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Washington, D. C.

December 20, 1943

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Re: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
December 19, 1943

The following comments, which appear to be of interest to the Bureau, were made by Mr. Winchell in his broadcast on the above date.

I. DENATURALIZATION MATTER

Mr. Winchell stated: "Fort Wayne, Indiana. Ladies and gentlemen: Last Sunday night I stated that I would not waste big artillery on small fry, but this is too good. In February, 1943, a German-American Bund leader in Fort Wayne had his American citizenship revoked by Federal Judge Duffy. In this Bund leader's defense, his attorneys introduced many editorials and cartoons, twenty-six of them, which appeared in a Fort Wayne rag, the name of which is the Fort Wayne News-Sentinel. The Bund leader defendant, named Paul Schuchhardt, testified that these twenty-six editorials and cartoons had influenced him in his acts and words. Federal Judge Duffy, speaking from the bench, termed the News-Sentinel's editorials as 'stupid,' thus scooping me by almost ten months, and also, by the way, making it official. Note, please, that one man can lose his citizenship for what another man escapes with under freedom of the press."

Mr. Winchell is undoubtedly referring to the case involving John Paul Schuchhardt of Fort Wayne, Indiana. As a result of an investigation by the Bureau, Schuchhardt's United States citizenship was cancelled on May 3, 1943, at the United States District Court at Fort Wayne, Indiana. During the trial of this case, Schuchhardt used as part of his defense the fact that he had been influenced by articles which appeared in the Fort Wayne News-Sentinel newspaper, Fort Wayne, Indiana. This defense created considerable publicity at the time, in view of the reported similarity in editorial policy between the Fort Wayne News-Sentinel and the Chicago Tribune. The case was heard before Federal Judge F. Ryan Duffy of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who presided in the absence of the regular judge for that judicial district.

With regard to the Fort Wayne News-Sentinel newspaper, Mr. C. G. Smith of the Department, by letter dated June 15, 1942, requested that information concerning this newspaper and its editorial editor, William J. Gross, be forwarded to the Department. Complete information in the Bureau's files was forwarded to the Department in accordance with Mr. Smith's request, and on December 10, 1942, 169 pages setting forth various editorials and articles appearing in the News-Sentinel from September, 1941, to September, 1942, were forwarded to the Criminal



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Division of the Department. This same material was also made available to Mr. Lawrence M. C. Smith, Chief of the Special War Policies Unit of the Department. The Criminal Division and the Special War Policies Unit were advised that no active investigation has been undertaken concerning the News-Sentinel publication.

II. INTERNED PRISONERS OF WAR IN THE UNITED STATES

Mr. Winchell stated: "Special bulletin for editors in New Orleans. Isn't it true that a number of Nazi war prisoners were given a party in Louisiana by residents near an internment camp? And isn't it true that both the German war prisoners and their guards became drunk? It is also true, isn't it, that Nazi war prisoners in Louisiana internment camps are permitted to leave those camps to visit nearby women of shady reputation? I respectfully submit that to John Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

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The New Orleans Field Office has reported [redacted] Jennings, Louisiana, informed that two farmers near Roanoke, Louisiana, gave a beer party on November 12, 1943, for 15 German prisoners of war as a token of appreciation for work which had been performed by the prisoners. It was further stated that the prisoners involved were from Camp Polk, Louisiana, prisoner of war camp and were among those who have recently been assigned to harvest crops in the State of Louisiana. The New Orleans office also advised that information furnished by the same source alleged that on November 12, 1943, three guards were placed in charge of the prisoners, who were taken to the Wave Cafe, located on a pier at Lake Arthur, Louisiana, where a party was held. It was alleged that one of the guards became so drunk that he turned a machine gun over to one of the prisoners. According to the information received, the Governor of Louisiana has stated he would take the matter up with the proper authorities. This matter was one of the subjects discussed by a representative of this Bureau at the last quarterly conference with local representatives of ONI and G-2. The New Orleans office has advised that allegations have been made that prisoners of war from Camp Polk have been visiting houses of prostitution in the nearby area.

The Director has been advised of the above matter, and a memorandum was forwarded to the Attorney General on December 7, 1943, advising of the facts as indicated above.

III. SEDITION MATTERS

A. Book entitled "Sabotage"

Mr. Winchell stated: "New York City. New Yorkers and others, listen please. Be sure and buy tomorrow's issue of PM. It exclusively reprints the new disclosures in the revised edition of 'Sabotage,' a best-seller earlier this year. The book itself will also be on the newsstands everywhere tomorrow at fifty cents a copy. The name of the book, 'Sabotage.' Read it, please, and get a down-front seat at the soon due sedition cases.

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PM's reprint will allege that Joseph Kamp of New York City, whose publication is named in the Federal indictment as a tool for subversives and propagandists over here, has had access to the Dies Committee files. How do you like that? In October, 1943, Joe Kamp sent a long complaint about me to the Navy Department, which has it on my record. Imagine that, ladies and gentlemen. This man with lots of lies about me, has it on my Navy record. He said in October, 1943, and I hope Secretary Knox is listening and all others concerned in the Navy Department, he said, 'Congressman Dies and I have been playing ball for years.' Hmm. Read 'Sabotage,' please. The name of it, 'Sabotage.' Also read PM for tomorrow if you're a New Yorker. It names some of our best rats."

Mr. Winchell has previously commented favorably upon the book "Sabotage" in his broadcasts of September 13, 1942, and September 20, 1942. This publication, which was written by Michael Sayres and A. E. Kahn, was published by Cotheran Brothers. The book "Sabotage" was reviewed by Supervisor B. M. Suttler of the Crime Records Section.

Joe Kamp formerly published a pamphlet entitled "The Awakener" which he did independently. However, this pamphlet has not been printed recently, and Kamp subsequently became chairman of the Constitutional Educational League, which has its main offices in New York City and New Haven. "The Awakener" and the Constitutional Educational League were mentioned in the indictment returned by a Federal Grand Jury in Washington, D. C., against 34 defendants in the matter entitled "Gerald B. Winrod, et al. Seditious Matters." However, neither was the subject of indictment.

The Director has been currently informed of significant developments in this matter.

B. Gerald B. Winrod, et al, Seditious Matters

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. One of the 34 indicted persons waiting trial for alleged seditious activities is, to use the underworld slang for snitching, singing madly to the Department of Justice right now to save himself. This turncoat only recently filed a libel suit against Walter Winchell. He admits now to the Department of Justice that he was in the pay of Berlin, Germany."

The Bureau has not been advised to date as to the identity of the defendant in this case who is to give information to the Government as stated by Mr. Winchell. Mr. O. John Rogge of the Criminal Division, who is handling the prosecution in this case, has, however, indicated on several occasions that he would consider a proposition from any defendant in this case who would agree to testify for the Government.

Respectfully,

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

RE: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST  
DECEMBER 19, 1943

You will recall that in the above broadcast of Mr. Winchell he mentioned that a defendant in the case entitled "U. S. vs. GERALD B. WINROD, ET AL., SEDITION" was "singing" to the Department.

In this connection, you are advised that Mr. Rogge called SA J. A. Sizoo concerning this matter at the above indicated time. He advised that apparently a telephone call which he received yesterday afternoon from Mr. Ernest Cuneo, Winchell's attorney, was the basis for Winchell's remark. He stated that Cuneo called concerning other matters and advised that he understood one of the defendants in this case wanted to turn Government witness and was "singing" to the Department. Mr. Rogge indicated that he informed Mr. Cuneo this was not true; that he did not know what Cuneo was talking about; and that the matter was thereupon dropped. Mr. Rogge advised he was amazed that Mr. Winchell should use this information in his broadcast after this conversation with Mr. Cuneo, and that he could not offer any statement as to whom Mr. Winchell was referring except to say that [redacted] had written some letters to Winchell stating he wanted to be a Government witness but he had not contacted the Department concerning the matter and the Department had made no particular effort to contact [redacted] as he was quite a "screwball."

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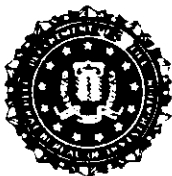
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WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
February 20, 1944

The following comments which appear to be of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell in his broadcast on the above date:

I. SEDITION MATTERS

A. United States vs. Joseph B. McWilliams, et al; Sedition.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington, D. C. The Washington Bar believes that Sedition cases after all motions will get under way about the seventeenth of April. It is now marked for the twentieth of March with the Government answering ready."

The Bureau is aware of the fact that the trial date of the captioned case has been set for March 20, 1944, in Washington, D. C. However, Mr. Rogge, who is handling the prosecution of this case for the Department, has informed the Bureau that neither he nor the defendant's attorneys would care to go to trial until after the Easter recess and that he, therefore, favored April 17, 1944, as the trial date in this case and he would take any appropriate steps he could to bring this about.

B. Gerald L. K. Smith; Sedition.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Buffalo, New York. Gerald L. K. Smith, the Director of the America First Party, will not be allowed to use Memorial Auditorium at Buffalo, New York, tomorrow because Supreme Court Justice Witt denied the application. His Honor held that the city has the right to do what it pleases with its own property. A member of the board asserted that it would be a sacrilege to permit rabble rousers or exponents of a new order to give vent to criticism of religion, race, or nationality in Memorial Hall, a monument to the dead of the last war. By the way, please read Walter Davenport's article on Gerald Smith in Collier's Magazine out next Friday. It's a pip!"

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The Bureau, as you know, has been closely following the activities of Gerald L. K. Smith and arrangements are made to cover all of his



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meetings. Information has been received in the past to the effect that the Mayor of Buffalo prohibited Smith from holding a meeting in Memorial Auditorium, Buffalo, New York, approximately two or three months ago. The Bureau has no information at the time, however, concerning the present refusal to rent Memorial Auditorium to Smith as stated by Mr. Winchell.

Information has been received by the Bureau that an article on Gerald L. K. Smith by a Mr. Davenport would appear in Collier's Magazine. It is noted that Davenport was recently in Detroit, at which time he interviewed numerous people among them, Smith himself. The Detroit Office has furnished information indicating that Smith incidentally believes Davenport's article will be uncomplimentary; however, Smith apparently believes he will be able to exploit the article to his own advantage.

C. United States vs. Joseph B. McWilliams, et al; Sedition.

Mr. Winchell stated: "New York. Lawrence Dennis, indicted as an alleged seditionist, wrote a book entitled "The Dynamics of War and Revolution". Ladies and gentlemen, an advance copy of that indicted man's book was sent to German Ambassador Hans Thompson in Washington. The proof was sent by Paul Palmer, an Editor on "Reader's Digest".

(Lawrence Dennis was

one of the thirty defendants in the captioned Sedition case. It is noted that Mr. Winchell, in his broadcasts of February 6 and February 13, 1944, mentioned the fact that Dennis was paid substantial sums of money by the Reader's Digest for certain articles. The Bureau is aware of the activities of Dennis as alleged by Mr. Winchell and, as a matter of fact, it is noted that Dennis was acquainted and in contact with a number of members of the German Embassy, Washington, D. C., including Ambassador Dieckhoff and Mr. Hans Thompson, who was Charge d'Affaires after Dieckhoff returned to Germany and until German diplomatic representatives were withdrawn from this country. The Bureau is also aware of the association between Dennis and Palmer

II. GEORGE N. BRIGGS MATTER

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. George N. Briggs, who was indicted on charges of forging so-called Harry Hopkins' letter, goes to trial in Federal Court, Washington, on the thirteenth or the twentieth of March."

The Bureau has been advised by the Department that the trial in this case has been tentatively set for March 13, 1944, pursuant to an oral conference between the Federal Judge and representatives of the Department. However, it is understood that on February 21, 1944, the Judge, in open court, will officially set the trial date in this matter.

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III. DETROIT RACE RIOTS - June 20-June 22, 1943

Mr. Winchell stated: "Detroit, Michigan. The best news of the week from Michigan! Three young men who killed a fifty-eight year old negro during the Detroit race riot were sentenced to State Prison. All three are now behind bars for sentences up to fifteen or sixteen years. The negro continues dead."

The Bureau, as you know, did not actively investigate the general race riot which occurred in Detroit, Michigan, from June 20 to June 22, 1943. However, through an informant coverage and other means, the Detroit Office kept currently abreast of the matter and no evidence was developed to indicate the matter was foreign-inspired or instigated by subversives. The Bureau did, however, conduct certain specific inquiries at the request of the Attorney General relative to the facts surrounding the report that a negro told a crowd of negro dancers at the Forrest Club, Detroit, Michigan, on June 21, 1943, to go over to Belle Isle and participate in the race riot which was then in progress. The Bureau also at the request of the Attorney General investigated the alleged drowning of a negro baby from a bridge at Belle Isle.

The Bureau has been informed of the identity of several individuals who were tried in State Court for certain acts in connection with the Detroit race riot. With respect to the particular incident referred to by Mr. Winchell, the Detroit Office has advised that this involves the shooting of a colored war worker who was standing in a safety zone during the race riot. The police arrested five young boys of Italian extraction and charged them with the shooting of the negro. As a result, three of these individuals were convicted of the crime in Detroit during the first part of last week.

IV. CIVIL RIGHTS AND WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT MATTERS.

Mr. Winchell stated; "Washington, D. C. The Charles Chaplin case is receiving the close attention of liberal attorneys. It is recalled that when thousands of oakeys were pushed around in the State of California, few people seemed interested in their civil rights. For once, this reporter agrees with the New York Daily News. The sudden interest of certain United States Government officials in civil rights deserves investigation."

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It is noted that Mr. Winchell previously mentioned the Charles Chaplin case on two occasions. The Bureau conducted investigation in this case wherein it appears that Chaplin transported ██████████ to New York in October, 1942, for immoral purposes. Victim ██████████ complained against Chaplin to the Beverley Hills Police Department and, as an outgrowth of the matter, it is alleged that Chaplin paid money and conspired with certain members of the Beverley Hills Police Department in order to effect the victim's egress from Beverley Hills

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in violation of her civil rights. A Federal Grand Jury returned an indictment against Chaplin for a violation of the White Slave Traffic Act and the Civil Rights Statute. With regard to Mr. Winchell's comment that certain United States Government officials have exhibited a sudden interest in civil rights, the Bureau, of course, has not changed its policy with regard to the investigation of the civil rights and domestic violence cases. Investigations are only conducted in this regard at the specific request of the Department. It may be noted generally, however, that it appears that certain avowed liberal groups have petitioned the Attorney General from time to time for Federal investigations to protect the civil rights of minority groups.

V. MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST

- A. Book "Under Cover", written by Avedias Derounian under the pen name of John Roy Carlson. Mr. Winchell stated: "New York. In memoriam. John McCrae, the courageous E. B. Judson and Company publisher of "Under Cover" passed on at the age of seventy-eight after a great career. He published this book now on its way to the "million" sales mark as his farewell contribution to a better way of American life. To Mr. McCrae, freedom of his presses meant freedom of his soul. The funeral is tomorrow at St. Thomas'."

As you know, Mr. Winchell has mentioned the book "Under Cover" on many occasions during his past broadcasts.

- B. "London. Tonight, the Royal Navy is covering every ship in the Bay of Biscay. Franco, the Fascist, has been running ships into France to supply Hitler's Italian Army through the Paston. Great Britain has called for a showdown. It will accept war. That Franco is definitely and positively Hitler's ally, I will conclusively prove in my newspaper column one day this week in the New York Daily Mirror on next Wednesday morning."
- C. "Washington. The strongest attack on Franco will be made in Congress by Representative Coffee of Washington on the twenty-fourth, next Thursday. Mine appears in the New York Mirror on Wednesday morning."
- D. "Algiers. The trial of the men who ran the Vichy Concentration Camp has started. The charge is murder. Vichy France planned six months after we occupied Africa. One of the war's great mysteries for which the State Department's Robert Murphy has the answer."
- E. "Washington, D. C. Congressman Hoffmann, who is Congressman Rankin's girl friend, lost another round yesterday in the one-sided fight with Walter Winchell. Hoffmann, a year ago, boasted publicly that he had Winchell discharged from the United States Navy. Yesterday,

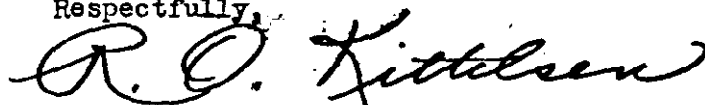


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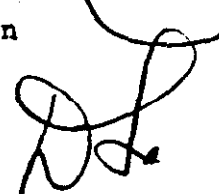
he found out that he was mistaken as usual. He sent for Secretary of the Navy, Knox, demanding Mr. Knox appear before the House to explain Winchell's status in the Navy. Mr. Knox, it appears, was too busy trying to get the war won so he sent a letter instead. The Associated Press yesterday reported that Mr. Knox, in response, to Hoffmann's silly question replied as follows: '1. Yes, Walter Winchell is officially connected with the Naval Reserve. 2. His rank is Lieutenant-Commander. 3. He is now on the inactive list meaning he has no Navy duty. 4. Winchell receives no pay from the United States Navy. The fact is that Winchell never received any. He never accepted any for two week's training duty. Winchell received \$200.11, which he turned over to the Navy Relief.' There is nothing so devastating as the truth, is there Congressman Hoffmann?"

It is noted that Colonel Knox, Secretary of the Navy, did send a letter to Congress in answer to Congressman Hoffmann's request in which he stated that Walter Winchell was a member of the Naval Reserve with the rank of Lieutenant-Commander; however, he was on inactive duty and he received no pay.

Respectfully,



R. O. Kittelsen



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To Hooker!

[Redacted]

January 20th, 1944

Mr. Walter Winchell,  
Daily Mirror,  
235 East 45th Street,  
New York City.

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I wish you'd tell  
me her name so we  
could educate her to the  
truth

Dear Sir;

Every day brings a new one. This one is from a denizen of Suffolk County. By the way, is a native of Suffolk County a citizen of our great country? To listen to them talk, one would think not. Well, here it is. A young lady of more charm than intelligence told me that she did not believe in buying War Bonds, because the government, in order to redeem the bonds must do so by taxing us and then return the money so secured, to us in payment of the bonds. Cute, isn't? And then, we should not be in the war anyway. We are in the war because F. D. R. and Churchill are good friends and F. D. R. is going to help England because of that friendship.

I always thought it was Japan who attacked Pearl Harbor. Oh, yes, she knew that, but then we should not be at war with Germany. After all, the Nazis did not declare war on us. We declared war on the Nazis; or so she said. This would not be too important, coming from a young lady with more charm than intelligence, if it were not for the fact that she said that all the people down her neck of the woods had the same ideas.

I would appreciate a comment from you on the above. Please do not use my name as it would be uncomfortable for me.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted signature]

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
H. R. 430

Re: H. Res. 430 - Requesting Information as  
to the Status of Walter Winchell

On February 18, 1944, the Committee on Naval Affairs of  
the House adversely reported H. Res. 430, a resolution request-  
ing information as to the status of Walter Winchell.

The report, a copy of which is attached, includes a copy of  
a letter from the Secretary of the Navy to the Chairman of the  
Committee on Naval Affairs, answering the questions propounded in  
the resolution. He advised that Walter Winchell is a lieutenant  
commander in the U. S. Naval Reserve, that he has been assigned to  
inactive duty, that he has no duties connected with the Navy, and  
that he receives no compensation.

The resolution was laid on the table.

Respectfully,  
W. K. Glavin  
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REQUESTING INFORMATION AS TO STATUS OF WALTER WINCHELL

FEBRUARY 18, 1944.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. VINSON, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, submitted the following

ADVERSE REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 430]

The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the resolution (H. Res. 430) requesting the Secretary of the Navy to furnish to the House of Representatives information as to the status of Walter Winchell, having considered the same, report adversely thereon and recommend that the resolution do not pass.

The action of the committee is based upon the following letter to the chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs from the Secretary of the Navy, which letter contains the information requested in the resolution insofar as practicable:

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,  
Washington, February 16, 1944.

HON. CARL VINSON,  
Chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs,  
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: House Resolution 430 requesting information as to the status of Walter Winchell, was referred to the Navy Department by your committee with request for reply.

The questions propounded by the resolution are set forth below, with the answers thereto immediately following:

Question 1. Is Walter Winchell in, or is he in any way officially connected with, the Navy?

Answer 1. Walter Winchell is in the United States Naval Reserve.

Question 2. If Walter Winchell is either in the Navy, or if he is in any way connected with the Navy, what is his rank and in what way is he connected with the Navy?

Answer 2. He is a lieutenant commander in the United States Naval Reserve.

Question 3. If Walter Winchell is in the Navy, or if he is connected with the Navy, has he been assigned to inactive duty and if he has been assigned to inactive duty, what, if any, are his duties?

Answer 3. He has been assigned to inactive duty. Since assigned to inactive duty, he has no duties connected with the Navy.

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February 16, 1944

Mr. Walter Winchell  
The New York Mirror  
235 East 45th Street  
New York, New York

Dear Walter:

The letters which you recently forwarded to me have been reviewed with a great deal of care and the content of each will, of course, receive prompt attention. Your continued interest in this regard is indeed appreciated.

In accordance with your request, I am returning herewith the letter addressed to you and signed by Mr. Charles Yale Harrison of 235 East 22nd Street, New York, New York.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Cordially

J. Edgar Hoover

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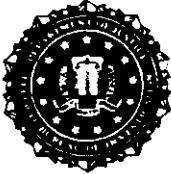
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
February 27, 1944

The following comments which appear to be of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell in his broadcast on the above date:

I. SEDITION MATTERS

A. Peace Now Movement

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Mr. Winchell stated: "New York. For the enlightenment of Americans who missed the story let this fact be jotted down now. The actual founder of the Peace Now Movement which could not stand the spotlight of publicity was not George Hartmann as supposed, but a person named John Collett. This Collett, ladies and gentlemen, according to public reports, was arrested in Cincinnati, Ohio in September, 1940 for bothering women in a sorority house. He was fined \$100, but this explains John Collett and his so-called Peace Movement. Collett came to America in 1940 on a German visa aboard a Japanese ship, and then soon after organized the Peace Now Movement."

The Bureau has been investigating the Peace Now Movement for some time. In September of 1943 the Department, after reviewing the information made available to it on this group, requested the Bureau to conduct an active investigation of the Movement. During the course of this investigation it was ascertained that an organization known as the Peace Strategy Board was created in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania early in 1943 by the Fellowship of Reconciliation, War Resisters League, American Friends Service Committee and other major established peace groups, their alleged purpose being to redefine peace aims. The members of this group on July 11, 1943 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania founded the Peace Now Movement to promote non-Pacifistic duties which their Pacifist organizations could not officially sponsor. According to information developed during the Bureau's investigation it does not appear that Collett was the chief organizer of this Movement as the Dies Committee report is stated to have claimed. It appears that Frederick J. Libby, a member of the National Council for the Prevention of War and an outstanding national Pacifist, was the moving force in the organization of the group. Collett was arrested in Cincinnati, Ohio, as Mr. Winchell stated, and although

he entered the United States from Norway via Russia and Japan it does not appear there was anything irregular as to his entry papers into the United States. Investigation is presently being conducted concerning this Movement and the Department has recently been requested to advise whether its activities warrant Federal prosecution.



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II. KIDNAP MATTERS

A. Kidnapping of Oline McKnight, Jackson, Mississippi

Mr. Winchell stated: "Jackson, Mississippi. The three kidnapers of a sixteen year old girl named Oline McKnight are still at large with their victim. The kidnap car was a 1941 Plymouth. Try to remember the license—Mississippi license 713-744, 713-744."

Three young men, [REDACTED] escaped from the Hinds County Jail, Jackson, Mississippi at approximately 5:00 p.m., February 26, 1944 where they were held for trial on a State charge. On the morning of February 27, 1944 the three escaped prisoners kidnaped Oline McKnight, a sixteen year old girl, near Cleveland Crossing, Mississippi, after shooting her father in the leg. These individuals were wanted by the Bureau previously as they had stolen a car on January 3, 1944 at Houston, Texas and also some firearms. The three individuals were also wanted by the Bureau for Selective Service and the National Stolen Property Act. The Jackson Office has advised that eight agents are now looking for the three escaped prisoners in cooperation with local law enforcement officers. These convicts reportedly escaped from San Quentin Penitentiary the day after Christmas, 1943.

B. Lindbergh Kidnapping Case

Mr. Winchell stated: "New York. Editors of New York newspapers tonight are checking the tip that the widow of Bruno Richard Hauptman, the kidnapper of the Lindbergh baby, has secretly married a New York detective."

III. SOUTH AMERICAN MATTERS

Mr. Winchell stated: "Attention Mr. and Mrs. United States. Tonight a small group of courageous men are the only guards for one of the world's greatest institutions. Their lives are in danger, but they have not flinched. They stand unarmed, but they do not stand alone because from Glasgow to Vancouver and from Sydney to Key West the free editors of the world are acclaiming the editors of "La Prensa" of Argentina. The great liberal and independent force south of the Rio Grande, "La Prensa" stands tonight — the Gibraltar of Argentine liberty. "La Prensa's" editors have answered with calm dignity the outrageous demands of a gangster government, but they merely gave their reasons, they did not give one inch. Though their own lives are in danger the life of the newspaper "La Prensa" is not because in defending the liberty of their great newspaper they are fighting for the freedom of a great people and the people never die. The world knows tonight that Colonel Peron and his forty thieves speak for Adolph Hitler, but the world also knows tonight that "La Prensa" speaks for Argentina. Argentina's hour of deliverance will be "La Prensa's" hour of glory, and as much as soldiers who stand by their guns, these editors are heroes who stand by their presses, and not even their death could deprive them of victory. "La Prensa" will be going to press long after Colonel Peron and his forty traitors have gone before a firing squad."



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"La Prensa" is one of the outstanding Argentine newspapers which is apparently pro-Allied and which has objected to Argentine censorship. Colonel Peron is reportedly the real power behind the revolutionary group that overthrew the Argentine Government in June of 1943. He is pro-Nationalist and apparently anti-American. Colonel Peron is the leader of the group which again took over the Argentine Government approximately two days ago.

IV. MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST

A.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. In another attack on the floor of the House today, Congressman Rankin of Mississippi stated Walter Winchell was doing more to hurt President Roosevelt than any other man alive. That statement, ladies and gentlemen, probably confused some other people who have called me an administration press agent, a White House pirate and a Roosevelt stooge. At any rate I am publicly thanking Congressman Sabath of Illinois who in reply to Mr. Rankin's attack stated, 'I have never heard Walter Winchell say anything that could be construed as unpatriotic. On the contrary Winchell has helped bring about the convictions and the indictments of persons for unlawful activity.' Thank you very much Congressman Sabath."

B.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. "A report in the New York Mirror several months ago revealed this interesting news. It said that Congressman Rankin who parades loudly his devotion to the people does not prate about his wife being on the Congressional pay roll. Mrs. Rankin at the time was down for \$3,250 a year as Mr. Rankin's private secretary although added the story she does not work in his office."

C.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Sing Sing, New York. Lepke ~~Buckhalter~~, leader of Murder, Incorporated, may not die in the electric chair as scheduled next Thursday night. Governor Dewey is expected to announce another reprieve."

D.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. The American public may expect some very disallusioning news in the very near future. Some of our most representative Americans believe that the Chung King Government is not doing its part in the war. This is not to reflect on General Chiang Kai-shek, nevertheless Americans back from China are telling our leaders that Chung King is rotten with graft in very high places and that Chinese military efforts against Japan have dwindled to a very low point. It has already affected Washington's outlook. At any rate a blind man can see that Chung King in Washington tonight are cooler."



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E.

Mr. Winchell stated: "I know this is getting to be a bore but because it is news to me I believe it will be eyebrow lifting news to you too. Before 1790 the father of our country was not named George Washington. His family as a matter of record changed their name eight times before it became Washington. In fact the great man who couldn't tell a lie was originally named Watts, pronounced Vatts (phonetic). How do I know this startling revelation? I read it in the yellow pages in our very own Library of Congress."

F.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Hialeah, Florida. This might prove consolation to the many who hoped that Director J. E. would win the Flamingo here yesterday. Had it won the race it would have been an ill omen perhaps because the only horse to win the Flamingo and also win the Kentucky Derby was Lawrin. Director J. E. christened after the famous G-man. ironically enough wound up in fifth column."

Respectfully,

*R. O. Kittelsen*

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For your information.

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DEFINITELY ANTI-JEW. BOTH OF THEM LOUD IN THEIR REMARKS AND HAVE BEEN GETTING AWAY WITH IT FOR YEARS. BAD SERVICE IS GIVEN THE JEW SO THEY WILL NOT RETURN.

THEIR RESTAURANT CHECKS ARE DOUBLE WHAT THEY SHOULD BE.

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THEY HAVE HAD SEVERAL BRUSHES WITH INTERNAL REVENUE BUT GOT BY. A DOUBLE SET OF RESTAURANT CHECKS ARE USED - THE AMOUNTS CHANGED BY THE CASHIER AND CHECKER AFTER MIDNIGHT WITH THE OWNER'S

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FIND OUT WHERE THEY HAVE  
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ITS TIME THESE NAZIS WERE  
STOPPED. PRETENDING TO BE FOR THIS  
COUNTRY AND ALL THE TIME STABBING  
US IN THE BACK.

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BE SURE INVESTIGATORS CANNOT  
BE BRIBED. They will try.

Feb. 11, 1944

Dear Mr. Winchell:

Please Investigate the following case of draft Board No. 9, In Campbell, Ohio:

[redacted] who lives at [redacted] Campbell, Ohio was supposed to be in the Army two Years ago this month. He is 23 years old, and doesn't have an essential job. He is a machinist's helper. Any man over the Draft age or even a lady can do that type of work. He is single and doesn't have any dependents. His father and sister are both working.

He has many of his father's friends working on the Draft Board. There have been many complaints concerning his being deferred for the past two years. I do hope that you will do something about this. It didn't do any good telling any of his friends or politicians that are on this Draft Board.

There have been many married men with dependents that have gone to the army from that Board.

I listen to your program every week ,and trust that you will look into this matter. Thank you,

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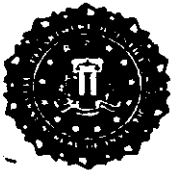
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
March 5, 1944

The following comments which appear to be of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell in his broadcast on the above date:

I. TREASON AND RELATED MATTERS

A. Frederick A. Wiehl, with alias, Charles Weber, Treason.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. The FBI has traced the origin of the Japanese propaganda book entitled "The Coming American Revolution." It was published in Shanghai where the alleged author, Frederick Wiehl, an American, is now believed to be."

The Bureau is aware of this matter as referred to by Mr. Winchell. A number of the repatriots who returned to the United States in December, 1943, on the SS Gripsholm brought copies of the book "The Coming American Revolution" by Frederick Wiehl, and which was allegedly published by the American University Press, Inc., New York City, in 1941. This book, which is reportedly one of the best Japanese propaganda publications, has been widely distributed in the Orient and was published in Shanghai. Wiehl, an American born citizen, left the United States apparently without a passport in 1941 and is now believed to be in Shanghai, China. An active investigation is being conducted in this matter at the present time.

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B. Alleged Nazi Underground Army in United States.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Attention Mr. and Mrs. United States and General Marshall, USA: The following expose is without qualification one of the most serious and dangerous conditions ever to exist within the United States. I am in charge that German prisoners of war in American camps are being drilled as Nazi battalions under a Gestapo. Their objective, Ladies and Gentlemen, is to take over Germany when they are returned. General Marshall, I respectfully submit to you, Sir, that some of our American officers in charge of these war prisoners do not even understand the German language and that in one Kentucky war prisoner camp an American Colonel led a parade of 300 German soldiers who had been ordered by their German Commander to 'maintain the spirit of the German Army.' This American Colonel will be surprised, perhaps to learn that the songs they sang in German were insults to our country and our Allies. The nucleus of the next World War - an underground Nazi Army is in full force over here now, on American funds and under the protective custody of American officers who do not realize what is going on right under their noses. The Nazi Gestapo once before tried this system in Russia, but Joseph Stalin stopped it cold. How badly our American officers have been fooled, the German Gestapo hopes to inform us all in 1955."

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The war prisoners' camps are, of course, under the jurisdiction of the Army. Throughout the past a number of scattered complaints have been received indicating that German prisoners of war in the United States were not given competent supervision and management in all instances. With regard to Mr. Winchell's allegation that an Underground Nazi Army is in full force over here at the present time, the only direct testimony or evidence to substantiate this statement apparently known at the present time is the allegations of [redacted] who recently escaped in the company of two German prisoners of war from Camp Hale, Colorado. [redacted] as you know, alleged that 38 members of the Army had banded together in a conspiracy to commit espionage and sabotage in the United States.

## II. SEDITION MATTERS

### A. U.S. VS. Joseph B. McWilliams, Sedition.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. In the sedition cases the United States of America, vs. Joe McWilliams and 29 others, Chief Justice Edward C. Eiker has denied and overruled the defense pleas to quash the motion. All 30 defendants are now properly before the Federal Court in the District of Columbia. It's about time."

Mr. Rogge, who is handling the prosecution in the captioned case for the Department, has advised that the Court ruled in favor of the Government in the early part of last week and overruled the motions of the defense to quash the indictment.

### B. Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. The sedition trials against 30 persons scheduled for March 20th are now expected to start on or about April 15th.

As you know, Mr. Rogge of the Department, previously advised that March 20, 1944, had been set as the trial date in the captioned case. However, because of the Easter recess he believed the Court, prosecution and the defense would agree to wait until after the Easter recess which would bring the trial date to April 17, 1944.

### C. Mr. Winchell stated "Washington. George C. Eggleston, the editor of the late, but unlamented, Scribner's Commentator, and one time on Readers Digest, by the way, as I recently reported, was the creator of certain editorial page cartoons which appeared in New York's German-American Bund newspaper. These cartoons, Ladies and Gentlemen, were against our President and those who give him faithful support. This is to report to Secretary Knox that George C. Eggleston, who gave comfort to the enemies' friends with his vicious cartoons, is a Lieutenant in the United States Navy. Why is that?"

It is noted that Mr. Winchell, in his broadcast on February 13, 1944, referred to the activities of George C. Eggleston and stated that he appeared to testify before the Federal Grand Jury, which returned the 30 indictments in the captioned case, in the uniform of a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. Mr. Winchell had previously referred to Eggleston on January 9, 1944. As you know, Eggleston was formerly Secretary and Treasurer of the Lake Geneva Publications, Inc., which published the Lake Geneva Herald and Scribner's Commentator. Eggleston was the editor of the latter magazine.

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Investigations were previously conducted by the Bureau of both publications for a possible Registration Act violation. However, the Department declined prosecution in the matter. Copies of all reports on [redacted] the Lake Geneva Herald have previously been furnished to the Office of Naval Intelligence.

III. KIDNAPPING MATTER.

Mr. Winchell stated: "New York. The G-Men have quietly prevented the abduction of three children who were about to be taken to England. The Federal Men saved the children just as a certain ship was about to sail one day last week. The kidnapping was attempted by a man who learned that our laws apply to persons in the highest places as well as the lowest. He is a Britisher. A member of Parliament."

Mr. Winchell is apparently referring to the matter involving the attempted return of the three children [redacted] to England by Sir Druckingham, a member of Parliament. It has been reported that the three children [redacted], by a previous marriage, were in custody of the maternal grandmother. A maid, apparently in collusion with Sir Druckingham, was employed by [redacted] mother. Sir Druckingham recently came to the United States and during last week called [redacted] mother and stated that he had taken the children from school and would return them shortly. [redacted] mother called the New York Office, however, the Bureau did not actively investigate the case inasmuch as it was apparently not a matter over which the Bureau had jurisdiction. The maid, Sir Druckingham and the children were thereafter found aboard a Portuguese vessel at Philadelphia bound for England. [redacted] father and members of the Coast Guard boarded this vessel and returned the three children to [redacted] mother. However, the maid and Sir Druckingham were not taken from the vessel and it is understood that they proceeded to England.

IV. GEORGE N. BRIGGS

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington, D. C. The trial of George N. Briggs, accused of forging the Harry Hopkins letter, has again been deferred until April."

You will recall that Mr. Henry Schweinhaut of the Department recently advised Mr. Mumford that the trial of George N. Briggs has now been set for April 17, 1944.

V. ILLEGAL SALE OF RAILROAD RESERVATIONS

Mr. Winchell stated: "Miami, Florida. Yesterday's surprise raid in which over 30 persons were arrested for allegedly selling railroad reservations at illegal prices were only the first of a very long series to come. The FBI will make many more raids on black marketeers of railroad tickets, gas and ration coupons in every state in the Union. Take it easy down here, in Miami especially."

The Bureau has been conducting an investigation in the matter referred to by Mr. Winchell and as you know the press has had a number of articles concerning the Bureau's arrest yesterday of 31 persons involving the illegal sale of railroad reservations in Miami.

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VI. SOUTH AMERICAN MATTERS

Mr. Winchell stated: "Rio. Brazil, which guarded the Eastern shore line from the Nazis, is ready to defend the integrity of all South American nations from the Nazi Fifth columnists and if Brazil must call North - North for assistance - Brazil will not call in vain. As we go to the presses the lights of Argentina's greatest newspaper "La Prensa" were still on, but Rio De Janeiro, Washington and London are watching the Government at Buenos Aires which wants to put them out."

It is noted that Mr. Winchell in his broadcast of last week, February 27, 1944, spoke favorably of the Argentine newspaper "La Prensa" which was pro-Allied in its comments and against Colonel Peron, the local pro-Axis individuals who are in charge of the Argentine Government at the present time.

VII. REPORTED RIOTING ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

Mr. Winchell stated: "Albuquerque, New Mexico. The wave of riots in the streets of Albuquerque, New Mexico, has subsided. The rioters used blackjacks, knives and razors."

The El Paso Office has advised that a club composed mostly of high school students and called the Rendezvous has been recently organized in Albuquerque. On March 3, 1944, Mexican youths, wearing zoot suits visited the club and a general fight ensued, 2 being hurt and 10 were arrested. Similar trouble occurred on the evenings of March 4 and March 5. The El Paso Office has advised that no negroes are involved and that local law enforcement authorities do not take a serious view of the situation.

VIII. MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST

- A. Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. The reports elsewhere yesterday that United States Attorney Biddle will soon resign to go on the highest court bench are ridiculous. In the first place, Ladies and Gentlemen, there is no vacancy on that high court bench. In the second place, Mr. Biddle refused it once before."
- B. Mr. Winchell stated: "Behind the International Front - Washington. Disillusionment with Chungking, China, is growing as I reported last Sunday night. Dr. Kum, the Chief Advisor to Chiang Kai-shek, is regarded as definitely unfriendly to Washington and especially Moscow. Dr. Kum is urging that lend-lease be used to liquidate opposition Chinese Parties, and he takes a particularly anti-Moscow slant. Washington and London insists that Chungking fight Tokyo before fighting anything else including a civil war."
- C. Mr. Winchell stated: "Mexico City, Mexico. The Mexican correspondents for the newspaper PM of New York City in tomorrow's PM will report that Spanish troops are now shooting at American and British soldiers along the Italian front."



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- D. Mr. Winchell stated: "I remain your New York correspondent, Walter Winchell, who read that two soldiers punched John L. Lewis. One for each face. At any rate it was a better break than Labor Leader Lewis gave our soldiers who have been hit below the belt."
- E. Mr. Winchell stated: "Trenton, New Jersey. The leading candidate and very likely final choice for United States Attorney in politically torn New Jersey, is L. M. Mallon of Atlantic City."

As you know the Bureau is presently conducting an investigation at the request of the Attorney General into the allegation that John R. Longo was illegally convicted in State Court in New Jersey for election fraud at the instigation and order of Mayor Frank Hague.

Respectfully,

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R. O. Kittelson.  
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DEAR MR. WINCHELL:

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I WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION  
THE NAME OF A DRAFT DODGER. THE YOUNG MAN  
IS 19 YEARS OF AGE, A FINE ATHLETE AT FORDHAM  
UNIVERSITY, AND THE SON OF A VERY WEALTHY MAN  
WHO IS PULLING DOWN HEAVY WAR CONTRACTS. HE  
IS EXTREMELY FRIENDLY WITH THE PRIESTS AT  
FORDHAM AND IS GENEROUS WITH "DONATIONS".  
ACCORDING TO THIS MAN'S STATEMENTS WE ARE  
ONLY FIGHTING ENGLANDS WAR AND WHY SHOULD OUR  
SONS HAVE TO GET INTO IT. THE NAME IS [REDACTED]  
THE BOY'S NAME IS [REDACTED] THERE ARE SO MANY  
MARRIED MEN IN THIS VICINITY WITH CHILDREN  
WHO HAVE GONE INTO SERVICE AND MANY MORE WHO  
WILL BE GOING THAT IT IS DAMN FUNNY TO SEE  
THIS BIG HEALTHY ATHLETE GET AWAY WITH IT.  
I AM BRING THIS TO YOUR ATTENTION BECAUSE  
THERE IS SOMETHING STINKING GOING ON SOME-  
WHERE. I AM NOT SIGNING MY NAME BECAUSE  
I DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO HAPPEN TO MY  
WIFE OR KIDS THROUGH THIS ITALIAN FAMILY.

*Walter Winchell*  
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The column entitled "Spy Stuff" contains many statements so general in nature or so nebulous in meaning as to make it almost impossible to comment intelligently upon much of the material. However the following checks have been possible:

I. According to the column, an American newspaperman gathered the evidence that resulted in America kicking out Nazi diplomats. The diplomats attached to the consulates were recalled on the basis of a memorandum prepared by the FBI for the State Department, which included evidences of many activities on the part of many of the diplomats. The State Department may also have acted on additional reasons not known to us. Winchell may be referring to Manfred Zapp and Guenther Tonn, who were close to the German Embassy, who were indicted and who were exchanged for two American newspapermen. Winchell has made several references to this matter, inferring that he was the one who caused their indictment.

II. His statement that each Nazi chief has a private spy ring to keep tab on the other Nazi chiefs must be guesswork.

III. In his statement that Mata Haris are seldom used these days, he makes the common error of trying to lay down general principles in espionage, which is impossible. If any German agent thought a Mata Hari type subagent would help him, he wouldn't hesitate to use her. Consider the case of [redacted] who was recruited as a German spy and was used by us as a double agent.

IV. Winchell states that each Nazi spy gets certain tricks to use and when he is nabbed those tricks go on a black list to make certain another agent won't use the same act. This is untrue, as we have seen cases where a German spy has been sent out with mail drops that the Germans should have known were "blown." The German Abwehr is no shining example of efficiency.

V. No substantiation whatsoever can be found for Winchell's statement that Germans in America who refused to work for the Bund were kidnaped and shipped back to Germany and shot.

VI. The statement that the British discovered that there were 14,000 Nazi agents in Britain who were posing as servants is apparently lifted from Curt Riess, whose writings are generally absolutely reliable. COPIES DESTROYED



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VII. Winchell's inference that F. K. Ferenz operated military training schools in California for children of German descent until Winchell exposed him is fantastic and untrue. Ferenz might be described as a crackpot propagandist, and he did not operate any camps or schools in California. Ferenz is now under indictment for conspiracy to commit sedition in connection with the Gerald Winrod case now pending in the District of Columbia.

VIII. Apparently Winchell's statement, "If you knew the amazing weapons Nazi saboteurs have at their command, you'd appreciate the great work the FBI has done in controlling the sabotage threat" is a generalization, the basis for which is unknown (unless he has reference to a new plastic explosive, of which he is no doubt unaware.)

IX. Winchell states that when Axis diplomats were booted out by the Allies the espionage network they controlled didn't fold up but is now being run by Spanish diplomats and the Spanish Falange. It is impossible to tell what Axis diplomats were booted out by what Allies and what espionage network, if any, Winchell had reference to. Generally speaking, the Spanish diplomatic representation in the United States has been rather completely monitored. We have seen Aladren come over as an agent for Velasco, who in turn sells information to the Japs, and Aladren has some connections with the Spanish diplomatic circle. Fernando de Kobbe, who came over as Spanish Consul at Vancouver, British Columbia, was recalled because we found that he had received codes and espionage instructions through Spanish diplomatic circles. He was an agent of Velasco and indirectly the Japs. However, this does not mean that all Spanish diplomats are operating an espionage network.

X. The following two sentences express a high degree of confused thought: "That's why Nazi espionage chiefs concentrate on propaganda to give such people ammunition. The Nazis know it's the cheapest and best form of sabotage." Note the obvious confusion between the fields of espionage, sabotage, and propaganda.

XI. In referring to World Service, Winchell apparently has in mind Welt-dienst, an official outlet in Germany for anti-Semitic propaganda and the source of a good deal of anti-Semitic propaganda which was mailed to the United States. Ostensibly Weltendienst is a private outfit, but undoubtedly government controlled. However, World Service would have nothing to do with drawing up "propaganda blue-prints," which function would be carried out by the German Propaganda Ministry under Goebbels in conjunction with other government agencies in Germany.

XII. The reference to Hitler's having been a spy for the French in 1919 is a Communist inspired allegation which has been floating around for approximately the past fifteen years. There is no proof of it. Hitler was in an Army rest camp until the spring of 1919 when he became a teacher, political agitator, et cetera, in Munich. How Winchell knows what the German militarists will use to get rid of Hitler is somewhat baffling. At any rate, this method would not seem to be logical.

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XIII. The Tanaka Memorial document has also been around for years and purports to be a report by the then Premier Tanaka which declares Japan proposes to embark on a world conquest. The authenticity of this document is subject to very serious doubt and the document contains errors which indicate it to be false. This document was allegedly discovered by the Chinese, who used it as a propaganda weapon to incur sympathy and cooperation in her struggle against Japan.

XIV. The statement that Hess spent many years in Japan studying Japanese espionage methods appears to be an exaggeration based upon the fact that Hess, who was a student under Haushofer in the 1920's, did some graduate work in Japan and is alleged to have written a thesis on Japanese intelligence methods.

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Battery Place, New York City, which housed the German Consulate. He turned over to the New York Office papers which the Germans had sent to be burned in the furnace. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was able to rescue the papers. In one group was found a cable addressed to the German Consul from Berlin instructing that Paul Borchardt, one of the subjects in the Ludwig case, singe the "Robert" letters. This, of course, had reference to secret writing letters. The cable was used as evidence in the trial of the Ludwig case and was one of the factors leading to Borchardt's conviction.

Respectfully,

  
D. M. Ladd

# Walter Winchell

## In New York

### Spy Stuff

I One of the most bitter ironies of modern history is the fact that British Intelligence had evidence proving that Hitler intended to start a war in Europe. But Chamberlain refused to believe it. Instead of believing his own Intelligence—Chamberlain took Hitler's word when he said that he wanted peace...When the war is over the story will be told: It will reveal how an American newspaperman gathered the evidence that resulted in America kicking out Nazi diplomats—because they were working as Nazi espionage agents...Each Nazi chief has a private spy ring that he uses to keep tabs on other Nazi biggies. That's why Goebbels has a switchboard which is used to listen in on every conversation in his building.

II Glamorous Mata Hari are seldom used these days. The Nazis train ordinary looking people for spy work so that they won't stand out in a crowd and excite suspicion...In Argentina the Nazis control more than a dozen widely circulated daily newspapers and distribute over 300,000 pamphlets weekly...Each Nazi spy gets certain tricks to use. As soon as he is nabbed those tricks go on a blacklist to make certain another agent won't use the same act.

III Germans in America who refused to work for the Bund were kidnaped—shipped back to Germany and shot. Yet we still have many Bund supporters in this country who aren't in cells!...The Nazi espionage network is a tremendous organization: The British discovered that there were 14,000 Nazi agents in Britain who were posing as servants...Five years ago the Nazis spent more money on espionage activities—than we spent for our army and navy.

IV The Jap system is to educate every Jap with the idea of being a sneak. When a Jap returned from a visit to another nation he promptly went to the Jap foreign office and told them everything he saw and heard...Even the most innocent type of information is vital to spies. Something that may seem unimportant to you—could supply the missing link to a vital secret for a trained spy...One of the duties of Nazi agents in this country was to jot down overheard conversations. It served as a guide to our morale. If they heard many Americans in one part of the country spouting racial hatred—that's where the Nazis concentrated their hate propaganda.

V Nazi agents run many schools in Argentina—where Argentine children of German descent are given military training. They used to run similar schools in California until this reporter exposed the recently indicted Nazi agent behind that plot—F. K. Ferenz...Mata Hari was as great a spy as legends assert. The only reason she was trapped was that one of her fellow espionage agents betrayed her...If you knew the amazing weapons Nazi saboteurs have at their command, you'd appreciate the great work the FBI has done in controlling the sabotage threat.

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When Axis diplomats were booted out by the Allies the espionage network they controlled didn't fold up. That network is now being run via Spanish diplomats and the Spanish Falange... This is how one free lance spy coined a fortune during the last war: He sold German secrets to the Allies. Then he was paid by Germany—after informing them the Allies had found out their secret... Those who hate their own nation's leaders (more than the enemy) have been of more aid to the Nazis than their paid agents. That's why Nazi espionage chiefs concentrate on propaganda to give such people ammunition. The Nazis know it's the cheapest and best form of sabotage. An unpatriotic labor leader can do more harm to our war production than a saboteur's bomb. An unpatriotic politician can cause more confusion among Americans than a fleet of Nazi bombers. Greedy moneybags have given the Nazis more secrets through cartels than their agents could ever theft.

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Espionage a la Hollywood thrillers is old hat. The best weapon of Japanazi agents is propaganda. The Nazis have discovered that destroying a nation's will to fight, by spreading confusion and disunity, helps them more than destroying war plants... A Nazi outfit named World Service draws up the propaganda blueprints to be used by their supporters in democratic nations. Many American rabble-rousers were on its mailing list. Some Americaners are still making use of the propaganda lessons they learned from the Nazis... As far back as 1936, Congress was given evidence of Jap espionage in America, but it was ignored... When American newspapers and mags arrive in neutral countries everything written about Nazism is clipped by Nazi agents and sent to Goebbels.

The international spy exchange does a thriving business inside neutral nations. It is composed of espionage agents who gather information about any country and sell it to the highest bidder... A skunk disguised as a dove isn't anything new. When Franz Von Papen directed German sabotage and espionage activities (in America before the last war) the outfit he used as a front was labeled: The National Peace Council.

This is how Nazis trust each other: The Gestapo spies on the German Army, and the German Army has spies in the Gestapo... Himmler has every newsreel that depicts an assassination. He runs them off hundreds of times—in order to observe how best to guard Hitler against a similar attempt... When German militarists try to save themselves by getting rid of Hitler they will discredit him in the eyes of the German people by offering evidence proving that in 1919 Hitler was a spy who sold German military secrets to the French!

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The first evidence proving that the Japs intended to conquer the world was ferreted out by a Russian spy. He obtained the document outlining the plans of Jap militarists (now known as the Tanaka Memorial document), and it was published in the United States—in order to throw the Japs off the track... Hess' peace plan to Britain was a bit of trickery he learned from the Japs. The Japs taught all their agents to proclaim their love for peace in order to throw a country off its guard—before a sneak attack was launched. Hess spent many years in Japan studying Jap espionage methods.

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One of the unknown home-front heroes is Walter Morrissey. He was the superintendent at the Nazis' New York consulate. When the Nazis gave him documents to burn in the furnace he turned them over to the FBI. Evidence from those documents helped the G-Men crack one of the biggest spy rings in America.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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March 12, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD *pl*

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
MARCH 12, 1944

The following comments which appear to be of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell in his broadcast on the above date.

I. SEDITION MATTERS

A. United States vs. Joseph E. McWilliams - Sedition

Mr. Winchell stated: "For over eleven years, starting in 1933, this reporter charged certain Americans and others with conspiring against our country. Eleven years later, this week, the United States Government confirmed the fact, naming nearly all the accused conspirators first named by this reporter. The defense counsel for the thirty persons indicted by a Federal Grand Jury demanded that the Department of Justice prosecutor present a Bill of Particulars. Mr. O. John Rogge did so the other day. He named Adolf Hitler and others in the Nazi Party as conspiring and cooperating with the following defendants: Deatherage, Noble, Lyman, True and Winrod. The Federal Prosecutor also named Winrod, True, Noble, Klapproth, Joe McWilliams, Kunze, Garner, Diebel, Deatherage and Hudson, the latter of Omaha, as being responsible for the German-American Bund. The United States Government also charged that William Dudley Pelley was another conspirator and that Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling of Chicago played her part in the alleged conspiracy with her so-called Patriotic Research Bureau. The so-called sedition trials are expected to be heard sometime next month. At the same time, powerful and sinister accomplices in very high places in Washington will start a campaign to discredit Walter Winchell, the big idea being to confuse the public. They will be told that Walter Winchell and the author of 'Undercover' are the real villains and the real traitors. I rest my case with you."

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Mr. O. John Rogge, who is handling the above-captioned matter for the Criminal Division, has apprised the Bureau of the defense attorneys' request for a Bill of Particulars and the fact that a Bill of Particulars was prepared and filed last week. Mr. Rogge made available to the Bureau copies of the Bill of Particulars for the Bureau's files.

II. REPORTED RIOTING - ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

Mr. Winchell stated: "To the editors of the Phoenix, Arizona, 'Gazette': I am in receipt of the criticism in your editorial about last Sunday's flash regarding the street fighting in Albuquerque. Gentlemen, I did not exaggerate the item. The word 'riot' was used in the news flash handed to

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me right off the teletype in the newsroom."

It will be recalled that last Sunday night Mr. Winchell commented that the wave of riots in the streets of Albuquerque had subsided, that the rioters had used blackjacks, knives and razors. At that time, the El Paso Office advised that a club called the Rendesvous, composed mostly of high school students, had recently been organized in Albuquerque and that on March 3, 4 and 5, Mexican youths wearing zoot suits had visited the club and general fights had ensued. Two persons were injured and ten were arrested. The El Paso Office advised that no Negroes were involved and that local law enforcement officers did not take a serious view of the situation.

### III. SABOTAGE

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- A. Unknown subjects; Gladstone bag containing explosives found at 700 South Field Drive, Chicago, Illinois, March 11, 1944.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Chicago. Three Negro boys became heroes tonight. They found a satchel full of TNT not far from a big Naval armory. The FBI is on the job."

By teletype captioned as above the Chicago Office advised on March 11 that the Chicago Police Department reported that about 1:00 P.M. on that date a black Gladstone, used, containing explosives was found in bushes in the park adjacent to the Chicago Lake Shore Road, about 700 block, south. It was stated that the Chicago, Illinois, tracks are the only defense facility nearby, that the bag contained twenty-three sticks of dynamite padded with burlap, fifty-four dynamite caps in a metal box wrapped in a rag, about seventy-five feet of fuse, a roll of black friction tape and a pair of rubber gloves. The bag was turned over to the Chicago Police Bomb Detail by three Negroes and two sailors who found it and reported that the snow beneath the bag indicated it was placed there before a thaw of about four days ago. The bag contained no evidence of ownership and the officers of the bomb detail reported that the arrangement of its contents gave no appearance of preparation for use as a bomb. Inasmuch as the bomb detail did not desire to retain the explosives, two sticks of dynamite, all the wrappers and two caps were being retained and the other dynamite and caps destroyed, the retained material to be shipped to the Bureau for Laboratory examination on the receipt of shipping instructions by Chicago.

The Chicago Office further advised that an article substantially setting out the above information appeared in this morning's Chicago Tribune and a similar article has appeared in the early editions of tomorrow's Chicago Sun. The Chicago Sun article bears the headline "Sabotage Ruled Out" and indicates, in addition to the facts above, that the police stated that their examination did not suggest that the explosives were to be used for sabotage but appeared to have been lost by some trainman or construction engineer and that the police did not believe that any sabotage was involved but had advised the Chicago Office of the FBI as a matter of general information.

- B. Unknown subjects; Alleged efforts by Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan, to precipitate labor disputes.

Mr. Winchell stated: "The Department of Justice is investigating charges

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that the Public Relations Office of a Detroit motor magnate conspired to promote strikes."

You will recall that on March 2, 1944, Mr. James McInerney of the Criminal Division advised that a communication had been received by the Attorney General from [redacted] Ford Local #600, UAW, CIO, to the effect that officials of the Ford Motor Company were suspected of having instructed W. G. Austin, Labor Relations Representative at the Dearborn Plant of the Ford Motor Company, to foment labor trouble and precipitate a strike for the purpose of causing a shutdown in the Aluminum Foundries Department of the Dearborn Plant. The Criminal Division did not request any investigation, but on the contrary, advised that it was the opinion of that Division that the facts did not constitute a violation of the Sabotage Statute and further, that the facts also did not appear to warrant investigation. He advised, however, that an inquiry had been made by Mr. James Wechsler, Labor Editor of "PM" newspaper, concerning the matter and that it appeared likely that a feature article would be written in "PM". Information from the Detroit Office concerning the matter disclosed that a story appeared in the first edition of "Ford Facts", newspaper of Local #600, UAW, CIO, to the effect that a piece of scrap note paper containing information that instant company was to foment labor trouble was seized from the possession of W. G. Austin, Labor Relations Representative, by a Negro union committeeman named Odom and that the handwriting was alleged to be that of Austin. The notations on the note were reported by the Criminal Division to read:

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CIO representi only  
Prod in shape to pull a strike  
Force the issue, if not - hold till

The Detroit Office further advised that [redacted]

[redacted] has a reputation of being a union politician who was supported by the Communist faction of the union at the time of his election but was opposed by the same group in the recent re-election.

One conjecture as to the meaning of the notes found in the possession of Austin is that the union is attempting to discredit the company because of recent labor disputes at the Highland Park Plant where the union is alleged to have violated their contract and was so advised by a letter from the company attorneys. Another conjecture as to the cause of the instant matter is [redacted] was attempting to obtain some favorable publicity in view of the new elections. A representative of "PM" newspaper made inquiry of the Ford Motor Company concerning the matter and received a "No Comment" reply. An article, however, appeared in "PM" on Saturday, March 11, 1944, in which the story is set out substantially as received in the Bureau and where the conclusion is drawn that the Ford Motor Company was attempting to promote a strike. Active investigation, however, has not been conducted and is not contemplated.

IV. MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO THE BUREAU

A. Mr. Winchell stated: "The Yugoslav Ambassador, Constantin Fotich, and the Serb Consuls throughout the United States will resign in a body if, as expected, King Peter goes over to General Tito."


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- B. Mr. Winchell stated: "The newest books which should be read by every American who read 'Undercover' and 'Sabotage' are herewith recommended. The first is by Ben Hecht. It is called 'A Guide For the Bedeviled'. Scribner's will publish it tomorrow. This book, 'A Guide For the Bedeviled', is the crushing answer to certain members of Congress. Also to be published tomorrow is Robert Gessner's thrilling new novel entitled 'Treason'. It is a most timely parallel with today's American Quislings. Please do not forget the title 'Treason'.
- C. Mr. Winchell stated: "And that, ladies and gentlemen, winds up another Jergen's Journal until next Sunday night at the very same time. Until then, and with lotions of love, I remain your New York correspondent, Walter Winchell, who leaves you with this scoop. If you want to know what happened to the snakes Saint Patrick drove out of Ireland, read 'Undercover'.

Respectfully,

  
J. A. Sizoo

WALTER WINCHELLE

Mr. Walter Winchelle  
for the proper Archduke.  
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German Stadium in Westchester  
on Sat. from morning until  
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RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
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The following items which appeared to be of interest to the Bureau were mentioned by Mr. Winchell in his broadcast on the above date. Comment concerning these items is made where it seemed desirable.

I. SEDITION MATTERS

Gerald L. K. Smith, with aliases; Sedition.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Annapolis - John White, the Speaker of the House of Delegates in Maryland, introduced a resolution which was immediately passed. It branded rabble rouser Gerald L. K. Smith as a Fascist and a preacher of undemocratic doctrine, among other things."

Although the Bureau has been closely following Smith's activities, no report has been received concerning this particular resolution. It is noted, however, that similar resolutions have been passed in City Councils at Saint Louis, Missouri and Buffalo, New York for the purpose of barring Smith from the use of municipal auditoriums in those cities.

II. HANDLING OF GERMAN WAR PRISONERS BY PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL

In the portion of his broadcast called "A Reporter's Report to the Nation" Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington - A few broadcasts ago this reporter revealed how German prisoners of war over here are persecuting and killing comrades who are anti-Nazi. I also revealed how over 100,000 Nazi prisoners over here and in Canada are being drilled and educated by their officers to take over Germany when they are returned home. I can also state authoritatively that certain of our Allies are very worried because of German propaganda which is used on Australian, Canadian, British and American prisoners of war in Germany to make the Allied prisoners believe the Nazis are right. In our camps the Nazi prisoners sing their songs of hate and insult our soldiers and officer guard openly. The Office of our Army's Provost Marshal appears to be in total ignorance of how the Nazi underground armies fight a total war, and 1955 will be too late to wake up."

The previous reference to this matter made by Mr. Winchell took place on March 5, 1944, when he mentioned that German prisoners of war were being

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drilled as Nazi battalions to take over Germany when they are returned. He stated then that the nucleus of the next world war is in full force over here now. As you were advised at that time, scattered complaints have been received indicating German prisoners of war are not being given competent supervision in all instances.

III. SOUTH AMERICAN MATTERS

Mr. Winchell stated: "Rio de Janeiro - The good neighbor policy is at its lowest ebb since it was initiated eleven years ago. The policy of appeasement of Argentina has held Washington up to complete derision in one of the most beautiful bits of irony in the history of the two-bit republic. Ex-President Ramirez of Argentina, who was kicked out of his high office by his fellow gangsters, was forbidden to publish his own statement because of a law suppressing free speech which he himself signed."

IV. EUROPEAN MATTERS

A. Mr. Winchell stated: "Madrid - Saboteurs derailed the Paris-Iran train near Tours, France tonight killing fifty persons."

B. Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington - The Yugoslav Embassy has announced that King Peter of Yugoslavia and Princess Alexander, daughter of the late King Alexander of Greece, will be married tomorrow in London."

V. FEUD BETWEEN MR. WINCHELL AND CERTAIN MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

A. Mr. Winchell stated: "Attention Mr. and Mrs. United States! Law and order are based upon something more than common sense. They are based on common decency. Under that Constitution law which at once speaks for our common sense and our common decency it is provided that a man shall be charged in open court with anything which the State deems a crime, and he shall be permitted to bring his own witnesses and that he shall have the right to cross-examine the witnesses of the Government. The Committee headed by Congressman Martin Dies of Texas has asked for the record of my broadcast for the last two years. It is significant that the Dies Committee has asked for the record only after making vague and indefinite general accusations. The F.B.I. and other responsible bodies of the Government make their charges only after they have examined the facts. The Dies Committee will receive my records but it, as yet, has not called me. This I ask as an American, that I be called before any Congressional Committee and that I be publicly confronted with the witnesses against me, and that I have my right to publicly cross-examine them. Until that time the record shows that an individual Congressman has merely expressed an opinion of me, which does not constitute a charge. No evidence has been offered, although I have offered every bit of evidence at my command and as part of that evidence I am ready to testify under oath that Congressman Dies repeatedly called me, repeatedly asked for my cooperation and



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"repeatedly indicated that the effectiveness of this reporter was a service to the United States.....To the Andrew Jergens Company, the officials of the Blue Network and London and Mitchell, the sponsor's advertising agent, my thanks for assuring me that they are back of me one hundred per cent and to the hundreds of telegrams from listeners, thanks for your encouragement."

This is apparently a continuation of the controversy which has been carried on between Congressman Dies and Mr. Winchell in the newspapers for the past several weeks. Mr. Dies, as you will recall, has threatened to examine the scripts of Mr. Winchell's broadcasts to prove that a large percentage of Mr. Winchell's remarks have proved to be erroneous. Mr. Dies has also threatened to try to have Mr. Winchell barred from the air.

B. Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington, D. C. - Congressman John Rankin of Mississippi, according to the Associated Press today, declared, 'A Dies Committee investigation of Walter Winchell would disclose a gigantic conspiracy to wreck Congress and set up a Bureaucratic Government.' The Associated Press ladies and gentlemen asked me for a statement. I said that an investigation of Walter Winchell would, I am sure, disclose a lot of things the American people should know."

C. Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington - The March 13th Congressional Record contains proof of what I have tried to tell you for a long time. A few weeks ago for example one man demanded to know from Secretary of the Navy Knox just what Walter Winchell's Navy status is. Mr. Knox stated that I was on the inactive list and that I received no pay. Despite Mr. Knox' testimony, my attacker shouted that Winchell was stripped of his uniform and Navy pay. Ladies and gentlemen, I have never been stripped of my uniform or pay. The Navy Department, up to the Secretary of the Navy, knows that on December 7, 1941, in a telegram I respectfully requested active duty anywhere and that I always refused pay or turned it over to Navy relief. After a tour of duty outside Continental United States I was returned to the inactive list for reasons that cannot be told until after the war. I must not tell you now who told me that. When I demanded active duty for the fourth time, I was instructed to stay on the radio with the following words, 'Some men must go overseas to get shot and some of us must stay over here to be stabbed in the back.'"

In his broadcast on February 20, 1944, reference was made to the letter from Secretary of Navy Knox to Congressman Hoffman. In that broadcast Mr. Winchell said the letter indicated he, Winchell, is officially connected with the Naval Reserve as a Lieutenant Commander now on the inactive list. Mr. Winchell stated further that the letter indicated he has no Navy duty at the present time and receives no pay from the United States Navy.

D. The announcer stated: "Next Sunday, on these same stations, the Andrew Jergens Company will have as its guest the Honorable Martin Dies, Member of Congress and Chairman of the Committee on Un-American Activities. Mr. Dies

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"will speak on the invitation of Jergens Lotion in a fifteen minute broadcast following Walter Winchell. At its own expense, the Jergens Company will provide Mr. Dies with a complete coast to coast facilities of the Blue Network, the same stations on which the Jergens Journal is heard every Sunday night."

This arrangement has apparently been worked out between the Jergens Company and Congressman Dies, who recently has demanded that he be given the same facilities as Mr. Winchell in order to answer charges made by Mr. Winchell against him. Congressman Dies at first insisted that he be given Mr. Winchell's broadcast period. Both broadcasts will, of course, be covered next week.

E. In his closing comment Mr. Winchell observed he had noted "certain Congressmen are now using one syllable words because, one presumes, they are easier to eat."

VI. ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

A. Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington - One of the stars in the John Monroe episode, which put the house on R Street, Washington on the front pages, is in Florida for a secret divorce. His next wife, they say, will be the daughter of one of our most famous admirals."

B. Mr. Winchell stated: "Attention Florida newspapers! A New York syndicate, headed by Howard Johnson, the roadside restaurant magnet, is on the verge of buying an entire town in the State of Florida. Its name once made headlines. The price will be over \$2,000,000.00."

Respectfully,

*Grant Stetter*  
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March 21, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
MR. TAMM  
MR. NICHOLS

Mr. Jim McGranery telephoned me relative to the publicity concerning Walter Winchell's alleged access to the files of the Bureau. McGranery had talked with Representative Walter Lynch who was aware of the untruth of Hoffman's allegation. It was McGranery's belief that he should have Lynch make a short statement for the Congressional Record, in which use would be made of the newspapers' retraction of Hoffman's statement. I concurred.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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MR. TAMI  
MR. NICHOLS

Mr. Jim McGonery telephoned me today, advising he had talked with Walter Lynch and suggested that he temporarily suspend his statements in the Congressional Record so as not to drag the matter on. Lynch will say generally that he was shocked to read the statements of Representative Hoffman with respect to the FBI and the attempt to libel the Director.

Mr. McGonery asked for the clippings regarding Hoffman's statements so he could give them to Lynch, stating that Lynch was writing the article on Wednesday, and at that time would be able to tie in the Winchell-Dies debate Sunday night.

I advised Mr. McGonery this was satisfactory, that I would send the clippings to him immediately, and that all I was interested in was keeping our record clean.

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
MR. TAMM  
MR. LADD

I talked with Mr. Jim McGranery on the telephone and he read to me the speech made by Congressman Walter Lynch of New York this afternoon, which will appear in the Congressional Record. Congressman Lynch gave a very interesting answer to the charges of Congressman Hoffman that Walter Winchell has access to the information contained in files of the FBI.

Clear  
Very truly yours,

*J. E. H.*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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MR. McGRANERY

March 24, 1944

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Statements by Congressman Clare Hoffman

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In line with our conversation, I am enclosing memoranda with reference to Congressman Hoffman's statements. As you well know, the Congressman is quite verbose to say the least. An attempt was made to pick out the more important quotations which are set forth verbatim. Where deletions were made, this is indicated by a series of hyphens.

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*Walter W. W. W.*

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ADDRESS OF CONGRESSMAN CLARE HOFFMAN, MARCH 23, 1944  
CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, PAGE 3027

Congressman Hoffman by unanimous consent was granted permission to revise and extend his remarks.

He referred to the Jergens Company and a former employee, who entered a plea of misprison of treason. He, likewise, referred to Walter Winchell's broadcast on January 27, 1943, wherein he made the following statements:

"CINCINNATI.--On January 16 the Associated Press reported that the F.B.I. was holding Mrs. Margaret F. Seidel (sic), 36 years old. Mrs. Seidel, ladies and gentlemen, was in the trusted employ of Andrew Jergens, my sponsor. She is being held for investigation of violating the Enemy Alien Act. 'Mr. Jergens,' said the Associated Press, 'aided the F.B.I. in the investigation.' This is to further report that Mr. Jergens cooperated fully with the F.B.I. many months ago when complaints about Mrs. Seidel were turned over to John Edgar Hoover and Mr. Jergens by this newsboy."

Hoffman then states: "Winchell, in effect, created the impression that he was congratulating his sponsor and sought to claim credit for him for the disclosure of the pro-Nazi activities of Mrs. Siddell."

He then states: "It would be expedient that the Dies Committee, when it makes its inquiry into Winchell's smear methods, ask not only Mr. Jergens and Mr. Winchell what they know about the situation, but that they ask J. Edgar Hoover to disclose whatever facts there may be in connection with the so-called full cooperation by Jergens, and whether or not the first information as to Miss or Mrs. Siddell's alien connection came from Winchell."

In brief, let the Department of Justice, let the F.B.I., give the public as much information about these two former employees of Jergens, Winchell's sponsor, as has been given to the public time and again in connection with the charges against those indicted here in Washington for sedition."

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ADDRESS OF CONGRESSMAN CLARE HOFFMAN, MARCH 18, 1944  
CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, PAGES A1432-  
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Congressman Hoffman, in discussing the Jergens Company and  
Walter Winchell stated (page A1432):

"In the record of the Department of Justice, of the F.B.I.,  
in the court records, is there something which Winchell is holding  
over the head of Jergens?-----Perhaps Jergens, if he took the  
stand, might disclose that the F.B.I., under J. E. Hoover, has in  
its files information to which Winchell has access, and might show  
that Jergens associated with individuals who were much closer to  
the Nazis than any of those who have been indicted for sedition."

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STATEMENTS OF CONGRESSMAN CLARE HOFFMAN, MARCH 13, 1944,  
CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, PAGES 2578 - 2589

Congressman Hoffman in his remarks referred to the fact that the FBI had built up "a reputation for efficiency, thoroughness, and fairness." He then referred to an editorial appearing in the *Hartford Day Spring*, Hartford, Michigan, which erroneously charged that the FBI was "suppressing free expression of speech by implied threats that leave the investigated with the impression that he had better keep his mouth shut or run the chance of getting himself into trouble."

Congressman Hoffman stated (Page 2578):

"But the searing, destructive influence of the New Deal, if current events be accepted at their face value, if the facts outlined in an editorial from the *Hartford Day Spring*, Van Buren County, Mich., be true--and I have no reason to doubt their truth--seems to be affecting even the activities of the F.B.I.-----For 4 long years, the New Dealers tried to get J. Edgar Hoover, tried to make the F.B.I. a subservient agent of the New Deal. But Congress, steadfast in its faith in Hoover and in the F.B.I., thwarted that move and today the F.B.I. has the opportunity of remaining a free, independent, investigator agency solely because Congress came to its rescue. There is not the slightest reason why that organization should permit itself to be hooked up with Walter Winchell or any of the other professional smear artists.-----For several years, a man who is a disgrace to his race, who makes his money by spreading filth, false, and malicious gossip, the natural tendency of which is to impair the morale of our fighting men, has claimed to be an intimate of J. Edgar Hoover, the head of the F.B.I. Time and again, in his talks over the radio and through his column, he has insinuated that he had access to F.B.I. information which otherwise was secret. He has spoken time and again under circumstances which would lead his hearers to believe that he had the confidence of the head of the F.B.I., that Hoover met him on terms of social equality and, as a matter of choice, sought his society, enjoyed his company, and, by inference, his dirty gossip.-----Mr. Hoover is familiar with this method. Yet he permits Winchell, who is known throughout the country as the originator and distributor of false information, to publicly, week after week, to millions of American listeners, carry the impression that he--Winchell--and J. Edgar Hoover are buddies. Hoover has always been able to get all of the publicity he needed, and it would be an arduous task for him to tell the American people the truth about his association or lack of it, his relationship, if any, with Walter Winchell.-----If the F.B.I. wishes to investigate claimed subversive activities, seditious utterances, it might do well to classify and check Winchell's statements to ascertain whether or not they create disunity, arouse antisemitic feeling, tend to discourage our fighting men here at home

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and on the battlefield.-----It is time for J. Edgar Hoover and the F.B.I. to get an absolute divorce from Walter Winchell and the smear artists; to let the public know that they will no longer be responsible for the charges of disloyalty heaped against the people's representatives."

(Page 2538):

"In view of the foregoing, is it permissible to suggest that the F.B.I. and other agencies of the administration, including the Department of Justice, cease to persecute, to attempt to intimidate and coerce citizens who have lived long in their respective communities; whose acts are open and aboveboard; -----?"

ADDRESS OF CONGRESSMAN CLARE HOFFMAN, MARCH 22, 1944  
CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, PAGES 2948-2951.

Congressman Hoffman, in speaking on the question of personal privilege in discussing Walter Winchell, said:

"Time and again, Winchell has intimated that he is a buddy of J. Edgar Hoover; that he has access to the confidential files of the Department of Justice, of the F.B.I.

Yesterday came a letter from J. Edgar Hoover, which reads as follows:

"My attention has been directed to your remarks in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for March 16 and I received a specific inquiry regarding the following statement appearing on page A1433:

"Perhaps Jergens, if he took the stand, might disclose that the F.B.I., under J. E. Hoover, has in its files information to which Winchell has access, and might show that Jergens associated with individuals who were much closer to the Nazis than any of those who have been indicted for sedition."

I note, of course, that your statement was made in a conjectural manner, yet I wanted you to know the facts, and the facts are that no one outside of the official staff of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has access to its files. Any statement to the effect that a commentator has access to the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is wholly unjustified and is not based on fact.

Mr. Hoover, however, failed to state that there was not in the F.B.I. files information which might show that Jergens associated with individuals who were much closer to the Nazis than any of those who have been indicted for sedition.

Nor did he write that Winchell does not have access to information which would show that Jergens associated with such individuals.

In view of the fact that Winchell time and again has by innuendo, if not directly, created the impression that he was a buddy of Hoover, that he did have access to information in the F.B.I. files or in the files of the Department of Justice, would it not be in the public interest for Hoover and for Biddle to state, emphatically and without equivocation, that, so far as they know, Winchell has no opportunity to get confidential information or information of any kind from the files of either organization or from

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TO : MR. NICHOLS

FROM : M. A. Jones

DATE: March 23, 1944

SUBJECT:

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
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- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
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- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Mumford
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Mr. Nease
- Tele. Room
- Miss Gandy

During your absence shortly after noon today, a Miss Stephenson of the Cincinnati Times Star called to inquire whether the Bureau had any comment on the Hoffman-Jergens-Winchell affair. She was particularly anxious to know where Hoffman got his information.

After checking with Mr. McGuire, I later advised Miss Stephenson that the Bureau was not in a position to comment. She then stated that she had learned Hoffman got his information from the office of U. S. Attorney Crawford at Cincinnati. She was under the impression that Crawford was a hold-over and thus was not too particular what he did.

Walter - Winchell

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any agent or representative of either?

That letter should dispose of Finchell's oft-repeated claim that he has a pipe line into the F.B.I. offices.-----"

Hoffman then raised the question as to whether employees of the Jergens Company had been charged with aiding, abetting, or conspiring with Nazi agents, and then states:

"Then will the Department of Justice or the F.B.I., if it has knowledge thereof, bring the files with reference to the two individuals referred to above before the Dies committee and let 'Mr. and Mrs. North and South America and our men overseas' know the facts?"

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TO : MR. TOLSON ✓  
 FROM : L. B. NICHOLS  
 SUBJECT:

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- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
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- Miss Gandy

With reference to the attached item in the March 18 issue of the Times-Herald, referring to the Attorney General's office having corroborated "the reports of Nazi associations to which Hoffman referred," I tackled Malcolmson on this and asked him what sort of information he was giving out. He stated this was news to him. He subsequently called back and told me he had learned that Ed Ennis had been down talking to Senator Wheeler and told him that the file on Jergens' housekeeper could not be made available but told him the facts in the case and why it could not be made available. He was talking to Wheeler on the so-called John Roy Carlson investigation. Obviously, Wheeler has passed this on to either the Times-Herald, Dies or Hoffman.

Walter W. Mitchell

V. J. [Handwritten initials]

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# Winchell Talks Probed by Dies

## 'Smear Technique' On Radio Under Fire

By WILLARD EDWARDS

An investigation of the radio smear technique of Walter Winchell, Broadway tattler, was formally launched yesterday by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Chairman Dies (D.), of Texas, announced that a subpoena was being served on Mark Woods, president of the Blue Network, for recordings and transcripts of Winchell's Sunday night broadcasts of the last two years.

### To Be Analyzed

These will be analyzed by the committee staff for falsities, inaccuracies and slanderous utterances against men in public life. With General MacArthur as his latest verbal victim, Winchell has attacked numerous members of both houses of Congress, indulging in what has been described on the floor as the terroristic tactics of Joseph Goebbels, Nazi minister of propaganda.

When this study is completed, Dies indicated, Woods and other network officials will be summoned to explain why they permit Winchell to spread his smears on the airwaves.

### A "Hold" Is Hinted

Andrew Jergens, president of the perfume company which pays Winchell \$5,000 a broadcast, also is expected to be put in the witness chair for examination. Representative Hoffman (R.), of Michigan, Thursday told the House that there were Government records which might disclose that Jergens "associated with individuals much closer to the Nazis

than any of those who have been indicted for sedition."

Hoffman said Winchell's knowledge of the information in these records might constitute a "hold" over Jergens which would not permit the latter to exercise any restraint upon the broadcaster's smears.

It was revealed that the Attorney General's office has refused to turn over the records in question on the ground that their publication would conflict with "the public interest." A representative of the Attorney General's office, however, has corroborated the reports of Nazi associations to which Hoffman referred.

"There is no intention of calling Winchell, himself, until a thorough investigation has been made of his 'vicious and un-American conduct,'" Dies said.

"There are dozens of witnesses anxious to testify at the hearings," Dies declared. "Studies have already been made which show Winchell's broadcasts and columns to be 60 per cent inaccurate. This drunk-with-power gentleman will be exposed for what he is."

Winchell, who spends the winter months at Miami, while pur-

porting to report on Broadway things, has been quoted as anxious to appear before the committee. He may not be so eager to testify when the extent of the case against him is spread on the record, Dies intimated.

### Former Hooper

Winchell, a second-rate vaudeville hooper, started his journalistic career as a tipster for the extinct New York Graphic, a tabloid which specialized in sex and scandal. He graduated to the New York Daily Mirror, with which he still remains. His daily column of chatter, consistently emphasizing the sex angle, achieved huge success and is widely syndicated.

He began to broadcast on the radio eleven years ago and has been sponsored by the Jergens Co. during most of that period.

Several years ago Winchell, who quit school in the sixth grade and who, his associates say, has never read a book, branched out as a commentator on national and international affairs. He began to level bitter and personal attacks against those who opposed the New Deal's domestic and foreign policies. These diatribes, according to frequent charges in Congress, are obviously based upon

information supplied him by political propagandists.

## Network Offers Time to Rep. Dies

NEW YORK, March 17 (U.P.). Chairman Dies (D.), of Texas, of the House committee on un-American activities, today was offered 15 minutes of radio time over the Blue Network to elaborate on his charges that Walter Winchell had "deliberately and knowingly" spread falsehoods about Dies and the committee.

The offer was contained in telegrams to Dies by Mark Woods, president of the Blue Network, and Philip W. Lennen, president of the advertising agency which represents the Jergens Company, Winchell's sponsor.

"The Andrew Jergens Company has advised me that it is pleased to offer you its time from 9:15 to 9:30 p.m., over the entire Blue Network this Sunday, March 19, or Sunday the following week, whichever may be most convenient for you," Woods' telegram said.

"That period will give you the benefit of the entire Winchell audience since it follows immediately after his regular broadcast, and an appropriate announcement will be made during Winchell's period that you will speak immediately after him."

Wood also advised Dies that the Blue Network was assembling scripts and recordings of past broadcasts by Winchell "which your committee desires" and would be "pleased to co-operate completely with the committee in its inquiry."

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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United States Department of Justice  
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March 27, 1944

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd ✓
- Mr. Nichols ✓
- Mr. Rosen
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- Miss Beahm
- Miss Gandy

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: [REDACTED]

RE: WALTER WINCHELL - MARTIN DIES CONTROVERSY

*4-2-14*

I thought you would be interested in knowing of a conversation which [REDACTED] had with [REDACTED] concerning the controversy between Walter Winchell and Congressman Martin Dies. [REDACTED]

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Respectfully,

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Honorable George H. Bender  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear George:

With reference to certain statements which have been made on the floor of Congress with respect to the relationship between the FBI and Messrs. Andrew Wergens and Walter Finchell, I thought you might be interested in the contents of the attached copy of a letter which I have forwarded to Congressman Karl E. Mundt, in response to an inquiry from him.

The contents of this letter specifically answer some of the statements which have been made in this matter and I thought you might be interested therein.

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With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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*B. B. B.*

TO : ~~THE DIRECTOR~~ *E. A. Tamm*

DATE: March 27, 1944

FROM : D. M. LADD

Time: 4:10  
DML:MMC

SUBJECT:

Colonel Weckerly of G-2 called at this time and inquired if I had heard the broadcast of Walter Winchell last night, particularly the part which referred to the great spy who was once traded for seven Russian Agents in a deal Moscow made with Germany, and who was now writing articles for a very large New York newspaper. Colonel Weckerly wondered if it was the same man he had in mind. I asked him if he meant [redacted] who was interned at the time we arrested the entire Embassy group but who later decided not to be repatriated and who was still later arrested as an alien enemy and given a hearing and then released on parole on the Attorney General's order; he later worked for OSS in New York; that it was my opinion he was up for another rehearing tomorrow.

Colonel Weckerly stated that probably accounted for the statement Winchell made to the effect that the Department of Justice had just arrested him. I told him the Immigration Service had arrested him one day last week. Colonel Weckerly mentioned that Winchell stated "he also learned this former Nazi spy is working for our military - his name must be omitted now." The Colonel asked if this could mean OSS. I advised him I thought it did but this was just a guess on my part; that I did not know to whom he was referring but the description seemed to fit [redacted]

Colonel Weckerly stated he was thinking of someone else but the information did not exactly coincide with this. He then wanted to know if [redacted] employed by this New York newspaper under another name. I advised him I did not know that.

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TO : MR. TOLSON  
FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

DATE: 3/17/44

SUBJECT:

Water @ Winchell

Congressman Fred Bradley called about 2:40 p.m. He stated that Jim McGranery called him, "madder than hell," and asked Bradley what he meant by checking up on him. Bradley asked McGranery what he meant, and McGranery referred to Bradley's call to us on March 1 regarding the Fazer matter in Menominee, Michigan. McGranery stated he told Bradley he would order an investigation and asked if that wasn't sufficient. Bradley said it was not, that he had a constituent writing him, that three weeks had elapsed, that a few days ago he talked to one of the FBI men and asked what progress was being made on the investigation. He told McGranery the FBI had told him we were making no such investigation and did not know about it. McGranery then stated we were not a Gestapo, there was a certain routine that it was necessary to follow and certain things to be cleared and that Bradley should not be checking on McGranery any more or there would be a falling out. Bradley stated that he was going out to Michigan in a couple of weeks, that he might look into the matter himself if need be and would then take the floor when he got back and blow the matter right out of the water. He feels that McGranery is now clearing this with the Department of Agriculture and they can have an investigator go out there and check things first. Bradley says he is not through with this yet, that he doesn't want to pick on McGranery, a former colleague, but "it seems like we Republicans can't get anything any more." I told him there was nothing we could do until we had instructions to make an investigation.

Bradley stated that this noon he was having lunch with Clare Hoffman and some of Hoffman's people from Michigan, and mentioned this matter. Hoffman stated he was surprised the FBI promptly investigated a 17-year-old boy. I asked Bradley if Hoffman was still interested in the Hartford case despite the fact that he told me last Monday that he was satisfied. Bradley said, "Oh, you can't tell what that guy will do." He did say that Hoffman appeared to be somewhat calmed down. I asked him what Hoffman was driving at yesterday when he referred to the possibility of the FBI having something in the files on Jergens. He stated that was the two key men in the Jergens case, one of whom was arrested for aiding the eight saboteurs and the other whom we have been checking on, that Winchell had found out about this and told Jergens, that if they did anything he would blow the whole thing out in the open. He stated that today Hoffman went from lunch to see Martin Dies to get Dies to subpoena the two alleged key men of Jergens to appear before his committee to bring this out in the open. Under the matter they are referring to is the woman housekeeper who is the subject of investigation who was apprehended and assumed to be on parole. This is Mr. Tamm's opinion also. They have badly twisted the facts.

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Memorandum for Mr. Tolson

This noon Hoffman was boasting that since Winchell has been after him his plurality has gone up from 50 to 69 per cent of the voters and Hoffman hopes Winchell will keep up the feud. Bradley said he accused Hoffman of being in a mutual aid society with Winchell and accused him of conferring with Winchell on Saturdays to see what Winchell would say on Sunday and what Hoffman would say on Monday. Bradley stated Hoffman laughed at this and stated in the near future he was going to expose the whole thing on the floor.

Bradley also said that an awful situation has developed with the CIO Political Action Committee in that the Committee could go into General Motors and levy an assessment of one dollar on each worker to contribute to the fund; on the other hand General Motors cannot contribute to his campaign fund. He stated he understands the AG white-washed the Political Action Committee. I told him the fact remains that the Congress passed certain laws and if those laws are not violated there is no action can be taken. Bradley stated the CIO is getting around the laws. I told him, of course, that was happening every day in the week. He stated he felt that this year the American public would rise up and repudiate a lot of things that are taking place.

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of anything we have re Jergens angle, H."

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