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SUBJECT RIITA HAYWORTH

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 8, 1945

FROM : SAC, Savannah

5/15 may

SUBJECT: EXTORTION

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The above-named individual telephoned the Charleston, South Carolina Resident Agency on April 25, 1945.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

It is requested that the Bureau's indices be checked and if [REDACTED] is at the present time on probation or the subject of a pending case in any office, the appropriate office be notified.

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SAC, Savannah

May 25, 1945

J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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EXTORTION

Reference is made to your memorandum of May 8, 1945, indicating that the subject may possibly be on probation or be wanted by the Bureau in connection with a pending investigation.

On the basis of the information furnished, the Bureau is unable to find any record of a pending case where the subject is wanted by the Bureau, and the records of the Identification Division likewise do not reflect this subject is wanted by the Bureau or any other law enforcement agency at the present time.

[REDACTED]

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Enclosure

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

FEB 8 1947

TELETYPE

ATLANTA 2-8-47 11-36 PM HS

DIRECTOR AND SACS LOS ANGELES AND KNOXVILLE URGENT

WAS

RE TELEPHONE CALLS SAC ATLANTA TODAY. SUBJECT VOLUNTARILY
SURRENDERED TO AGENTS AT ATLANTA FD HEADQUARTERS TODAY. EXECUTED

SIGNED STATEMENT

[REDACTED]

FURTHER ADMITTED DIRECTING [REDACTED] EXTORTION LETTER TO RITA HAYWORTH
CARE OF MGM STUDIOS, [REDACTED] HOLLYWOOD, CALIF., JANUARY TWENTYFIVE
FORTYSEVEN REQUESTING TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CASH UNDER THREAT OF DEATH
OF RITA HAYWORTH AND HER YOUNG DAUGHTER. MONEY WAS TO HAVE BEEN FORWARD
ED IN FIVE TEN AND TWENTY DOLLAR BILLS TO SUBJECT AS GEORGE WELCH

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CARE OF GENERAL DELIVERY SAN PEDRO CALIF. MONEY IN PACKAGE WAS TO REACH SAN PEDRO BY FEBRUARY TWENTYSEVEN.

SUBJECT DID NOT CALL FOR PACKAGE BUT REMAINED IN TENN. ACCORDING
TO SUBJECT THE LETTER WAS WRITTEN IN BORGHARD IN THE CITY CALLED BY
HIS AL CLEVELAND TENN. POST OFFICE AT [REDACTED] DELIVERED TO [REDACTED] RECEIVED

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] USA ATLANTA HAS AUTHORIZED HOLDING OF SUBJECT UNDER TECHNICAL VIOLATION STSA. SUBJECT PRESENTLY INCARCERATED FULTON COUNTY JAIL ATLANTA, GA. LOS ANGELES REQUESTED TO ADVISE KNOXVILLE AND ATLANTA RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION RE EXTORTION AND IF VIOLATION OF EXTORTION STATUE DEVELOPED. LOS ANGELES AND b7c KNOXVILLE REQUESTED TO PRESENT CASE TO APPROPRIATE USA. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LOS ANGELES AND KNOXVILLE EXPEDITE.

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OK FBI KX RTM

4-38PM OK FBI WA GSC

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES

GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: 2-8-47

FROM : C. W. Evans

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Extortion

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Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
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Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

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At 1:05 p.m., February 8, 1947, SAC E. J. Foltz, Atlanta Division, telephonically advised Special Agent [REDACTED] who was on week-end duty that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] had voluntarily appeared at the Atlanta Office this morning, February 8, 1947.

[REDACTED]

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At the same time [REDACTED] claimed that he had sent a letter on February 6, 1947, under the name George Welsh to the movie actress Rita Hayworth in Hollywood threatening her life. According to SAC Foltz, SAC R. B. Hood of the Los Angeles Division has no information regarding this offense but is inquiring into the matter. It is possible that the letter which was sent by [REDACTED] on February 6, 1947, from Cleveland, Tennessee, has not been received by Miss Hayworth.

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[REDACTED] is therefore being held upon the authority of the United States Attorney at Atlanta and that a complaint will be filed either today or Monday, February 10, 1947.

[REDACTED]

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SAC Foltz inquired as to whether or not [REDACTED] was presently wanted by the Bureau. A check of the deserter, selective service and criminal fugitive indices failed to indicate that he was wanted.

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[REDACTED]

ACTION TAKEN:

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SAC Foltz was advised that according to the records of this Bureau, [REDACTED] was not wanted at the present time. SAC Foltz then indicated that he would fully develop the facts in this case and the Bureau would be kept advised of any pertinent developments.

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DIRECTOR AND SAC LOS ANGELES

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[REDACTED] WAS, RITA HAYWORTH, VICTIM, EXTORTION, [REDACTED]
SUBJECT TAKEN BEFORE USC H. ARNOLD MORGAN CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE,
FEBRUARY THIRTEEN LAST AND WAIVED PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION AND
REQUESTED THAT CASE BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE COURT ON AN INFORMATION
AND THAT HE DESIRED TO WAIVE GRAND JURY. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

FACTS HAVE

NOT BEEN PRESENTED USA CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, THIS CASE.

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PS PLS ACK IN ORDER

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KHBVL ARL M 0711 LA 0711 PL

THIS IS FBI LA I DID NT ACK FOR THIS MSG

PLS DO SO

OK FBI LA CJMM

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cc: Mr. Rosen

- Mr. Tolson.....
- Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
- Mr. Clegg.....
- Mr. Glavin.....
- Mr. Ladd.....
- Mr. Nichols.....
- Mr. Rosen.....
- Mr. Tracy.....
- Mr. Carson.....
- Mr. Egan.....
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- Mr. Hendon.....
- Mr. Pennington.....
- Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
- Mr. Nease.....
- Miss Gandy.....

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Mr. Quinn Tamm	

FBI, LOS ANGELES 2-10-47 3-19 PM CJM

DIRECTOR SACS ATLANTA AND KNOXVILLE URGENT

[REDACTED] WAS [REDACTED] GEORGE WELCH, RITA HAYWORTH

VICTEX, [REDACTED] LETTER MAILED [REDACTED] CLEVELAND, TENN. FEB TWO LAST ADDRESSED
MISS RITA HAYWORTH IN CARE OF MGM STUDIOS, HOLLYWOOD, IN CARE OF ORSON
WELLES. LETTER RECEIVED COLUMBIA MOTION PICTURE STUDIOS THIS DATE
READS QUOTE THE SCAR NEVER FAILS. REMEMBER THAT NO FBI SOMEWHERE. THIS
I ASSURE YOU SIS IS NO CRANK LETTER, UNLESS TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS IN
CASH IS SENT TO ME BY THE TENTH OF THIS MONTHS, THEN I ASSURE YOU THAT
YOUR BABY WILL BE SNATCHED FROM YOUR HOME, AND THAT YOUR BEAUTIFUL FACE
WILL BE RUINED BY HAVING LYE THROWN INTO THOSE BEAUTIFUL EYES OF YOURS,
YOU MAY LAUGH AT THIS LETTER BUT I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT IT IS NO LAUGHING
MATTER, I AM LEAVING FOR CALIFORNIA [REDACTED] TODAY, SO RITA LISTEN
CAREFULLY BETWEEN NOW AND THE TENTH OF THIS MONTH DRAW OUT TWO THOUSAND
DOLLARS, IN FIVE, TEN AND TWENTY DOLLAR BILLS. WRAP IN BROWN PAPER, TIE
WITH BLUE OR GREEN STRING AND MAIL TO GEO. E. WELCH AT GEN
DEL, SAN PEDRO CALIFORNIA, I KNOW WHAT IT [REDACTED] IS IN YOUR
MIND THE SECRET SERVICE, TRUE ISNT IT, BUT REST ASSURED THE SCAR GETS
WHAT HE WANTS YOU DONT WANT TO LOOK LIKE THE BLUE DALIHA
SPELLING DO YOU NOR DO YOU WANT YOUR CHILD TO BE DISTURBED FROM YOUR ARMS,
THIS IS YOUR FINAL WARNING RITA, ORSON WELLS CANNOT HELP YOU NOR CAN THE
FBI, FOR THEY HAVE BEEN WANTING ME FOR SOME TIME NO ONE CAN HELP [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] YOU ONLY THE MONEY WILL TALK. REMEMBER GEO. E. WELCH GEN DEL

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SAN PEDRO CALIF SIGNED THE SCAR. REMEMBER THE TENTH IS THE DEAD LINE.
THIS IS YOUR LAST GOD DAM WARNING SEE UNQUOTE. ATLANTA SUTEL IMMEDIATELY WHETHER WELCH STILL IN CUSTODY. THIS IS OBVIOUSLY VIOLATION OF EXTORTION STATUTE BUT USA, L.A. NOT ADVISED PENDING RECEIPT OF INFO WHETHER SUBJECT STILL IN CUSTODY.

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OK FBI KX RTM

cc - Mr. Field
cc - Mr. Rosen

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

FBI ATLANTA

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DIRECTOR, AND SACS LOS ANGELES AND KNOXVILLE U R G E N T

b7C [REDACTED] WAS [REDACTED] GEORGE WELCH, RITA HAYWORTH, VICTIM, [REDACTED] EXTORTION, [REDACTED] RETEL FROM LOS ANGELES TODAY.

b7C SUBJECT WAS RELEASED BY USA ATLANTA TODAY TO [REDACTED] CLEVELAND, TENN. PD, FOR PROSECUTION UNDER HABITUAL CRIMINAL STATUTE WHERE SUBJECT COULD RECEIVE MANDATORY LIFE SENTENCE.

THIS [REDACTED] RELEASE MADE BY USA AFTER [REDACTED] CONSULTATION WITH POSTAL AUTHORITIES ATLANTA AND AUSA [REDACTED] I. R. ALT,, ATCHATTANOOGA, TENN. AT WHICH TIME ALT DECLINED PROSECUTION.

b7C AUTHORIZED COMPLAINT HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN FILED BEFORE USC ATLANTA CHARGING SUBJECT [REDACTED] KNOXVILLE FD ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY. THIS COMPLAINT SUBSEQUENTLY DISMISSED PERSONALLY BY USA ATLANTA. KNOXVILLE WILL PRESENT EXTORTION FACTS AS SET OUT IN REFERENCE TEL FROM LOS ANGELES TO USA CHATTANOOGA.

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cc - Mr Ladd
Mr Rosen

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: February 24, 1947

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

Attention: FBI LABORATORY

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] WAS
RITA HAYWORTH - Victim
EXTORTION
[REDACTED]

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Enclosed is the original and a photostatic copy of a letter mailed by subject at Cleveland, Tennessee February 2, 1947 and received at Columbia Studios on February 10, 1947.

For the information of the Bureau, on February 18th an authorized complaint was filed before the U.S. Commissioner at Chattanooga, Tennessee charging subject with violation of Section 408 D, Title 18, U.S.C "for mailing extortion letter to RITA HAYWORTH". The subject is now in the County Jail at Knoxville, Tennessee [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and will probably plead guilty to extortion charge, since he admitted same to Agents of the Atlanta Office.

It is requested that the laboratory search this letter through the Anonymous Letter File and determine whether any other extortion notes are outstanding which appear to be the work of this subject. For further information of the laboratory the Knoxville Office is to be considered origin since the complaint has been filed at Chattanooga and the mailing of the letter took place in the territory of that office.

[REDACTED] 9-986

Encl. (2)

REGISTERED MAIL

cc: Knoxville

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

March 18, 1947

To: SAC, Los Angeles

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of the evidence received from your office on March 4, 1947.

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re: [redacted] with aliases;
RITA HAYWORTH - Victim
KIDNAPING
[redacted]

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Examination requested by: Los Angeles

Reference: Letter dated February 24, 1947

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

- Q1 One white envelope bearing address handwritten in ink "Miss Rita Hayworth c/o MGM Studios Hollywood California"; return address in upper left-hand corner "Geo E. Welch Gen Del San Pedro Calif"; "c/o Orson Wells" written in lower left-hand corner; the words "Personal" and "Via-air Mail" are handprinted in ink, envelope is postmarked "CLEVELAND TENN FEB 2 1947 7:30 PM".
- Q2 First page of accompanying letter handwritten in pencil on a sheet of plain white paper beginning "The Scar Never Fails"
- Q3 Second page of accompanying letter handwritten in pencil on a sheet of plain white paper beginning "tie with Blue or Green string" and ending "signed the Scar".

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
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- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
 MAILED 6
 Los Angeles
 Knoxville 7 P.M.
 Laboratory
 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

The handwriting on specimens Q1 through Q3 was compared with material contained in the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. A representative photographic copy is being added to this file for future reference.

The evidence which you submitted is retained in the files of the Laboratory.

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **KNOXVILLE**

FILE NO. 9-986

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 2/24/47	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/8-12, 14, 17, 18/47	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7C
TITLE George Welch; RITA HAYWORTH - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION [REDACTED] b7C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Letter mailed Cleveland, Tenn. 2/2/47 addressed RITA HAYWORTH in care of M.G.M. Studios, Hollywood, California. Received Columbia Studios 2/10/47. Letter instructed victim ".....unless \$2,000 in cash is sent to me by the 10th of this month then I assure you that your baby will be snatched from your home, and that your beautiful face will be ruined by having lye thrown into those beautiful eyes of yours....."

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REFERENCE:

Teletype from Atlanta dated 2/10/47
Teletype from Knoxville dated 2/18/47.

DETAILS:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

On February 8, 1947 the Atlanta Office advised by telephone that [REDACTED] was in custody and had volunteered the information that he had mailed a letter demanding money to RITA HAYWORTH. On this same date [REDACTED] attempted to locate the letter but were unsuccessful due to the fact that the Studio was closed. However, [REDACTED] alerted the mail room and on Monday, February 10, 1947, he furnished the letter which is set out in detail below:

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

[Signature]
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

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"The Scar Never Fails -

"Remember that = No Some where -

(FBI)

"This I assure you sis is no crank letter, unless two thousand dollars in cash is sent to me by the tenth of this month, then I assure you that your baby will be snatched from your home, and that your beautiful face will be ruined by having lye thrown into those beautiful eyes of yours, you may laugh at this letter but I can assure you that it is no laughing matter, I am leaving for California to-day, so RITA listen carefully between now and the tenth of this month draw out two thousand dollars, in 5 - 10 - and 20 dollar bills. Wrap in brown paper, tie with blue or green string and mail to GEO - E - WELCH at Gen Del, San Pedro, California, I know what is in your mind the Secret Service, true isn't it, but rest assured the Scar gets what he wants you dont want to look like the Blue Daliha do you nor do you want your child to be disturbed from your arms, this is your final warning RITA, ORSON WELLS cannot help you nor can the FBI, for they have been wanting me for some time no one can help you only the money will talk.

"Remember GEO - E - WELCH ---

"Gen Del
San Pedro Calif.

"Signed the Scar --

"Remember the Tenth is the Dead Line

"This is your last G D

WARNING

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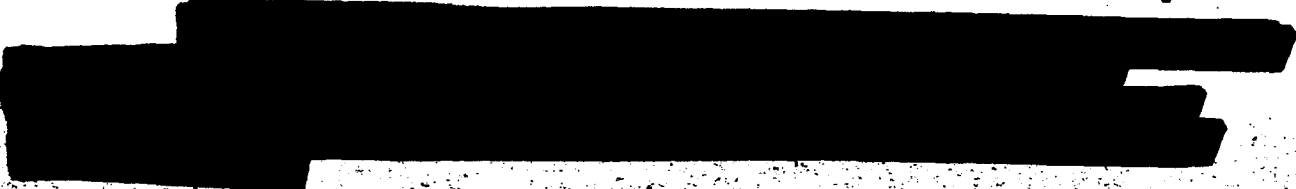
Photostatic copies of this letter are being furnished the Knoxville and Atlanta Field Divisions and the original letter is being sent to the Bureau in accord with Manual instructions.

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The letter in question was opened by [redacted] of [redacted] Los Angeles (27) California, telephone [redacted] read the letter and gave it to [redacted] Columbia Studios, who resides at [redacted] telephone [redacted] immediately took the letter to [redacted] mentioned above, [redacted] furnished it to the writer. THE letter

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has been identified on the reverse side of each page, as has the envelope.

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The Knoxville Field Division is being considered office of origin inasmuch as the letter was mailed in their territory and an authorized complaint has been filed before the U.S. Commissioner at Chattanooga, Tennessee on February 18, 1947.

ENCLOSURE:

TO THE KNOXVILLE FIELD DIVISION

Three photostatic copies of extortion letter

TO THE ATLANTA FIELD DIVISION

One photostatic copy of extortion letter.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

L.A. 9-986

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE KNOXVILLE FIELD DIVISION:

At Knoxville, Tennessee will obtain a signed statement.

Will advise the Los Angeles Field Division of the results of prosecution in this case so that RITA HAYWORTH can be informed.

SAC, Knoxville

April 7, 1947

Director, FBI

[REDACTED] was
RITA CHAYWORTH - Victim
Extortion

(Bureau File #9-12779)

at
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W.A.I.R. 25
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1-9/47

The Bureau desires that an Interesting Case memorandum be prepared in connection with this matter and that it be forwarded at your early convenience. For your guidance, reference is made to instructions set forth in Bureau Bulletin Number 8, Series 1946, dated February 19, 1946.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ATLANTA**

FILE NO. 9-208

REPORT MADE AT KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE	DATE WHEN MADE 4-16-47	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-8, 18 & 3-13-47	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7C
TITLE WELCH — RITA HAYWORTH — VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION [REDACTED] b7C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Authorized complaint filed before USC, Chattanooga on 2-18-47 for violation of Section 408D, Title 18, USC. On 3-1-47 subject waived indictment and entered plea of guilty [REDACTED] and to mailing an extortion letter on February 2, 1947 to RITA HAYWORTH, Hollywood, California. Sentenced by US District Judge LESLIE DARR at Chattanooga on same date [REDACTED] and 1 year on extortion count. Laboratory Report concerning subject being included. Disposition Sheet being submitted.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file number 9-12779.
Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Los Angeles, dated 2-24-47.
Teletype from Atlanta dated 2-10-47.

DETAILS: On February 8, 1947, E. J. FALTZ, SAC, Atlanta, telephonically contacted this office and advised he had in the office at Atlanta one [REDACTED]

DISPOSITION SHEET
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Also on February 8, 1947, the Atlanta Field Division advised this office by teletype that subject admitted mailing an extortion letter to RITA HAYWORTH, c/o MGM Studios, Holly-

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wood, California, requesting \$2000.00 in cash under threat of death of RITA HAYWORTH and her young daughter.

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In teletype dated February 10, 1947 the Atlanta Office advised that subject was released by the United States Attorney at Atlanta to [REDACTED] Cleveland, Tennessee Police Department, for prosecution under the Habitual Criminal Statute and that subject had been returned to Cleveland, Tennessee.

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On February 18, 1947, facts in this case were discussed with Assistant United States Attorney O. T. AULT at Chattanooga. Mr. AULT advised that he had already authorized prosecution of subject [REDACTED]. He further advised that he had authorized the filing of a complaint against subject for mailing an extortion letter to RITA HAYWORTH. Mr. AULT stated [REDACTED] and further stated that subject would probably plead guilty to the extortion charge inasmuch as he had already admitted same to the agents of this Bureau.

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On March 13, 1947 subject was interviewed by Special Agent [REDACTED] at the County Jail at Cleveland, Tennessee. Subject admitted to Agent [REDACTED] that he mailed extortion letter sometime during January or February 1947 to RITA HAYWORTH at Hollywood, California demanding \$2000.00. [REDACTED]

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A check of the records at the United States District Clerk's Office at Chattanooga, Tennessee revealed that on March 1, 1947 subject waived indictment and entered a guilty plea [REDACTED]

The records also indicated that subject was sentenced to serve 1 year on the same date by United States District Judge IESLIE DARR at Chattanooga for violation of Section 408D and A, Title 18, United States Code, the sentence to begin at the expiration of the above [REDACTED] sentence.

By letter dated March 18, 1947 a report from the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory revealed that the handwriting on the extortion letter was compared with materials contained in the appropriate sections of the anonymous letter file without exacting an identification. The Laboratory Report further indicated that the letter was being retained in the files of the Laboratory.

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A copy of this report is being forwarded to the Los Angeles Field Division in order that the result of prosecution in this case might be made known to RITA HAYWORTH, the victim in this case.

ENCLOSURE: To Bureau
Disposition Sheet

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, BUREAU

DATE: May 5, 1947

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] was
GEORGE WELCH,
RITA CAYWORTH-VICTIM
EXTORTION
[REDACTED]
(Bureau file # 9-12779)

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There is enclosed herewith an interesting case memo in connection with case of [REDACTED]

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INTERESTING CASE WRITE UP

RE:

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[REDACTED] WLS
GEORGE WELCH
RITA HAYNORTH-VICTIM
EXTORTION
[REDACTED]
(Bureau file # 9-12779)

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File - RSN-4

ENCLOSURE

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On February 8, 1947, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] voluntarily went to the FBI Office in Atlanta, Georgia, and surrendered to the Agents there. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] He also advised that he had directed a letter to RITA HAYWORTH, c/o MGM Studios, Hollywood, California, requesting \$2,000.00 in cash under threat of death to RITA HAYWORTH and her young daughter.

Investigation revealed that the following letter which was mailed at Cleveland, Tennessee, on February 2, 1947,

was received on February 10, 1947, at the MGM Studios, c/o
ORSON WELLS, and addressed to Miss RITA HAYWORTH:

"This I assure you sis is no crank letter, un-
less two thousand dollars in cash is sent to me by the tenth
of this month, then I assure you that your baby will be
snatched from your home, and that your beautiful face will be
ruined by having lye thrown into those beautiful eyes of
yours, you may laugh at this letter but I can assure you that
it is no laughing matter, I am leaving for California to-day,
so RITA listen carefully between now and the tenth of this
month draw out two thousand dollars, in 5 - 10 - and 20 dollar
bills. Wrap in brown paper, tie with blue or green string and
mail to GEO - E - WELCH at Gen Del, San Pedro, California, I
know what is in your mind the Secret Service, true isn't it, but
rest assured the Scar gets what he wants you dont want to look
like the Blue Daliha do you nor do you want your child to be
disturbed from your arms, this is your final warning RITA, ORSON
WELLS cannot help you nor can the FBI, for they have been wanting
me for some time no one can help you only the money will talk.

"Remember GEO - E - WELCH -

"Gen Del
San Pedro, Calif.

"Signed the Scar --

"Remember the Tenth is the Dead Line

"This is your last G D _____

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The United States Attorney at
Chattanooga, Tennessee, authorized the filing of a complaint,
charging [REDACTED] with violating the Extortion Statute, in that
he did transmit in interstate commerce by United States mail
from Cleveland, Tennessee, to Hollywood, California, a
communication threatening to injure the person of RITA HAYWORTH
and/or baby on failure to receive \$2,000.00 in money.

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[REDACTED]

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On March 1, 1947, [REDACTED] waived indictment and entered a guilty plea before the United States District Judge at Chattanooga, Tennessee, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and to the charge of violating the Extortion Statute by directing a letter to RITA HAYWORTH. [REDACTED] was sentenced by the Federal Judge [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and he was sentenced to serve one year for violation of the Extortion Statute, which sentence is to begin at the expiration of the above [REDACTED] sentence.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE**

FILE NO. 9-673

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REPORT MADE AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA	DATE WHEN MADE 5/15/47	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/8, 10, 11/47	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7C
TITLE Changed: [REDACTED] b7C		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION b7C	
George E. Welch; RITA HAYWORTH - VICTIM			

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject surrendered to Bureau agents, Atlanta 2/8/47. Gave signed statement [REDACTED] **b7C** and also admitting mailing extortion letter from Cleveland, Tennessee, 1/25/47 to RITA HAYWORTH, c/o MGM Studios, Hollywood, California, demanding \$2,000 in cash paid to GEORGE E. WELCH, Gen. Del., San Pedro, California, by 2/6/47. Letter contained threat of death to RITA HAYWORTH and daughter and directed money to be forwarded in \$5, \$10, and \$20 bills. [REDACTED]

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Authorized complaint filed USC, Atlanta, 2/10/47 charging subject [REDACTED] U. S. P. O. Inspector, Atlanta, advised of facts and, after interview with subject and Tennessee authorities, advised he desired subject be released to State of Tennessee for prosecution as habitual criminal. Subject released to [REDACTED] Cleveland, Tennessee, and complaint dismissed by AUSA, Atlanta, 2/10/47. [REDACTED] and description set out.

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REFERENCE:

- Teletype to Director, Los Angeles, and Knoxville 2/8/47.
- Teletype from Los Angeles 2/8/47.
- Teletype from Los Angeles to Director, Atlanta, and Knoxville 2/10/47.
- Teletype from Knoxville to Atlanta and Los Angeles 2/10/47.
- Teletype to Director, Los Angeles, and Knoxville 2/10/47.
- Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 2/24/47, at Los Angeles. **b7C**

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [Signature]	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
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Atlanta, 9-673

DETAILS:

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L The title of this case is being changed to reflect the following additional aliases of subject as appear in [REDACTED]

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA:

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L On February 8, 1947, at approximately 10 a.m., subject presented himself at the Atlanta office and stated that he wished to give himself up to the FBI [REDACTED]

Subject was interviewed by the writer and Special Agent [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Subject executed a signed statement, which is being set out below [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] as well as admission by subject that he wrote an extortion letter to RITA HAYWORTH, C/o MGM Studios, Hollywood, California, demanding \$2,000 to be paid to GEORGE E. WELCH, General Delivery, San Pedro, California, on threat of death to RITA HAYWORTH and her daughter.

"Feb. 8th - 1947
Atlanta, Ga.

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L "I, [REDACTED] do make the following voluntary statement to [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] whom I know to be Special Agts of the F. B. I. No threats or promises have been made to me in order to get this information. I am aware that the contents of this statement can if necessary be used in a court of law against anyone's name appearing herein.

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L [REDACTED]

"Sometime around January 25, 1947 I wrote a extortion letter to RITA HAYWORTH, C/o MGM Studios, Hollywood, California. I wrote letter in ink, & mailed it at the Cleveland, Tenn. post office. I demanded \$2,000.00 in 5, 10, & 20 & place in a package & mail to GEORGE WELCH, Gen. Del., San Pedro, Cal. I gave her till Feb. 6, 1947, to deliver this package to me through the Post Office under the threat of death to her & her girl. I told her I guess she would notify the Police, however I asked her not to do this. I have not heard from her.

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"The above statement has been read to me; it is true & correct to the best of my knowledge.

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/s/ [REDACTED]

"Witnessed.

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[REDACTED] S. A., F. B. I., Atlanta, Ga.
[REDACTED] F. B. I., Atlanta, Ga."

Atlanta, 9-673

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The Bureau, Los Angeles, and Knoxville offices were advised by teletype of subject's statement upon his surrender to agents of the Atlanta office and were requested to conduct investigation at Hollywood, California, and Cleveland, Tennessee, to verify receipt of extortion letter at Hollywood, California, [REDACTED]

Subject was placed in Fulton County Jail and on February 10, 1947, complaint was authorized by Assistant U. S. Attorney F. DOUGLAS KING charging subject [REDACTED] Authorized complaint was filed before U. S. Commissioner DAVID J. MEYERHARDT February 10, 1947, and at hearing [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and mailing of the extortion letter to victim. Assistant U. S. Attorney F. DOUGLAS KING advised that he believed prosecution should be had in Tennessee [REDACTED] for extortion violation [REDACTED] as soon as full facts regarding the other violations could be obtained.

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[REDACTED] advised the Atlanta office and the United States Attorney, Atlanta, that he wished to return subject to Tennessee and prosecute him in state court under the Habitual Criminal statute where he could receive a life sentence if found guilty. [REDACTED] U. S. Post Office Inspector, Atlanta, advised he was agreeable to having subject returned and prosecuted in state courts. Mr. F. DOUGLAS KING subsequently advised that he had communicated with the United States Attorney, Chattanooga, had dismissed complaint against subject in Atlanta, and had ordered him released to [REDACTED] Cleveland, Tennessee, after subject had agreed to removal and had signed waiver of removal papers. Files of U. S. Marshal, Atlanta, reflect subject was released February 10, 1947, to [REDACTED] Cleveland, Tennessee, Police Department.

The following is a description of subject as obtained from personal interview and interrogation:

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True Name: [REDACTED]
Race: [REDACTED]
Sex: [REDACTED]
Born: [REDACTED]

Height: [REDACTED]
Weight: [REDACTED]
Eyes: [REDACTED]

White
Male

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ENCLOSURE: TO KNOXVILLE

Signed statement of subject

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : R. T. HARBO *RTH*

FROM : D. J. Parsons

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] WITH ALIASES:
 RITA HAYWORTH, VICTIM
 EXTORTION
 SELECTIVE SERVICE
 9-12779

DATE: January 5, 1951

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There is attached the file which has been maintained in the Laboratory in connection with the above captioned matter. It is desired that this file be maintained as an enclosure behind the main file in the Records Section.

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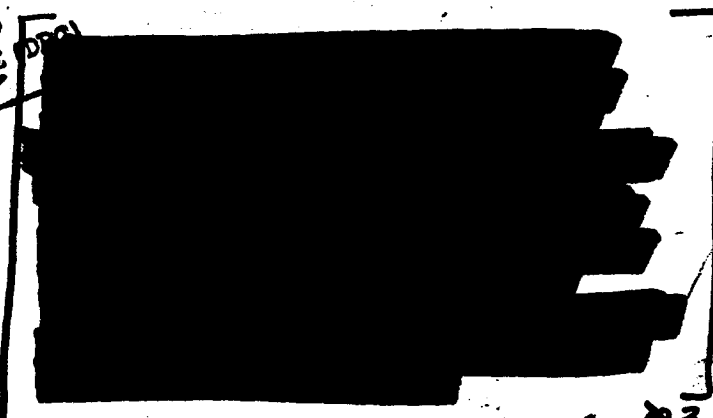
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Title FREDERICH G. McEVoy		10/2, 9, 14/41	Character INTERNAL SECURITY - G

Synopsis:

CLASSIFIED DECISIONS FINALIZED
BY DEPARTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE
DATE: 12-14-82
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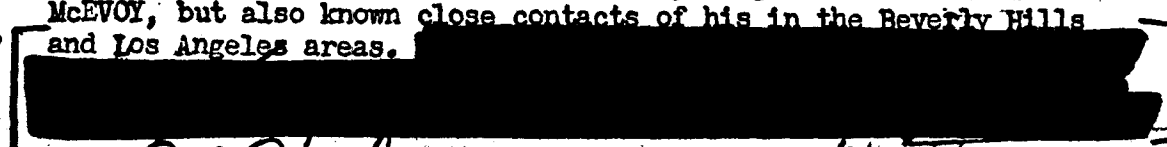
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Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated [redacted] b7C
9/18/41 at Los Angeles.
Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated [redacted]
9/20/41 at San Antonio.

DETAILS:

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Previous reports of matters in this case have set forth the information including not only subject FREDERICH G. McEVoy, but also known close contacts of his in the Beverly Hills and Los Angeles areas.



Approved & Forwarded: [Signature]

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In the Los Angeles Herald & Express for Friday, September 26, 1941, there appeared a photograph of PAT DI CICCO in company with GLORIA VANDERBUILT together with Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD HUDSON (RITA HAYWORTH). They were in attendance at the premiere of the film, "A Yank in R.A.F.". This clipping is being retained in the Los Angeles file in this case.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles, California
September 28, 1944

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

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Director, FBI

Re: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION IN APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY AND FIELD OFFICES
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ADVISED BY ROUTING
SLIP(S) OF *Redaction*
DATE *7/19/77*

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated June 30, 1944 (Bureau file 100-138754) furnishing the names of several individuals in the motion picture colony who might be considered on the list of persons in the motion picture industry who have Communist affiliations.

In accordance with your suggestion there has been prepared a memorandum furnishing information concerning these individuals, and three copies of same are attached hereto for the information of the Bureau.

Very truly yours, *[Signature]*

[Signature]
R. B. HOOD, SAC

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According to the records of [REDACTED]

the Subject is married to MARGARITA CANSTINO ~~JUDSON~~, aka RITA HAYWORTH, who has been employed by Columbia Studios for the last seven years. This record points out that the Subject was formerly at R.K.O. and 20th Century-Fox Studios and that his income is in excess of \$100,000 per year. This report gives considerable background information, all of which is in this report.

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An examination of the records of [REDACTED]

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Agent [REDACTED] was negative.

[REDACTED] was made by Special

DESCRIPTION:

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A description of the Subject as furnished by [REDACTED] is as follows:

Age	29
Birthdate	May 6, 1915
Birthplace	Kenosha, Wisconsin
Height	6' 2"
Weight	195 pounds
Complexion	Light
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Social Security	#119-07-5434

A photograph of the Subject has been obtained and an appropriate disposition of it has been made.

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HAYWORTH, RITA (Wife of Orson Welles)

Former wife of EDWARD CHARLES JUDSON; maiden name MARGARITA

CANSINO.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 100-5440

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TITLE ORSON WELLES, with alias: George Welles	CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: **b2**

Subject resides at Los Angeles, Calif. Is independent actor, writer, director and producer. Subject head of Mercury Productions, Inc. Born Wisconsin, attended private high school two years, and later traveled abroad. Became radio actor and writer and subsequently independent producer. Associated with motion picture industry since 1939. Rejected for service in U. S. armed forces. Presently married to actress RITA HAYWORTH. No record of Communist Party membership but Subject has consistently followed Communist Party line. Member of American Peace Mobilization, with aliases; active in League of American Writers; originated the "Free Company"; HARRY BRIDGES defendant; member of Sleepy Lagoon Defense Committee; active in Musicians' Congress; an organization formed to combat M.P.A.; active in Free World, and participant in programs to praise Russia.

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and [redacted] information set forth. Description (c) negative. **b7D**

DETAILS:

NAME:

ORSON WELLES, with alias: George Orson Welles

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: *[Signature]* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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During his employment at R.K.O. he also appeared on the radio and was the star of the Lady Esther program. The Subject has independently produced a number of shows, the most prominent of which is "Citizen Kane". The Subject is presently married to RITA HAYWORTH, also known as MARGARITA CANSINO, who is a prominent motion picture actress employed by Columbia Studios.

b2 [redacted] advised the writer that the Subject is registered with Local Draft Board 245, 1373 Westwood Boulevard, West Los Angeles, California, and added that the Subject had been rejected for "Chronic Myoditis and Arizinal Syndrome Arthritis, Bronchial Asthma, high fever and flat feet".

This source advised that the Subject has left the country upon several occasions at the request of the Coordinator of Inner-American Affairs to go on good will tours to Mexico and Brazil. The Subject also spent six months in England making a picture.

This source stated that the Subject was associated with JACKSON LEIGHTER in the Mercury Productions, Inc. It is also known that JACK GROSS and HERBERT DRAKE are associated with the Subject in Mercury Productions.

b2 SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES:

[redacted] whose reliability is well established, stated that on June 30, 1944, he carefully examined the records of the Northwest Section of the Los Angeles County Communist Political Association but that he was unable to find any record of WELLES' membership. In this connection it should be pointed out that this office has never been able to establish that WELLES is an actual member of the former Communist Party or the present Communist Political Association however, an examination of WELLES' activities and his membership in various organizations reflects that he has consistently followed the Communist Party line and has been active in numerous "front" organizations. (S) u

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b7D [redacted]

It is interesting to note that the Subject is identified with at least three organizations, the purpose of which prior to Russia's entry into the World War was to delay and to deride the National Defense system in this country. This, of course, was prior to Russia's entry into the war and was the program of the Communist Party at that time.

The first of these organizations with which the Subject was associated is known as the American Peace Mobilization with aliases. The Subject was

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[REDACTED]

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In February, 1944, there was organized an emergency council of Hollywood Guilds and Unions, the purpose of which was to combat the Motion Picture Alliance for the preservation of American ideals. On June 28, 1944, this Council held a meeting at the Hollywood Women's Club at which time the Motion Picture Alliance was condemned. There was noted in attendance at this meeting [REDACTED] all members of the Northwest Section, Los Angeles County Communist Political Association, and ORSON WELLES and his wife, RITA HAYWORTH, sent a congratulatory telegram to this meeting congratulating them upon their magnificent fight against the Motion Picture Alliance.

According to a July 24, 1944, issue of the "People's World", West Coast Communist publication, the Subject and his wife, RITA HAYWORTH, were commended for their fight against the Motion Picture Alliance.

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(c) [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] (c)

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At Los Angeles, California, will follow and report Subject's current activities.

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

[Redacted]

Kemp, [unclear]
Local Draft Board 245, 1373 Westwood Boulevard,
Los Angeles, California.

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The above sources of information are being given temporary symbols
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

DATE: May 28, 1951

SUBJECT: COLUMBIA PICTURES, INC.
RESEARCH

ATTENTION: MR. L. B. NICHOLS

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I have obtained through a confidential source the current list of the contract players of Columbia Pictures. They are as follows:

Gene Autry
Mae Baer
Amanda Blake
Scotty Beckett
Don Reddick
Sally Burnett
Andy Clyde
Bredrick Crawford
Robert Cummings
Joan Davis
John Derek
Glenn Ford
Preston Foster
Barbara Hale
Rita Hayworth
Hugh Herbert
William Holden
Judy Holliday
Joni Lavrance

Jimmy Byrdon
Madelon Mitchell
Terry Moore
Wayne Morris
Susan Morrow
Pat O'Brien
LARRY PARKS
Eddie Quillan
Denna Reed
Carl Benton Reid
Mickey Rooney
Slapsie Maxie Rosenbloom
Charles Starrett
The Stooges
Margaret Sullivan
Peter Thompson
Walli Vernon
Sunny Vickers
Pat Williams
Jo Windsor

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
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A check of these people through the indices of this office has reflected no information on any of those except the individuals on whom blind memoranda have been prepared, two copies of which are attached.

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RITA HAYWORTH

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b1 [REDACTED] (c)

The Fourth Report Un-American Activities in California, 1948, states on Page 54, "The motion picture industry, itself a prime target for Communist manipulation and fund raising, has been victimized repeatedly by brazen and financially dishonest Communist front organizations. The Hollywood Democratic Committee.....all controlled and directed by Communists are typical examples."

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The Fourth Report Un-American Activities in California, 1948, states on Page 34 and 35 that typical examples of the Communist created and controlled Communist front organizations are: Sleepy Lagoon Defense Committee.

An article "For Whom No Pay, Medals, Bonus" stated the California appeal for the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee signed by RITA HAYWORTH has brought in contributions according to the executive secretary.

"Daily People's World" 1/3/45.

The JAFRC was cited by the Attorney General as within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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The Los Angeles National Citizens Political Action Committee made public a long message to the President on behalf of HARRY BRIDGES. The letter was signed by RITA HAYWORTH.

"Los Angeles Times," 1/31/45.

The Fourth Report Un-American Activities in California, 1948, Page 38, states "Typical of the completely Communist created and controlled organizations in the trade union political association and civil committee field are: National Citizens Political Action Committee."

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The American-Russian Institute has been cited by the Attorney General as within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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The Fourth Report Un-American Activities in California, 1948, stated on Page 51, "The motion picture industry, itself a prime target for Communist manipulation and fund raising, has been victimized repeatedly by brazen and financially dishonest Communist front organizations. The Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions.....all controlled and directed by Communists are typical examples."

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The American Youth for Democracy has been cited by the Attorney General as within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

RITA HAYWORTH appeared as a headliner for the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee at a mass meeting June 21, 1946.

"Daily People's World"
June 21, 1946.

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A Fund for Freedom Ball was held at the Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, to collect funds to buy milk for Spanish refugee children in France. Address RITA HAYWORTH was listed as an honorary chairman of the Women's Division of the Spanish refugee appeal and one of the sponsors. The profits were forwarded to the national office of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.

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An article entitled "The Man Rises for Abolition of Un-American Committee" stated "The Committee for the First Amendment announced it would have another one-half hour national broadcast on Sunday on ABC." Among those participating will be RITA HAYWORTH.

"Daily People's World," 11/1/47, Page 1.

The Fourth Report of Un-American Activities in California, 1948, Page 34 and 35, states "Typical examples of the Communist created and controlled front organizations of this type are.....Committee for the First Amendment."

An article entitled "Film Group Joins Fight" stated the movement for abolition of the THOMAS RANKIN Committee enlisted support of many of filmland's artists. The Committee for the First Amendment has changed to affiliation with the Committee of One Thousand. The Committee for the First Amendment includes top stars-----RITA HAYWORTH, and others.

"Daily People's World," 1/28/48, Page 1.

The Fourth Report Un-American Activities in California, 1948, states on Page 34 and 35, "Typical examples of the Communist created and controlled front organizations of this type are... Committee of One Thousand."

The Fourth Report Un-American Activities in California, 1948, lists RITA HAYWORTH as a sponsor of the Sleepy Lagoon

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Defense Committee; as a member of the Executive Council of the Hollywood Independent Citizens' Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions; as a signer of a full page ad by the Committee for the First Amendment; and as a sponsor of the JAFRC.

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It should be noted that Tijuana B.C., Mexico is only seventeen miles south of San Diego and right across the Mexican border. In commenting recently upon San Diego, News Week magazine (March 3, 1952 issue) pointed out the relationship of Tijuana, Mexico to San Diego, describing Tijuana as the "city of sin and souvenirs which offers the American visitor almost anything that titillates his fancy. He can bet on a horse race, buy a proxy divorce for \$100, purchase marijuana cigarettes or pornographic literature, gamble or take up with one of the city's fancy - and not so fancy - women. This open-handed and open-armed mercantile policy has brought almost continual prosperity to Tijuana and made it the fastest growing city in Mexico. Its income from American visitors is estimated at \$15,000,000 annually. It is hard to believe that this lighted oasis situated in the poor and primitive Baja California peninsula was just another dusty frontier village thirty years ago. If the border were closed, Tijuana would starve, border officials agree. At the height of the tourist season, as many as 200 cross at a time and are lined up on both sides of the border waiting to clear American and Mexican check points. In 1951 9,000,000 persons crossed the line. They have been crossing the line in growing numbers since Prohibition gave Tijuana its start".

Tijuana is mentioned herein because it is used as the recreational area for San Diego and offers all these various forms of recreation to a Navy town which, from all indications, would rather have the various forms of diversion located principally not within the confines of its own city limits. Tijuana, in addition to the above, offers horse racing, dog racing, Jai Alai, bull fights, cock fights. It should be noted that there are gambling casinos and swank restaurants which have continued to draw Americans to this vicinity.

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The noted film star RITA HAYWORTH, at that time known as RITA CANSINO, obtained her start as a dancer at Cliente long before she changed her name to HAYWORTH. Actually, it was American defense production in the early years of the war in the early 1940's that really started Tijuana on its way to prosperity. Servicemen from the West coast training camps and defense and aircraft workers in Southern California, have filled Tijuana's cafes and bawdy houses.

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The above captioned subject is the well known singer and present husband of RITA HAYWORTH, the movie actress. HAYMES has recently been prominent in the news regarding his marriage to RITA HAYWORTH and his pending deportation case in Los Angeles. He was arrested by the I&NS, Los Angeles, on the basis of violation of the WALTER McCARRAN ACT for going to Hawaii to fulfill singing engagement and returning to the Continental United States illegally without reexamination. Background information concerning HAYMES is set out in airtel to Bureau dated 8/7/53 captioned RICHARD BENJAMIN HAYMES.

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Kennedy Says Ultras' Actions Peril Nation

By JAMES E. JACKSON

PRESIDENT KENNEDY, speaking at a Democratic party dinner in Los Angeles, Saturday, gave warning to the nation of the increasing-

ly brazen activities of the Ultra-Right, pro-fascist reactionaries who are bent on nullification of the democratic processes at home and inciting a world thermonuclear war.

Without mentioning their names, the President made unmistakably clear that his indictment was leveled at the John Birch Society, and the Minute-men movement which is energetically organizing Storm Trooper units of armed pro-fascists for vigilanteism in many parts of the country.

In his warning about the threat to the country represented in the activities of the far-right groups and individuals, President Kennedy said: "They look suspiciously at

their neighbors and their leaders. They call for 'a man on horseback' because they do not trust the people. They find treason in our finest churches, in our highest court and even in the treatment of our water."

Even while the President was speaking in Los Angeles, the chief of the Ultra-Right, Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.), was charging in a press conference in Atlanta, Ga., that President Kennedy was "the wagon master of the radicals in the White House" and rides on "the left wheel all the time."

The President's reference to the "man on horseback" allusion was a pointed reply to the demand of the pro-fascist publisher of the Dallas Morning News, Edward M. Dealey, who had demanded that Kennedy stop "riding Caroline's tricycle" and be "a man on horseback." In a reference to the pro-fascist Ultras link-up with high military personnel, such as their Number One "Man on Horseback"—General Edwin Walker, the President noted:

"They object quite rightly to

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politics intruding on the military—but they are anxious for the military to engage in politics."

His reference to the charge of "treason . . . in our highest court" takes note of the fact that the Birch Society and others conduct an unflagging campaign for the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren.

Warning the nation not to "heed these counsels of fear and suspicion," the President urged the nation to "Let our patriotism be reflected in the creation of confidence rather than crusades of suspicion. Let us prove we think our country great by striving to make it greater."

To enter the huge Palladium dining hall, where the speech was made, the President had to wend his way through a snaking line of over two thousand pickets whose signs urged upon him the soul-felt demand of the people for PEACE.

Among the signs were those that read: "Disarm World-Wide," "Ban All Atomic Weapons," "The Only Defense Is Peace," and "No Tests—East or West."

The sponsors of the picket line included such celebrated movie stars as Rita Morena, Marlon Brando, Sammy Davis, Jr., Rita Hayworth, Shelly Winters and Kim Novak. These and many other public figures are sponsors of the peace workers organization known as HELP—Help Establish Lasting Peace.

This picket line of advocacy and support for progressive measures to be undertaken in behalf

of a foreign policy of peace, and a domestic policy of extending and safeguarding democracy and for social progress, was a testament to the awakening within the nation of a developing people's resistance to the pro-fascist and pro-war assault of the Birchers and Ultra-Rightists.

The need for this developing rally of the people to arrest the galloping groups of Ultras was given point of urgency by the presence of bands of demonstrating Birchites before the Palladium, and by the reports of numerous, expensively staged mass meetings which are being held across the country under the leadership of the Ultras.

On the same day President Kennedy spoke, back in Greenwich, Conn., a meeting of 800 people at the Greenwich, Conn., High School heard the notorious anti-communist spy, Herbert Philbrick, speak and the Minute-man "guerrilla army" organizer, Reserve Colonel Rene A. Wormster, call for the formation of armed "citizen soldiers to combat communism."

And, at Miami Beach, Florida, during the same week, a so-called "national indignation convention" of 7,000 persons were exhorted by Representative Gordon H. Scherer (R-Ohio) and a member of the House Un-American Activities Committee, "to join in a crusade against all kinds of communist sympathizing." According to Scherer, everyone to the left of Sen. Coldwater is a communist."