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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: June 11, 1956

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

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JUNE 10, 1956Classified by SP8 BTJ/gcl
Declassify on: OADR 9/24/84WINCHELL SAID:

"Playwright Arthur Miller reported next husband of Marilyn Monroe will get his marital freedom tomorrow. Next stop, - trouble. The House Un-American Committee subpoena for Arthur Miller will check into his entire inner circle, which also happens to be the inner circle of Miss Monroe, all former communist sympathizers."

COMMENT:

Arthur Miller, author of "All My Sons" and "Death of a Salesman,"

House Committee on Un-American Activities, advised that the Committee would like to have Miller appear before the Committee on 6-12-56, 6-13-56, or 6-14-56.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington, D. C. The Senate investigators will stage a very sensational melodrama on June 18, 1956, in New York City. Six water front leaders will be confronted by newspaperman Victor Riesel, who lost his sight in the fight against labor racketeers."

COMMENT:

Five congressmen have urged a labor rackets inquiry in connection with the attack on Riesel. The 6-18-56 hearing may be a result of the inquiry urged by the congressmen. The Bureau is continuing its intensive investigation of the "Obstruction of Justice" matter in which Riesel was the victim.

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"The next diplomatic bombshell for the west will be the visit of Premier Nasser of Egypt to Yugoslavia and Marshal Tito. A

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COMMENT:

This probably refers to [redacted] New York City attorney [redacted] former Mayor William O'Dwyer [redacted] reported to have been a Communist Party member from early 1940's to as late as 1954. He is on the Security Index. N.Y.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Sammy Fain, composer of 'Love is a Many Splendored Thing,' will be a star witness in a wire tap case involving his first wife Sally."

COMMENT:

During the course of an investigation which the Bureau conducted on [redacted] "Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications," Bufile 139-243, information was developed that [redacted] placed a wire tap on the telephone of [redacted] in [redacted] order to develop evidence against [redacted] to be used [redacted] by Sammy Fain. Copies of reports sent to the Criminal Division and USA, Southern District of New York (SDNY). AUSA John Roeder, SDNY, advised the New York Office he was anticipating issuing a subpoena for Sammy Fain.

WINCHELL SAID:

"The Moss Committee will soon investigate the manner in which the Department of Justice cuts off news on arrests of reds via pressure of judges. Seven accused reds were indicted in Boston, Massachusetts, on charges of trying to overthrow our Government by force and violence. Judge Bailey Aldrich ordered the indictments sealed until the very last arrest and then oddly enough ruled that no statements be issued to papers other than the names of the accused. The newspapers denounce the growing trend of all Federal, State and City offices to keep news from the papers. It is even more alarming when secrecy spreads to the courts. Judge Aldrich's ruling comes near to depriving newspapers of press freedom in order to insure the accused an unbiased trial."

COMMENT:

The above pertains to the recent arrest of Smith Act subjects in Boston. The Bureau issued no press release in connection with the arrests, leaving the matter of a press release to the Department, as a result of the attitude of Judge Aldrich in connection with publicity. The Moss Committee is investigating the freedom of information among federal agencies and recently sent a letter to the Attorney General, stating that the FBI

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had barred the press from a Civil Rights School in Columbia, South Carolina, in early May, 1956. A reply was prepared by the Bureau for the Department that the school was a law enforcement conference and closed to the public.

WINCHELL SAID:

"The movie star I recently mentioned who visited a 'red' diplomat in a Hollywood hotel is a female."

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de facto military alliance exists already."

COMMENT:

None. For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"New Jersey 'reds' will stage a very big show for 'red' party functionary Sid Stein on June 29, 1956. They will send invitations to about 300 persons. Top 'red' leaders will attend. So will 'G' men."

COMMENT:

Sidney Steinberg (Sid Stein) was formerly State Chairman of the CP in New Jersey. Steinberg is confined in New York City as a defendant in a Smith Act case. His bond on Smith Act charges is \$30,000. On 5-31-56 Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas reduced Steinberg's bond in connection with his conviction for harboring Robert Thompson from \$45,000 to \$10,000.

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WINCHELL SAID:

"This is to confound 'red' leaders in the United States, how their secrets leak to me. They are now secretly planning to drop the name 'Communist Party' and organize a Marxist group with another name. The new 'red' line will claim that Moscow has no control over them."

COMMENT:

During the past year intermittent proposals have been made that the CP change its name. No extensive discussion has been entered into and nothing has jelled in this connection. At the National Committee meeting at the end of April, 1956, Eugene Dennis called for the organization of a broad new party of socialism of which the CP, USA, would be a part.

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Reds" in Buffalo, New York, have a new secret underground division that can be moved into any type of community activity without being spotted, they think."

COMMENT:

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Red" leaders in Portland, Oregon, plan extended activity to recruit young Americans."

COMMENT:

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WINCHELL SAID:

"The 'Reds' in Philadelphia have moved into new offices. They were inspected by one of the national leaders on May 31, 1956."

COMMENT:

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Steve Nelson, named as a 'red' in congressional testimony, will speak at a 'red' rally in Arcadia Park in Detroit, Michigan, on July 4, 1956."

COMMENT:

Nelson is a prominent communist who was convicted in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on sedition. His conviction was upset by the Supreme Court on 4-2-56. He was convicted on Smith Act charges on 8-20-53 and is free on bond, pending hearing before the Supreme Court. We have no information concerning his proposed 7-4-56 speech.

Nelson must obtain permission from the USA, Pittsburgh, whenever he travels and Pittsburgh advises the Bureau. By separate communication, under Nelson caption, Pittsburgh and Detroit Offices are being alerted concerning the 7-4-56 speech.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Several persons prominent in Democrat and Republican politics will be named communists next Tuesday. A new Senate probe of 'red' infiltration into politics will follow. The first witness will be a female."

COMMENT:

The Bureau is generally aware of the nature of the hearing. [redacted] is to be the first witness and the possibility exists that Attorney General Javits of New York State will be brought into the hearings.

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DATE: June 18, 1956

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

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Mr. Broden

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST
JUNE 17, 1956

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Winchell's broadcast was not carried on WWDC, Washington, which was broadcasting a baseball game. The following items of interest to the Bureau in Winchell's broadcast of above date were obtained from the New York Office:

WINCHELL SAID:

The Senate Internal Security Committee will make a very startling disclosure tomorrow in New York City. There is a definite tie up between "red" chiefs and waterfront racketeers.

COMMENT:

In the information that has previously come to the Bureau's attention concerning New York City waterfront activities, there have been no tangible indications of communist connections.

WINCHELL SAID:

Another congressional probe will reveal that many well known "reds" ordered deported five years ago are still here.

COMMENT:

From the information available, it is impossible to identify the individuals in question. It is known that it takes sometime to deport a communist unless he is willing to accept deportation. The Communist Party has used stalling tactics in many cases.

WINCHELL SAID:

There are now over 100 legal phone taps for the Victor Riesel acid throwing case.

COMMENT:

The Bureau has no knowledge regarding this. The Bureau has authorized no technical surveillances in connection with the Obstruction of Justice investigation in this matter.

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WINCHELL SAID:

The following is designed to confound, confuse, irritate and irk the ingrates and traitors among us. John Gates, the editor of the "Daily Worker" who recently got out of prison, has been reprimanded, scolded and spanked on the wrist for not following the party line and for being too sassy over Moscow's degrading of Stalin. The top leaders of the Communist Party are worried stiff that Washington has other documents similar to the Khrushchev's speech denouncing Stalin three years after his death. They fear that Washington will also make them public.

COMMENT:

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WINCHELL SAID:

International news, Istanbul, Turkey. Molotov's successor Shchepilov will be received like visiting royalty at Athens, Greece, and in Cairo, Egypt. His first big diplomatic move will be to offer the following peace terms to Israel and Egypt. Israel to make territorial concessions, and Egypt to accept unconditionally for at least ten years. Cairo will accept and Tel Aviv will reject.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

The man known as CHIO KUO CHIANG (phonetic) now touring Australia as head of the Chinese Industrial Workers Union is nothing of the sort. He is number three man in "red" Chinese Military intelligence.

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COMMENT:

We have no information identifiable with CHIANG.

WINCHELL SAID:

William Z. Foster the American chief of the Communist Party now receives Social Security. Because he once pleaded illness he evaded trial with other "red" leaders for plotting to overthrow our country. Ironically, after spending most of his life trying to destroy your security, William Z. Foster, communist leader, now gets social security from your taxes.

COMMENT:

An examiner of the Social Security Administration recently found that individuals who accrued benefits from employment by the Communist Party prior to 1952, were entitled to Social Security benefits by reason of such employment. The question pertaining to benefits accrued during the period 1952 to date is still under consideration.

WINCHELL SAID:

A party organizer in the Midwest has been transferred to avoid a scandal.

COMMENT:

WINCHELL SAID:

"Red" leader, William Z. Foster, can expect the same treatment from Russia as was given to his friend Stalin.

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COMMENT:

There is no indication to date that any steps are being taken to remove Foster, National Chairman of the CPUSA, although his policies were severely attacked by Eugene Dennis, General Secretary of the CPUSA, at the enlarged National Committee meeting 4-21 to 5-1-1956.

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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman *Howe 6/25/56*

DATE: June 25, 1956

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont *AB*cc -- Mr. Nichols
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Mr. Rosen
Mr. Branigan
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Mr. Baumgardner
Mr. BrodenSUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST
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WINCHELL SAID:

"The Senate Investigating Committee will make big news again next Tuesday. It will ask the Department of Justice why a man convicted in 1952 for plotting to overthrow the United States is still at large. His name is Jack Hall, former assistant to the troublemaker Harry Bridges."

COMMENT:

Jack Wayne Hall was convicted under the Smith Act on 6-19-53, and was sentenced in Honolulu, T. H., to serve five years and was fined \$5,000. Since his conviction he has been at liberty on bail pending appeal to the 9th Circuit Court. Hall is Regional Director of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union in Honolulu, T. H. Hall has been identified as a member of the Communist Party of Hawaii as far back as 1937, and as late as January, 1949, he was a member of the Executive Board of the Communist Party of Hawaii. Arguments are scheduled to be heard 7-2-56.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Attention Washington Post. This is a big story. Big scandal in the Department of Justice. Frank Costello was contacted by a Justice Department staffer who asked \$1,000 to supply a document which he said would positively save Costello from being deported. Costello told his lawyer, 'don't do it, if we win it must be clean.' The Justice Department worker reportedly said he has been peddling documents from the Department of Justice to lawyers for many years. Ed Williams, lawyer for Costello went right to Mr. Brownell at the Department of Justice and reported the whole incident."

COMMENT:

Costello is a notorious underworld figure who is under denaturalization and deportation proceedings in New York City. The Bureau has an "Unknown Subject, Impersonation" investigation in this matter. On 6-14-56 the unknown subject contacted [redacted]

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[REDACTED] and said he could secure an important document from
the file of the United States Attorney in New York City.

[REDACTED] contacted Deputy Attorney General Rogers, who referred
to the Bureau.

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"International News - Belgrade. This is the low-
down on Tito's denial that he has a military alliance with
Moscow. An absolutely unimpeachable witness saw Tito stand and
applaud Khrushchev when Khrushchev said Russia and Tito will be
on the same side in the next war. Tito denied it to keep
American foreign aid."

COMMENT:

None. For your information.

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TO : L. V. Boardman

DATE: July 2, 1956

FROM : A. H. Belmont

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 cc Mr. Rosen
 cc Mr. Branigan
 cc Mr. Bland
 cc Mr. Baumgardner
 cc Mr. Cromer

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Winchell's broadcast was not carried locally on station WWDC due to the broadcast of a baseball game. The following items of interest to the Bureau in Winchell's broadcast of above date were obtained from the New York Office.

WINCHELL SAID:

ARTHUR MILLER

Playwright Arthur Miller, husband of Marilyn Monroe, refused to disclose names of comrades with whom he once attended Red front meetings. Committee will astonish Miller by telling him those nine names.

COMMENT:WINCHELL SAID:

International news, London - "Time and Tide," British publication, had a remarkable scoop. "Now that the cruel ways of Joe Stalin have been abandoned we hope that Mrs. Khrushchev will be released from Siberia. She was arrested and deported in 1938 by Stalin for whom Mr. Khrushchev was carrying out mass purges."

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WINCHELL SAID:

Paris - French Government suffered another badly depleted division of reserves in Algeria. Washington and London now fear a general war in North Africa by autumn.

COMMENT:

For information.

WINCHELL SAID:

Washington - Dr. J. B. Matthews, former staff director McCarthy Senate Committee will take the stand July 10. The star government witness for HCUA investigating recent report by Fund for the Republic which alleges many people are blacklisted in radio and TV. Fred Woltmann, a Pulitzer prize-winning newspaperman of the Scripps-Howard paper made the following serious indictment of that fund report. Said Mr. Woltmann "In documenting case histories of alleged blacklisted victims the report repeatedly suppressed their full communist record." 03

COMMENT:

Winchell is referring to the study of blacklisting in the motion picture, radio and TV industry that began in September, 1954, under \$100,000 grant from Fund for the Republic. Study conducted by John Cogley, former executive secretary of the "Commonweal" a lay-Catholic weekly magazine. NO 102

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b7C Files reflect no pertinent information concerning him.

WINCHELL SAID:

W. W. discussed Arthur Miller and the Congressional Investigation Committee. W. W. said some people are confused. They confuse Marx and Lenin with Romeo and Juliet. W. W. states that the Government is not trying to interfere with the romance of Miller and Monroe. Some papers give that impression. Mr. Miller testified that he once supported Red front outfits, but he refused

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to name comrades to that committee who attended meetings with him. Mr. Miller said he could not name them on the grounds of conscience. W. W. reviews Communist Party as criminal conspiracy and the effect Smith Act has on Communist Party. Mr. Miller testified that he stopped all Red front activity ten years ago. Before I go into next, I want to add that Mr. Miller's conscience did not stop him from following communists or having Joseph Rauh, Jr., as his lawyer. Mr. Rauh reportedly paid \$8,000 to a fellow named Paul Hughes as an informer whose stuff just did not stand up before a United States Senator. Anyway Miller testified he stopped all Red front activity 10 years ago. I am now in possession of a pamphlet which shows Arthur Miller was either mistaken or perhaps his name was misused or that he lied under oath. This pamphlet names Miller as sponsor of the Citizens Emergency Defense Conference to "Defend the Smith Act Victims." The Smith Act is the only law to jail convicted Reds. Mr. Miller testified he quit all Red fronts 10 years ago. This pamphlet shows that Miller was sponsor of this pro-Red conference in New York City March 16, 1952, or 4 years ago. N 4

COMMENTS:

Information re Miller is set forth above. The Citizens Emergency Defense Conference now defunct has been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450. Our files reflect one Arthur Miller was listed on the executive board of this organization in 1952. Paul Hughes was tried and acquitted of perjury in connection with the Harvey Matusow case. Hughes allegedly furnished fictitious information to Rauh and to representatives of "The Washington Post and Times Herald" concerning Senator Joseph McCarthy.

WINCHELL SAID:

Inside the Communist Party. Seven Communist Party members were recently arrested in Boston for violation of the Smith Act. The 7 Boston Reds approached 22 law firms trying to get permanent counsel. All 22 firms turned them down.

COMMENT:

For information.

WINCHELL SAID:

Party chiefs Gene Dennis and Dr. Albert Blumberg held a very secret meeting at Philadelphia. c.p. members

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COMMENT:

WINCHELL SAID:

Roy Hudson boss of water front operations now makes his underground headquarters in San Francisco.

COMMENT:

Hudson was a top level national functionary of the CP in the 1930s and 1940s. He subsequently came under suspicion by the CP and was isolated.

(S) He is residing in San Francisco. Our files do not reflect any underground activity.

WINCHELL SAID:

B.B.T., a very high Red commander may appreciate the following fact: His very best pal, a Hollywood author, is now #1 man in Mrs. B.B.T.'s so-called affection.

COMMENT:

A check with logical supervisors has failed to identify B.B.T.

WINCHELL SAID:

This is low down on Murray Chotiner's secret session before Senate probers last Friday. Special emphasis on California TV deal.

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COMMENT:

Bureau has conducted no investigation of Chotiner.

WINCHELL SAID:

Senate Internal Security Committee has subpoenaed two very high Government officials to secret session next week. Both are holdovers from the Truman administration. The investigators have alleged evidence that they were very close to Judith Coplon, convicted atomic spy never jailed because of legal technicalities.

COMMENT:

One of these persons is [REDACTED] of Coplon in the Justice Department prior to his transferral to the State Department. [REDACTED] was interviewed by Bureau following Coplon's arrest and said she was loyal to the best of his knowledge. The identity of the other "Government official" who has been subpoenaed is unknown. However, it is noted that Coplon was acquainted with numerous Government officials.

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TO : L. V. Boardman *for 7/10*

DATE July 9, 1956

FROM : A. H. Belmont *a.s./B*SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST
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DATE 9/24/84 BY SP8 BTJ/GCLWINCHELL SAID: The next outbreak behind the iron curtain will be in Hungary. Conditions are worse than in Poland. Red armored units are ready for the usual Red massacre.COMMENT:

Matyas Rakosi, the current communist premier of Hungary, has been under attack for several months by opposing communist factions within Hungary. His position has been weakened by these attacks as well as by the renewed favoritism of Yugoslavia in Soviet eyes.

WINCHELL SAID:*Peter* *victim kidnapping*
If the kidnaper of the Weinberger baby is listening, this is to tell him or her to read the New York "Daily Mirror" for tomorrow on the Broadway stands about 8:30 tonight which will reprint what I say now on page 2 or 3. Criminals wanted by the FBI and the police have trusted me twice. When public enemy #1, Lepke, the chief of Murder Incorporated, surrendered to me in August, 1939, and when accused killer Benedicto Masseri came in to me after my printed story that I could be trusted. Masseri by the way was acquitted. Lepke died in the chair at Sing Sing following a political brawl between F.D.R. and Mr. Dewey. Mr. and Mrs. Kidnaper I will bring my own money for your ransom. None of it will be marked. I am authorized to say this by the Weinberger family. I just want to help get the baby back. I will be alone as I was on the Lepke and Masseri surrenders. I will not be armed. You decide how to contact me. I will not use my car. The license of which is NYP 165. My car is too well known by the police and the mid-town public. I have all details of the baby's identifying marks and clothing. All I want you to do is to mention one of them when you approach me so I know you are not wasting our time. To the crackpots and the others obstructing the return of the Weinberger baby by stopping me on the street with phoney contacts, you may regret it. As Mrs. Weinberger says "We do not want revenge we want our baby." To the Mineola and the New York police and John Edgar Hoover of the FBI, please cooperate with me on this one. We got lucky twice, we might get lucky again. If you tail me and capture the kidnaper we will never again get a public enemy to come in.HC:d1j
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COMMENT:

We are not investigating the Weinberger kidnaping but are merely following the case via newspaper and radio.

WINCHELL SAID:

Costa Rica expects big trouble next week. All cabinet members may resign. The Costa Rican Army will be the new boss.

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

Russia's new Foreign Secretary Dimitri Shepilov was recently the editor of "Pravda," the official newspaper voice of the Soviet government. Shepilov made a very (inaudible) speech the other day. He complained that Russia and the United States are being estranged, are being kept apart, he said by the American press. Quote - "Those irresponsible elements which poison the atmosphere" he said "should be muzzled." Mr. Secretary Shepilov added quote, "The radio and the press in the United States is still a Niagara of all sorts of lies and slander." He demanded that some of us on the air and on the papers be toned down as a condition of peace. That Moscow would regard the muzzling of American commentators "as a positive step toward international understanding." He also said, "True they are fewer and fewer. Let us hope they will still be fewer."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

Food riots in southwestern Red China are said to be at their peak. Red China will be confronted by the worst agricultural failure in Chinese history this year.

COMMENT:

For your information.

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WINCHELL SAID:

The latest 3-cornered fight since the death of Joe Stalin is raging inside the Kremlin. Khrushchev and Bulganin are screaming at each other that both sides over-estimated Red military power.

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

Dr. Paul Dudley White, the President's number one heart specialist, goes to Russia next September for a medical conference.

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

The Senate Internal Security Subcommittee will start a brand new probe next week - Red penetration of farm organizations in the United States, also proleftists in Government.

COMMENT:

We are investigating communist infiltration of several farm organizations, principal of which are the following:

Eastern Farmers Unions
Farmers Union of the New York Milk Shed
Iowa Farmers Union

With regard to proleftists in Government, Senator Eastland's committee has been holding hearings looking toward legislation to restore the Security Program to nonsensitive as well as to sensitive positions.

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WINCHELL SAID:

The Department of Justice is now looking for a former top Government executive with the Office of War Information. They have alleged evidence that he was once a member of the Communist Party.

COMMENT:

Winchell may be referring to [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] It has been alleged [REDACTED] had CP connections [REDACTED] and was supposed to have been a CP member at one time.

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Office Memorandum ^{IR 8} UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. V. Boardman

DATE: July 9, 1956

FROM : A. H. Belmont *amb*SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST

Winchell announced on his July 8, 1956, broadcast that he would be off the air until September 9, 1956. He said that during this period he would be replaced by Edwin C. Hill and John B. Kennedy. *11-11*

RECOMMENDATION:

Unless advised to the contrary we will not cover the broadcasts by Winchell's replacements but will resume coverage on September 9, 1956, when Winchell himself returns.

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Jul. 12, 56.

Mr. Walter Winchell
New York Daily Mirror
235 East 45th Street
New York 17, N. Y.

To Hoover

Dear Mr. Winchell:

Defense Secretary James V. Forrestal relayed to me a message by which I prompted to release to the press as follows:

"I am the survivor of a disaster being deprived of a court hearing the story is contained in One-Hundred-Twenty-Five pounds of hidden documentary records from the White House, Forrestal, Hoover, Harris correspondence. Information which was bought off by a dishonest investigator to further kill statistical reports required by the NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, that the majority of AMERICAN CITIZENS would be exposed to danger from within.

SIGNED

"A SURVIVOR"

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE July 24, 1956

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: WEINAP

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SAC Kelly called from New York on July 23, 1956, to advise that Walter Winchell had talked to Mrs. Weinberger. Mrs. Weinberger had stated they had had no additional contact with the kidnapers since July 10. This information, Kelly stated he believed, had not heretofore been published. Pinnell stated that, if he is queried about this, he is going to say there have been no hoax calls since July 10.

Kelly informed me shortly thereafter that the New York Journal American had a brief item wherein Mrs. Weinberger was appealing through Winchell to the kidnapers to make contact again. The article further stated that Winchell had inquired whether the Nassau County Police Department had done all that could be done and Mrs. Weinberger had stated that the police could not have worked harder.

Kelly stated that the Agents in the office have been telling him that they get the impression around town that Winchell has slipped considerably in his popularity and that he is going to open up a variety television show in the fall similar to the Ed Sullivan show. I told Kelly not to underestimate Winchell.

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cc - Mr. Boardman
 Mr. Rosen

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE 7/25/56

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: WEINAP

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WALTER
SAC Kelly told me that Winchell had been in and out of the office a good portion of Tuesday, 7/24/56. He is very much concerned with [redacted] was out with Winchell in a Cadillac on the night of 7/23/56. [redacted] has not been completely checked out and his alibi only goes to 1:00 p. m. on 7/4/56. [redacted] claims that if it ever becomes necessary to prove where he was that he can do it. SAC Kelly thinks that [redacted] is probably responsible for one of the hoax calls on 7/6/56. [redacted] has been in an insane asylum for several months and three doctors have stated he should be committed. Kelly stated [redacted] appears to be as crazy as a bedbug and is having the time of his life going around with Winchell.

On the occasion of Winchell's latest call at the office, he related [redacted] wants to have a conference now with the Weinbergs, their attorney, Kelly, [redacted] and his attorney. I told Kelly that I thought this would be a good thing for him to stay out of; that they should bear down and get [redacted] movements checked out and as soon as it can be definitely determined [redacted] did not kidnap the child that we would then give consideration to letting him tell Winchell this.

cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Rosen

LBN:fc
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*we better be
careful about
telling Winchell
any thing*

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*There is nothing
to tell Kelly now
He already has been
told He can't give us
anything till he clears his
name*

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

July 27, 1956

The attached note to "Rose"
(Bigman), enclosing a letter to
Walter Winchell, has been
forwarded to the Director from
The Daily Mirror, New York.

"To John and Clyde"-"To Mas w & Walt
Old Gold says I am No. 1 on Radio, as Amos and
Andy 30 minutes show has less than 4 pts. Love
Daddy xxx"

Attachment - returned to
ack.
7/28/56
CHN:fc

Mr. Tolson ☒
Mr. Nichols ☒
Mr. Boardman ☒
Mr. Belmont ☐
Mr. Mason ☐
Mr. Mohr ☐
Mr. Parsons ☐
Mr. Rosen ☐
Mr. Tamm ☐
Mr. Jones ☐
Mr. Nease ☐
Mr. Winterrowd ☐
Tele. Room ☐
Mr. Holloman ☐
Miss Holmes ☒
Miss Gandy ☒

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Mr. Walter Winchell
St. Moritz Hotel
New York, New York

Dear Walter:

Both Clyde and I read with a great deal of interest the Trenner report on your TWA program on the Mutual Broadcasting Network. I know that it must have made you feel good to have such an excellent rating and it is something you can well view with justifiable pride.

Both of us appreciate your thoughtfulness in letting us see it, and I am returning it to you as I thought you might want to keep it for your file.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely,

cc - Mr. Jones

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: August 6, 1956

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

Walter Winchell

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With reference to the attached communication from John H. Teeter, following my conversation with the Director today I called Teeter and told him that the Director is out of town and I had spoken to the Director about the item in the Hollywood Reporter and the letter from [REDACTED]

The Director had asked me to call him and point out that there, of course, must be some misunderstanding because the Director is not participating in the script, "The Lepke Surrender," and the Director has not given his approval and couldn't at this stage.

Teeter stated that he realized this and merely wanted to send this on to alert the Director in the event he had not seen it; that he had thought that Walter had put a notation on this to the effect that it wasn't true. I told Teeter that there was no such notation. The only notation was to the effect that this should be sent to the Director and there was a notation "Beverly Hills Hotel, Bungalow 12 ?" Teeter stated that he thoroughly understood and he thought Walter did too, and he didn't know how this had gotten out.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER DATE: AUGUST 3
FROM: JOHN H. TESTER
RE:

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Boardman _____
Mr. Belmont _____
Mr. Mason _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Parsons _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Mr. Winterrowd _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Holloman _____
Miss Gandy _____

Walter asked me to send you the attached data.

John

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Enc.

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DAMON RUNYON MEMORIAL FUND

399 1/2 Madison Avenue, Building E, 12th Floor, New York 17, N. Y.

Phone: Plaza 9-5370

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THE *Hollywood* REPORTER

RAMBLING REPORTER

By MIKE CONNOLLY

Judy Holliday's reconciliation try with David Oppenheim was a Big Nothing French production is at the critical point. If there's nothing serious between the Herman Shumlin what are all those lawyers doing, drawing up wills? Every afternoon Mama Liberace comes out of the house, takes off her apron and poses for the tourists. Silk Stockings snagged in Chicago and audited Saturday. Dior's new 1912-type styles are tight but oh, My Fair Lady, who's kidding? Foxes flagging Michel Ray, of the King Bros. Bava's Ori's for Boy on a Dolphin. CBS-TV's bagging Perle Mesta to fiancee; a shew's show. Herman Hoover entered Cedars for observation. At this point, Egypt's Nasser must conclude that nobody gives a Damt for a bistro bill in Teacher's Pet. Paramount is prowling an actress who can strip rather than a stripper who can act. Mary and Bob Cummings and the kids are at the Disneyland Hotel for three days. Spyros Skouras is in Ankara on diplomatic mission foreign to the picture business. Why are the Jerry Wald 20th negotiations dragging? Pat DeCicco phoned. WW will be here Aug. 1 to discuss this and Edgar Hoover's script, "The Lepke Surrender" with Hake you and Dean Martin breaking up? Don't.

the "Lili" distribution a couple of years ago. *Variety* 8-1
Signs Graham Greene

To Script 'St. Joan'

London, July 31.—Otto Preminger has signed Graham Greene to screenplay Bernard Shaw's 'St. Joan' for indie producer's upcoming filmization.

Preminger will produce direct first film version of the Shaw classic in its entirety here for United Artists release, with a Dec. 6 camera date.

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August 1, 1956

Dear Sir Walter,

You sounded like Winchell on the phone yesterday - the one & only W. W. !

Called Mike Connolly on how John Edgar Hoover's name got in the item as I didn't mention his name. Was told he "understood" he was involved, etc. Told him not to my knowledge as this was your story, etc. *no loc*

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OK
If Teeter will let me know your itinerary, & what hotel you want to stay at, I'll do the rest.

Love & kisses,

/s/ [REDACTED] *no loc*

Wed.

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Aug. 1, 1956
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Sent all this
to J.E. [Redacted]

Dear Sir Walter,
[Handwritten: Handwritten] you sounded like Winchell on the
phone yesterday - the one & only
W.W.!

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Called Mike Connolly on how John
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If Teeter will let me know your
itinerary, & what hotel you want
to stay at, I'll do the rest.
Love & kisses. [Redacted]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: August 20, 1956

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

SAC Cornelius, Salt Lake City, while discussing another matter telephonically at 12:20 today, mentioned that Walter Winchell, on conclusion of an interview on the Victor Riesel matter by one of the Resident Agents at Las Vegas, early this morning, asked that the Director be informed that the deal with Columbia Pictures regarding the Lepke case is about to be closed and that the Director will see the script first before anyone at Columbia sees it. Winchell stated that Columbia inquired of him as to whom the Director might prefer to have play his, the Director's, part in the picture. Winchell stated that if Edward Arnold were alive he would be a natural and of the present-day living stars Winchell preferred Spencer Tracy to portray the part of the Director. The studio was also interested in knowing whom the Director might prefer to play Mr. Tolson's part; however, Winchell made no suggestions on this. SAC Cornelius stated that Winchell was informed the Director would be advised.

Winchell is staying at the home of Wilbur Clark whose home is adjacent to the Desert Inn in Las Vegas, and he receives his mail in care of [REDACTED] who Cornelius states is not further identified.

cc - Mr. Jones

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director

DATE: September 1, 1956

FROM : W. W. Schwepel SA Supervisor
SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL

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At about 6:25 pm on 9-1-56 Mr. Winchell appeared at the 9th Street Entrance of the Justice Building and made inquiry through the switchboard for Mr. Nichols. In his absence the call was referred to the writer who went out and met Mr. Winchell.

He indicated that the matter he had spoken about to Mr. Nick earlier today had been placed in the mail.

He also indicated he would like to have dinner with the Director and Mr. Tolson when they return to Washington, D.C.

Mr. Winchell said he was staying at the Sheraton-Park Hotel and would be in town until Monday afternoon.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: September 1, 1956

FROM : L. B. Nichols

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SUBJECT: REQUEST OF WALTER WINCHELL
TO SEE DIRECTOR

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 Nichols ☒
 Boardman ☒
 Belmont ☒
 Mason ☒
 Mohr ☒
 Parsons ☒
 Rosen ☒
 Tamm ☒
 Nease ☒
 Winterrowd ☒
 Tele. Room ☒
 Holloman ☒
 Gandy ☒

For record purposes Walter Winchell called me last evening (3-31-56.) He inquired as to when the Director would be back. I told him I was not certain, but he was expected in the near future. Winchell is in Washington now. He said he had a \$14,000 check from the Daymon Runyan Fund for Stanford University. He asked if the Director could make the presentation to the University while he is on the West Coast. I told him this was not possible. Winchell then asked whether the official of the Stanford University to whom the check should be presented could get the Director in Los Angeles to receive the check, and I told him this was not possible.

Winchell said he believed he would stay in town (Washington, D. C.) so that he would be able to see the Director upon the latter's return.

Winchell went on to say that he had a fight with the "New York Daily Mirror" over a line in his column which the Mirror omitted to the effect how Johnny Dio would feel if a columnist walked into a court room and threw acid in his eyes. Winchell was "burned up" over the Mirror's action in killing the item, and he, therefore, gave the item to Hy Gardner of the "Herald Tribune" and asked that he print it.

Winchell said he was very excited over his new NBC program, that NBC is spending \$500,000 to promote it, and Old Gold cigarettes and another sponsor are spending a quarter of a million dollars to do so. He said he has a thirteen-week option with NBC and NBC has also picked up an additional thirteen-week option with him. He said NBC is taking a third thirteen-week option on him, but he is trying to discourage this last move. His reason for not wanting the third contract is because he wants to get back to Hollywood to work on his picture, "How the G-Men Caught Lepke." He said it is a great picture and will do the Bureau much good.

Winchell was in a talkative mood. He told me that while on the West Coast he spent one-half hour with Mrs. Eisenhower who told him why the President liked Walter Winchell. When Winchell sees the Director, he said, he will tell him what Mrs. Eisenhower said. Winchell went on to explain that at the President's Press Conference yesterday, the President singled Winchell out and shook hands with him which pleased Winchell very much.

cc - Mr. Jones

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Nichols to Tolson Memo

September 1, 1956

Winchell told me he is now planning a "post card campaign" around the theme, "Who do you like, Ike or Adlai?" He will take the Director's suggestion and request that all replies be signed and include the sender's address. He said further he is doing something which the poll takers have not done and that is, request an answer to the question "How did you vote in 1952 and how will you vote in 1956?" During the conversation, Winchell several times extended congratulations to you and the Director for the fine work on the Weinberger and Riesel cases. He was most effusive in his praise and concluded by saying he was anxious to see both you and the Director.

As I pointed out before, Winchell may remain in town here so as to visit with you and the Director.

ADDENDUM, REW:hpf 9-1-56

At 3:20 p. m. 9-1-56, Mr. Winchell called the Bureau and Wick talked with him. He asked whether the Director was back and Wick told him he was not. Winchell said he was now at the Presidential Suite of the Park Sheraton Hotel (Sheraton-Park) and intends to remain so as to see the Director upon his return.

Mr. Winchell mentioned to Wick he was a little disturbed because "2 fellows" who might be Pinkerton men, G-men or cops had moved in across the hall from him in his hotel and persisted in keeping their door open so that he, Winchell, could peer in. He asked if the FBI was "tailing him" and Wick assured him that, of course, we were not. Wick asked if the men had approached him in any manner and Winchell said no, that his only concern was that they kept their door open and it just looked "too obvious." Wick suggested that Winchell get in touch with the management and certainly some arrangement could be worked out so that he would not be disturbed further. Winchell said he might do this but he doubted the management would give him any information. He asked further whether it would be possible that the Director and you might go to Lindy's this weekend and Wick told him that very frankly, we had no information at this time as to just exactly what your plans were or when you would be in town.

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Office Memorandum GIR 8 I UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: September 7, 1956

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: REQUEST FROM WALTER WINCHELL FOR
DIRECTOR TO APPEAR ON KRAFT MUSIC HALL,
KIDNAPING ADVICE TO PARENTS

Tolson ☒
Nichols ☒
Boardman ☒
Belmont ☒
Mason ☒
Mohr ☒
Parsons ☒
Rosen ☒
Tamm ☒
Nease ☒
Winterrowd ☒
Tele. Room ☒
Holloman ☒
Gandy ☒

At 11:30 a. m. today, ASAC Moore of the New York Office telephoned and Mr. Wick talked with him. Moore said he had just received a telephone call from Walter Winchell who said he had been in touch with Jock McLean, whom he described as a personal friend of Mr. Hoover. McLean, said Winchell, has what he describes as a "terrific idea." His idea is that the Director would appear personally on Kraft Music Hall soon to do a documentary on what ^{action} parents should take in the event of a kidnaping. The Director would, of course, narrate the advice. Winchell told Moore he had doubts as to whether the Director would be able to do this and if he declines, Winchell himself may volunteer provided we furnish him with the information and provided McLean wants him.

Winchell said that McLean is now in South Hampton, but can be reached in New York City at Murrayhill 8-8230 or Regent 7-1485. Winchell said the Director could either advise Winchell or McLean as to the decision.

Winchell also told Moore that he will be in Washington Monday September 10, 1956, to accept "some freedom of the press award," and while in Washington he would like to have dinner Monday evening 9-10-56 with you and the Director. He told Moore "I will be in touch" so as to set it up with the Director.

RECOMMENDATIONS: 1. That ASAC Moore be authorized to telephone Walter Winchell informing him that the Director, because of the uncertainty of his schedule, cannot accept the invitation extended by Mr. McLean to appear on the Kraft Music Hall. Winchell can be requested to so inform Mr. McLean.

THIS DONE
BY WICK BY
CALL TO MOORE
4:30 A.M. 9-7-56

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2. No action at this time seems necessary on Mr. Winchell's statement he will be in touch with the Director since he only wanted this information passed on to you and the Director.

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TO : L. V. Boardman *aka 9/21/56*

DATE: September 17, 1956

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST
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Boardman	✓
Belmont	✓
Mason	✓
Mohr	✓
Parsons	✓
Rosen	✓
Tamm	✓
Nease	✓
Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holloman	✓
Gandy	✓

WINCHELL SAID:

Attention Congressional Detectives - Millionaire
Pro-Pink F. Vanderbilt Field - He pleads the Fifth Amendment before
all investigating committees - is wanted by probers of the U.S. Senate
for quizzing in the Javits jam. Field left Mexico for Las Vegas.

COMMENT:

Ben Mandell, Research Director, Internal Security Subcommittee
advised the Bureau he would like to have Field and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] appear before the
committee on 9-19-56. Field left Mexico 9-1-56 headed for Las Vegas,
Nevada, and was scheduled to arrive at the Hotel Riviera at Las Vegas
on 9-16-56 where he will remain until 9-20-56.

WINCHELL SAID:

The trial of Harvey Matusow starts tomorrow in New York
before Federal Judge McGohey. The Government has a surprise for
"turncoat" Matusow.

COMMENT:

The trial of Matusow on a perjury indictment is scheduled
to start in the Southern District of New York on 9-17. In addition
to Government attorneys who handled Matusow in connection with the
second New York Smith Act trial and the Special Agent present when
Matusow was first interviewed, the Government has under subpoena
two possible rebuttal witnesses. These are [REDACTED]

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

WINCHELL SAID:

Despite great pressure to hold public hearings in the Javits case, the U.S. Senate Internal Security Subcommittee will open fire this week. (Jacob Javits, Republican nominee for U.S. Senator from N.Y.)

COMMENT:

Ben Mandell, Research Director, Internal Security Subcommittee, advised his Committee will hold an executive session on 9-19-56. (It is believed Winchell left out the fact these hearings would be executive sessions).

WINCHELL SAID:

The National Communist Party Convention scheduled for late December or early January has been moved up to 2-12-57.

COMMENT:

This announcement appeared in the "Daily Worker" for 8-28-56.

WINCHELL SAID:

Random House will soon publish a very great book about the FBI and John Edgar Hoover by Don Whitehead, Pulitzer Prize winner for Associated Press and "New York Herald Tribune."

COMMENT:

This refers to "The FBI Story: A Report to the People" which is due to be published 11-28-56.

WINCHELL SAID:

The FBI is conducting a nationwide hunt for Theodore Rij, better known as Teddy Ray, in connection with the Reisel acid throwing. Winchell furnished the description of Rij and told anyone having information concerning him to report it to the nearest FBI office. He also stated persons who harbored this man are now subject to federal prosecution.

COMMENT:

[REDACTED]

Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

13 [REDACTED] is the person who delivered the acid to Telvi who in turn threw the acid at Reisel.

WINCHELL SAID:

Congressman Celler of New York is conducting an investigation of the television industry. Jack O'Brien, television writer for the "New York Journal American" reports that only NBC and CBS are being investigated and not ABC. Celler probably does not know that ABC President Robert Knitner has a new baby son whose godfather is Adlai Stevenson. Winchell then stated "Could this have any connection with Walter Winchell, an Eisenhower rooper, losing his ABC job after 25 years of loyalty."

COMMENT:

For your information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. V. Boardman

~~SECRET~~

DATE: September 10, 1956

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST
9-9-56Classified by SP6BJH/CL
Declassify on: OADR 12/14/84WINCHELL SAID:

The U.S. Senate Internal Security Committee will hold open hearings on Javits case next week (Jacob Javits, candidate for Republican nomination for U.S. Senator from New York). Seven witnesses including George Charney, New York State Chairman of the Communist Party, will be subpoenaed. The Javits forces say they will counter with a letter written by a relative of Mayor Wagner of New York City to Harry Dexter White, accused Red fronter many years ago.

COMMENT:

"The New York Herald Tribune" of 9-7-56 and "Washington Evening Star" of 9-6-56 reported that Robert Morris of the Internal Security Committee stated that if additional hearings are voted, the following individuals will be called: Dr. Bella Dodd, Murray Baron, New York political leader, Dr. Max Yergen, former director of the Council on African Affairs, and Louise Bransten (aka Louise Berman). We have no additional information indicating that the hearing in this matter has been voted.

A check with the NYO, logical Bureau supervisors and officials has failed to establish the identity of the relative of Mayor Wagner who allegedly wrote to Harry Dexter White. As soon as this name is obtained, it will be checked against Bureau files.

WINCHELL SAID:

Despite opposition from former Governor Dewey, the "White House" is insisting on the nomination of Javits for the U.S. Senate. A floor fight at the convention is being planned by the Javits foes.

COMMENT:

Javits has been the center of recent controversy, due to allegations of communist support he received at the outset of his political career in New York. Javits has denied enlisting such support and has claimed to have an anticommunist record in Congress.

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