ WOODWARD

The city directory lists PARK WOODWARD, wife, OLGA L., residence, 1320 North Rocheblave, agent, New York Life Insurance Company, 1333 Canal Bank Building.

Records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau reflect that PARK M. WOODWARD is employed as an agent of the New York Life Insurance Company; that he resides at 1320 North Rocheblave and has previously resided at 2109 Broadway, 3854 Napoleon Avenue, 7908 Panola, and St. Petersburg, Florida. The file contains a letter dated February 21, 1927, from WOODWARD to the credit bureau advising them that nothing is to be charged to his wife, MARY W. WOODWARD. A notation is shown that on October 12, 1932, WOODWARD was remarried, and the file contains a letter dated October 11, 1932, to the bureau that he is responsible for charges to his wife, OLGA LIVAUDAIS, and that this letter rescinds the letter of several years ago instructing no charges be made to MARY WHITEMAN WOODWARD. The file contains no investigative report but reflects a credit clearance was made as of May 26, 1938, indicating that WOODWARD had outstanding numerous small credit accounts with small amounts due at that time. His payment rating was shown to be from A-B.

FRANK MORTIMER stated that he knows WOODWARD and thinks him to be honorable, although he knows him only casually.

J. GORDON ~~YATES~~

Neither the 1935 or current city directory of New Orleans lists a J. GORDON YATES at 4023 St. Charles Avenue. However, the New Orleans telephone directory giving information of telephone subscribers at 4023 St. Charles Avenue lists the names of six telephone subscribers at those premises, which evidently is an apartment building, and J. GORDON YATES is shown as one of the tenants at that address.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau reflect that they have a file on J. GORDON YATES at 4023 St. Charles,

and the file contains no investigative report and indicates only one credit transaction given as "new", in May 1939, in the amount of \$556.80. Records of the bureau also show a file on a MRS. J. YATES at New Roads, Louisiana, dated February 13, 1938, and giving her address in October 1938 at 4023 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans. The credit rating on MRS. YATES, according to the credit bureau, is good.

There is no further information available as to this juror, and information has been furnished the New Orleans Office by the United States Attorney's office that the name of this individual has been dropped from the jury panel.

~~L. G. ZAPATA~~

The 1938 city directory does not list L. G. ZAPATA, whose address as a juror is given as 1032 Joseph Street. However, the 1938 directory shows a JOSIE ZAPATA, employed as a page in the New Orleans Public Library, residence, 1032 Joseph Street, New Orleans.

The confidential records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau in New Orleans were carefully checked and these files contain no record whatsoever on this individual.

MR. FRANK MORTIMER, Jury Commissioner, informed that he does not know L. G. ZAPATA.

MR. PAUL GAUDET, Chief Deputy United States Marshal, informed that he did not know L. G. ZAPATA.

The records of the Clerk's office, United States District Court, New Orleans, relative to list of jurors show this juror as unemployed. MR. SHAW, Chief Deputy Clerk, United States District Court, informed that ZAPATA is a friend of MR. RODRIGUEZ, Deputy Clerk, in his office, and that no doubt MR. RODRIGUEZ recommended that ZAPATA be listed as a juror.

On August 14, 1939, United States Attorney RENE A. VIOSCA, New Orleans, submitted to the New Orleans Field Office the names and addresses of twenty-five additional individuals drawn on August 14th as members of the petit jury to serve in the United States District Court, New Orleans, and request was made of the New Orleans Field Office by MR. VIOSCA to conduct discreet and appropriate investigation as to these twenty-five additional individuals. Authority was received

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from the Bureau August 16, 1939, to conduct the investigation requested by the United States Attorney.

Report covering the investigation of these twenty-five additional jurors will be submitted as promptly as possible.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 74-228 JOP:CEW:NP/

REPORT MADE AT <p style="text-align: center;">New Orleans</p>	DATE WHEN MADE <p style="text-align: center;">8-21-39</p>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <p style="text-align: center;">7-27-39 to 8-14-39</p>	REPORT MADE BY <p style="text-align: center;">J. O. Peyronnin</p>
TITLE <p>PEIT JURY - May 1939 Term, Eastern District of Louisiana, New Orleans, Louisiana Division.</p>			CHARACTER OF CASE <p style="text-align: center;">JURY INVESTIGATION.</p>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: U. S. Attorney, New Orleans, submitted to New Orleans Division names and addresses of individuals compromising the petit jury, U. S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, for the term beginning May 1939, and requested a discreet investigation be conducted as to each juror. Proper authorization was secured from the Bureau to conduct this investigation. The list in question consists of 50 names. Discreet confidential investigation conducted through various sources at New Orleans, Bogalusa and Mandeville, La. Detailed information secured as to each juror made part of this report. Also New Orleans office files checked and information derived therefrom as to each of these jurors made part of this report.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Bureau telegram of July 27, 1939.</p>			
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

DALLAS, TEXAS

August 25, 1939

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted herewith editorials from the DALLAS-DISPATCH-JOURNAL for August 19th and the DALLAS TIMES HERALD for August 18, 1939, regarding the release of FREEMAN BURFORD on a writ of habeas corpus by United States District Judge T. W. DAVIDSON. This was in connection with indictments against SEYMOUR WEISS and Ex-Governor RICHARD LECHE of Louisiana for violation of the Connally Hot Oil Act. These two editorials reflect the newspaper attitude in connection therewith.

Very truly yours

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Justice Rules in North Texas

Dallas has had a preview of Louisiana scandal disclosures in the proceedings before Federal Judge Davidson to compel appearance of Freeman Burford in another federal court in the Pelican state.

Judge Davidson has happily upheld the contention of Mr. Burford and his lawyers that there is no evidence of his having a part in any conspiracy. Mr. Burford is cleared of any smirch, absolved of any part in violation of the law.

The officials from the Louisiana federal district and the high-powered attorneys from Washington have packed up their papers and returned to the swamps and morasses of Louisiana politics.

The exoneration of Burford was accompanied by such an incisive, clear presentation of the rights of citizenship that those who heard and those who read are proud of Judge Davidson, proud that Texas has jurists who think so clearly, speak so wisely and uphold so firmly the cause of justice.

Judge Davidson touched lightly on the constitutionality of the statutes under which the government is proceeding in its conspiracy charges, as not pertinent to the hearing before him, but indicated a doubt. Of the Louisiana mess which has been generated by politicians in the Louisiana machine, and of these politicians the judge spoke contemptuously, but also asserted that it had no bearing in the proceedings before him.

But item by item his ruling on the habeas corpus action broke down the contention of Washington lawyers that Mr. Burford had any part therein, as he reviewed the evidence presented by able attorneys for the plaintiff.

Mr. Burford was carrying on a legitimate oil business. He sought to protect its legality at every turn. The business took him into the market for Louisiana oil. And he made special effort to insure the legality of all his dealings with the representatives of that state. These facts were established. And Judge Davidson so recognizes.

The government's lawyers may now concentrate their effort on trying those whose guilt was so strongly pointed here in the first public airing of the deplorable mess.

Judge Davidson has, as usual, ruled wisely. We may be thankful that justice and freedom prevail on the bench of the north Texas federal district.

All that stands between tyranny and American citizenship rights under the constitution are such rulings as these by fearless federal judges.

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SATURDAY, AUG. 18, 1939

THREE TEXANS VINDICATED

FAIR-MINDED PERSONS hail the decision of Judge T. W. Davidson as a practical exoneration of Freeman W. Burford, Martin Winfrey and Dillard Estes in the Louisiana oil scandal case.

The judge, in a momentous decision as to Mr. Burford, ruled that not evidence enough had been submitted, even by a diligent and able United States assistant attorney general, to justify surrendering the character and reputation of an outstanding Dallas citizen to the courts of Louisiana, a state that is seething with scandal and panic.

Judge Davidson, in his thoroughly considered decision, also vindicated and exonerated Mr. Winfrey and Mr. Estes, prominent Dallas attorneys. Mr. Winfrey and Mr. Estes had not been indicted, but were only mentioned in the indictment. This impugning of their characters by innuendo was made void by the judge.

The court's ruling, many attorneys believe, upholds the basic and most sacred rights of the individual in our cherished American form of government.

In the excitement—the panic—incident to the collapse of the Louisiana political machine, and the wholesale indictment of individuals by state and federal grand juries, working in feverish haste, errors are likely to be made, errors that deal with man's most precious possession—his reputation.

Judge Davidson refused to be hurried in passing judgment on the characters of three outstanding Dallas citizens. He patiently heard all the evidence the efficient prosecution had to offer. When he found this evidence wholly insufficient, he promptly vindicated and exonerated the three Texans. The nation is safe as long as our courts thus conceive it their duty to protect rather than to prosecute.

EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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August 21, 1939
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

Re: Louisiana Investigation

Supervisor Hayden advised me that Mennen Williams requested an Agent to come to his office as he was interviewing a man who had information concerning the political situation in New Orleans. I advised Mr. Hayden to inform Mr. Williams I would contact him.

I interviewed James J. Morrison, 817 Dumaire Street, New Orleans, who advised that Hubert and Weinstein, Assistant United States Attorneys in Rene A. Vipsca's office were dependable, but that Assistant United States Attorneys Wright, Christenberry and Gaudin were not all right because of their political connections. Mr. Morrison could not furnish any specific information concerning the allegations that these three Assistant United States Attorneys are not dependable and are not performing their official duties.

Mr. Morrison is connected with the Tulane Law School. The primary purpose of his visit was to have action taken upon his application as Assistant United States Attorney at New Orleans, to assist Mr. Rogge in the present investigation. He has spoken to Mr. Rogge in connection with his application. Mr. Morrison advised that the interview was embarrassing as he did not wish to be quoted on what he was stating, and Mr. Williams advised that maybe he overstepped in having an Agent interview Mr. Morrison.

It is to be noted Mr. Morrison furnishes no information not already contained in the Bureau files, and this information is not being furnished to the New Orleans Division.

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1308 Masonic Temple Building
New Orleans, Louisiana
August 26, 1939

Honorable Rene A. Viosca
United States Attorney
Post Office Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Re: LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS -
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith photostatic copies of
the following letters:

Letter dated August 9, 1939, addressed
to the Bureau by Mr. Acie Julius Belton,
Box 105, Scotlandville, Louisiana.

Letter addressed to the Attorney General
by Mr. E. M. Johnson, Long Beach, Cali-
fornia.

Very truly yours,

Encs.
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cc: Bureau

B. E. SACKETT,
Special Agent in Charge.

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