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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

CHARLES LISTON, AKA SONNY LISTON, FPC. REURCAB OCTOBER TEN LAST.

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PHILADELPHIA

ADVISES CHARGES DISMISSED AFTER ARREST ON JUNE TWELVE, LAST.

SUBJECT ARRESTED AGAIN ON WARRANT BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE CHARGING IMPERSONATION OF OFFICER AND DISCHARGED IN COMMON PLEAS COURT ON SEPTEMBER TWENTY-EIGHT, LAST. FOR INFORMATION, PHILADELPHIA NEWSPAPERS REFLECT LISTON'S MANAGER PREPARING PETITION TO PENNSYLVANIA BOXING COMMISSION TO LIFT SUSPENSION. BUFILES CONTAIN EXTENSIVE DATA INDICATING HOODLUM ASSOCIATES AND HOODLUM CONTROL OVER SUBJECT'S CAREER.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT, OTTAWA NO. 441

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LISTON SUBJECT FBI 272767 B.

INFORMATION URGENTLY NEEDED AS LISTON HAS APPARENTLY APPLIED FOR PERMISSION TO COME TO CANADA FOR POSSIBLE HEAVYWEIGHT FIGHT IN NEAR FUTURE. SUCAB.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, PHILADELPHIA /163-10/

CHARLES LISTON, AKA., SONNY LISTON, FPC. REBUTEL TEN ELEVEN SIXTYONE AND PHILADELPHIA CRIMDEL LETTER SEVEN NINETEEN SIXTYONE. RELET SETS OUT CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING LISTON-S ARREST SIX TWELVE SIXTYONE. AT SUBSEQUENT HEARING CHARGES AGAINST LISTON OF DRIVING WITHOUT LIGHTS AND IMPERSONATING OFFICER DISMISSED WHEN LISTON DISCHARGED BY MAGISTRATE. REARREST WARRANT OBTAINED BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY-S OFFICE ON IMPERSONATION OF OFFICER CHARGES AND ON NINE TWENTYEIGHT SIXTYONE LISTON DISCHARGED BY JUDGE JOSEPH E. GOLD, COMMON PLEAS COURT, PHILADELPHIA. LISTON TESTIFIED THOUGHT ARRESTING OFFICER TOLD HIM TO QUOTE MOVE ON UNQUOTE AND IN RELEASING EMERGENCY BRAKE ACCIDENTALLY TURNED OFF LIGHTS. PHILADELPHIA NEWSPAPERS REFLECT LISTON-S MANAGER PREPARING PETITION TO PENNSYLVANIA BOXING COMMISSION TO LIFT SUSPENSION.

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

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State Penitentiary Jefferson City Missouri	Charles Liston #63723	June 1, 1950	plead guilty robbery first means deadly dangerous weapon (2 charges)	5 years October 30, 1952 paroled
Police Department Saint Louis Missouri	Charles Liston #68069	January 28, 1953	investigation robbery first larceny from the person (2 charges)	released January 29, 1953
Police Department Saint Louis Missouri	Charles Liston #68069	May 5, 1956	assault to kill	January 28, 1957 plead guilty sentenced to 9 months in city workhouse
Police Department Saint Louis Missouri	Charles Liston #68069	June 21, 1956	investigation	
Police Department Saint Louis Missouri	Charles Sonny Liston #68069	October 4, 1956	investigating suspicion larceny	released on charge of investigati suspicion stealing

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Police Department Saint Louis Missouri	Charles Liston #68069	September 28, 1957	strong arming	
Police Department Saint Louis Missouri	Charles Sonny Liston #68069	August 12, 1959	suspicion gambling	
Police Department Philadelphia Pennsylvania	Charles Liston #344155	June 12 1961	impersonating an officer	

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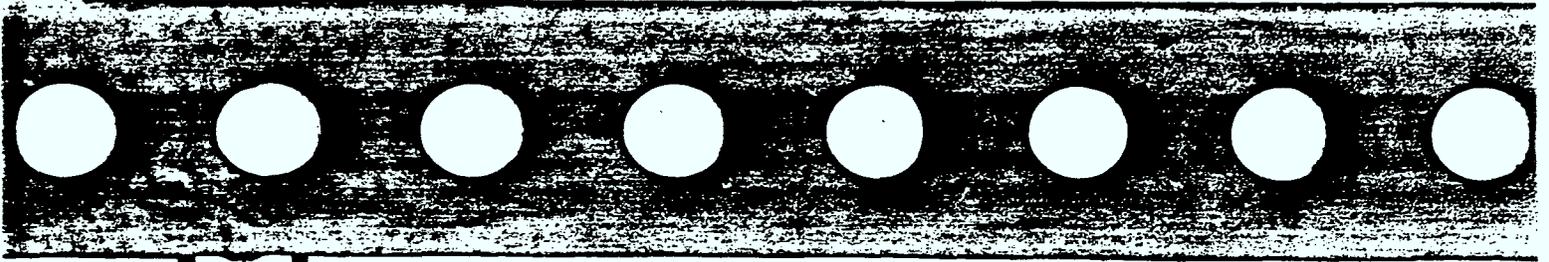
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TO SACS PHILADELPHIA
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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

CHARLES LISTON, AKA SONNY LISTON, FPC. LEGAT, OTTAWA, ADVISES
SUBJECT, FBI NUMBER TWO SEVEN TWO SEVEN SIX SEVEN B, APPARENTLY
SEEKS PERMISSION FROM CANADIAN AUTHORITIES FOR HEAVYWEIGHT FIGHT
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ON SEPTEMBER TWENTY EIGHT, ONE NINE FIVE SEVEN FOR "STRONG-ARMING"
AND AUGUST TWELVE, ONE NINE FIVE NINE FOR "SUSPICION GAMBLING."
PHILADELPHIA ARREST ON JUNE TWELVE, ONE NINE SIX ONE LISTED AS
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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: April 30, 1962

FROM : C. A. Evans

SUBJECT: CHARLES "SONNY" LISTON

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The Director asked "What about this?" in connection with the statement made by columnist Dan Parker in the "New York Mirror" newspaper of 4/28/62. Parker, in his column, stated "It is known that only two days ago FBI men were in New York inquiring about certain Philadelphians who have been active in behalf of Liston."

Our New York Office advises that no investigation has been conducted concerning Liston, and no contacts have been made by Agents of that office with the State Boxing Commission concerning this matter. The New York Office advised that the State Boxing Commission has been making inquiries, but no known investigation has been conducted on a Federal level in New York City.

Our criminal intelligence microphone surveillances have picked up considerable information regarding Liston, which we have furnished to the Department. A summary is being prepared on Liston.

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Parker: Bravo!

By DAN PARKER

Ring the welkin, clang the bell and give a good substantial yell! For whom? For the New York State Athletic Commission which, by a single act Friday, was converted from a passel of April fools into a fine August body. In rejecting Sonny Liston's application for a license, the Commission struck a telling blow for decency in the festering fight racket, that should have far-reaching consequences. It is the first evidence produced in a long time that Television, open and closed, and its ally, the Mob, aren't calling the shots for boxing commissions, promoters and managers.

The Commission's unanimous action took practically everyone by surprise. When it allowed the controversial challenger with the unsavory record to go ahead with his application days ago, it was reasoned that every obstacle had been cleared by interests pressing Liston's "cause," which could be more correctly termed their own. The underworld elements behind Sonny since he was last sprung from

prison figured to clean up on him, whether he won or lost against Floyd Patterson. With a fine sense of fitness, the Commission proceeded to put the onus for rejecting the application on his shady backers, and associates whom they named, lest there be any misunderstanding.

In other words, Liston's prison record, bad though it was, wasn't considered as damaging as the records of the cutthroats with whom he associated. This move neatly disposed of the phony "rehabilitation" plea on behalf of Liston.

Maybe the Commission's action was dictated by Albany. Certainly, it has been so hesitant to use its power in matters that cried loudly for its intervention in recent years that one is justified in assuming that the word came from the Governor or maybe, even the Dept. of Justice. It is known that, only two days ago, F.B.I. men were in New York, inquiring about certain Philadelphians who have been active in behalf of Liston. It is known the G-men weren't working for the New York State Commission.

Two recent events in boxing that hung fresh blinkers on its already blackened eyes were the death of Benny Faret after a

savage bout in the Garden and, a week ago, the brazen Brown-Ortiz lightweight championship farce in Las Vegas which has left a stench that still lingers in the nostrils of the nation.

Someone in high authority may have concluded that the tough guys had gone far enough and that it was time to call a halt. It this wasn't the case, it should have been. But whatever the driving force behind the New York Commission's knock-out blow, General Melvin Krulwich and his associates are to be highly commended for their decision.

For those who are prepared to shed tears because New York has thus outlawed a million dollar attraction that would bring money into the city, let it be said that what with the mobsters' sure thing gambling operators, it could be more successful in taking money out of the city than a Pickpockets' Convention.

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 TO : MR. A. ROSEN *ARM*
 FROM : MR. G. H. SCATTERDAY *GH*

DATE: May 1, 1962

SUBJECT: CHARLES "SONNY" LISTON

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SYNOPSIS:

News item 4-28-62 indicated three District of Columbia Boxi Commissioners considering issuing license for Sonny Liston to box her Both Miller and Lee recommend license be issued. Osterman indicated wished to review New York Commission investigation before deciding. Director requested summary on Liston and others.

Clippings
 Liston born 1927, Arkansas. Grew up under hardship condition of 25 children. He has a long arrest record with charges such as assault to kill, larceny, strong-arming and robbery. While in Missouri penitentiary in 1950 developed ability as boxer and with encouragement of Father Stevens, Prison Chaplain, and Negro newspaper publisher Mitchell was released on parole and followed career in Golden Gloves tournaments. He became U.S. Golden Gloves champion and later international champion. Following this, he became a professional boxer and fell into the hands of St. Louis hoodlums. He has continued to be owned at least in part by various hoodlums in New York, St. Louis, and Pennsylvania, such as Joseph Barone, Frankie Carbo, Blinky Palermo, John Vitale and others.

Vitale in testimony before congressional committee refused to comment on his interest in Liston. Various individuals have been listed as his manager, the last one of record was George Katz as of March, 1962. Katz is an old-time fight promoter from Philadelphia.

Newspaper accounts during the past two years have indicated the probability of a match between Liston and Floyd Patterson, present heavyweight champion; however, Liston, because of his criminal record and associates, has been turned down in New York and other cities are being considered as choice places to hold the match.



Information concerning Liston was previously furnished to then Deputy Attorney General Byron R. White on 5-5-61.

ACTION ENCLOSURE

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This is for the Director's information.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen
RE: CHARLES "SONNY" LISTON

DETAILS:

The "Washington Post and Times Herald" of 4-28-62 contained an article indicating that the three District of Columbia Boxing Commissioners were considering issuing a license for Sonny Liston to box here. Jocko Miller, Chairman, and Norvel Lee, Member, both indicated they would recommend a license be issued. Captain Joseph V Osterman, police member of the Commission, indicated he wished to review the findings of the New York Commission before deciding. The Director requested that a summary be prepared on Liston and the other

Liston was born in 1927 in Little Rock, Arkansas. He was one of twenty-five children of a cotton-picking farmer. He left Little Rock at the age of twelve to follow his mother to St. Louis, Missouri where she had gone after she left her husband. He grew up in poverty and from all indications had to fight for an existence.

Liston has a long arrest record, having been charged with violations such as assault to kill, larceny, strong-arming, and in 1950 was sentenced to serve five years in the Missouri State Penitentiary for first degree robbery. At one time he very severely beat a police officer who was ticketing a car near the residence of Liston. While in the penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, Reverend Alois Stevens, Prison Chaplain; Frank Mitchell, publisher of a well-known Negro newspaper in St. Louis; and others took an interest in Liston realizing that he had great potential as a boxer. Following his release from prison under parole in 1952, he was guided by Father Stevens, Mitchell and a Monroe Harrison. He became a successful amateur boxer and this career brought him the Heavyweight Golden Gloves Championship in the United States. Thereafter he defeated the European champion for the International Golden Gloves and subsequently turned professional.

Our files contain considerable information regarding Liston associates and activities after he turned professional.

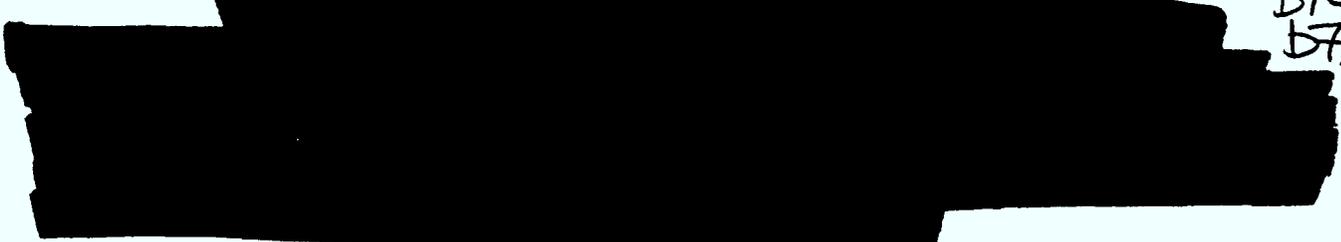
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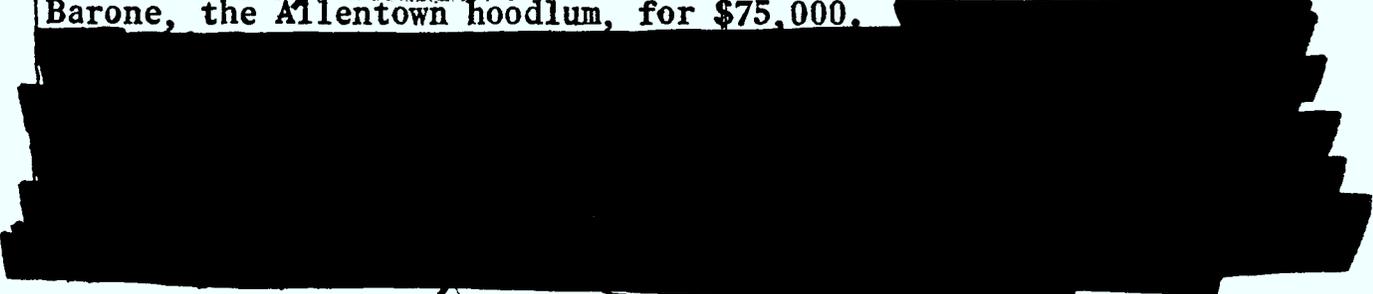
appeared before the McClellan Committee in 1958 and before the Kefauver Committee in 1960 in connection with his boxing interests but on both occasions invoked the Fifth Amendment and refused to testify.



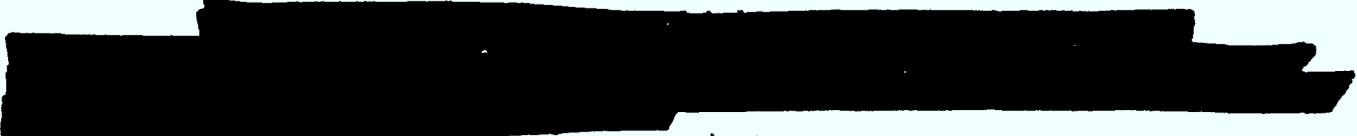
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News releases in 1961 contained articles indicating that Liston, who was attempting to obtain a match with Heavyweight Champion Floyd Patterson, purchased his own contract from "Pep" Barone, the Allentown hoodlum, for \$75,000.



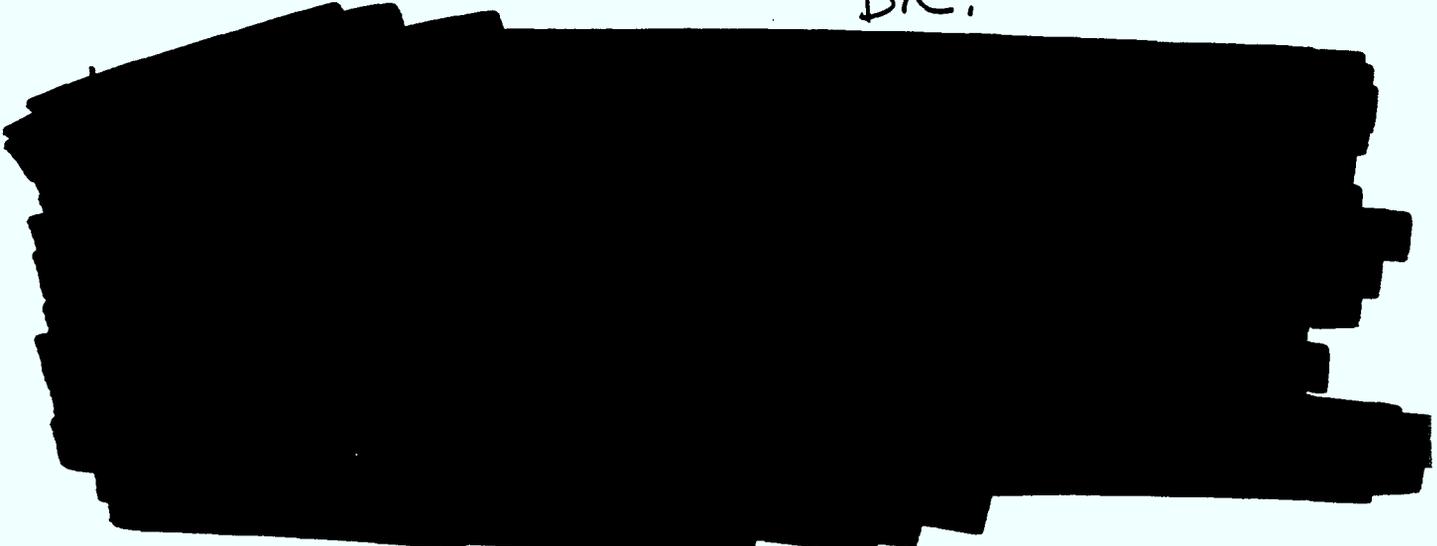
Newspaper accounts during the past two years have contained much information concerning Liston's attempt to secure a fight with Floyd Patterson. Liston has been barred from fighting in New York, although it was indicated that a gate and television and radio rights would bring approximately \$4,000,000 for such a match. Recent news items indicate that Liston, through his various owners and managers, has been exploring the possibility of promoting a fight between him and Patterson in the Chicago area or possibly even Washington, D.C.



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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen
RE: CHARLES "SONNY" LISTON

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The "Washington Post and Times Herald" of 5-1-62 indicated that Floyd Patterson said he would fight Sonny Liston for the title or never fight again and named Chicago as a likely site for the multimillion-dollar fight. Jack Nilon, noted as Liston's Philadelphia adviser, said he was happy to hear that Patterson was going to actually fight Liston before September of this year.

A summary of information regarding Liston was furnished to the then Deputy Attorney General, Byron R. White, on 5-5-61. (62-9-42-159; 163-1275; 92-2717-487; )

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D.C. Officials Favor License For Liston

By Dave Brady
Staff Reporter

Jocko Miller, chairman of the District of Columbia Boxing Commission, said last night that he would recommend a license for Sonny Liston if he wanted to box here.

Former Olympic light heavyweight champion Norvel Lee, another member of the D. C. Boxing Commission, said he would vote to license Liston. Lee has been in youth correctional work for the past 10 years.

Capt. Joseph V. Osterman, police member of the boxing commission, said he did not want to comment until he has a chance to review the findings of the New York commission in denying Liston a license.

Miller Has 'Open Mind'

"I have a very open mind," Miller said, commenting on the report that the New York State Athletic Commission had rejected Liston's application for a license to fight Floyd Patterson in Gotham. "Of course, there would be the formality of an investigation before our three-member board," Miller said, "but personally I think Liston has a right to rehabilitate himself no matter what his police record might be.

"As for his alleged managerial associations, we could deny a manager a license if he did not satisfy our standards but still license Liston.

"I don't think we'd deny Liston a chance to fight here.

Youths Rehabilitation

"I'm in favor of rehabilitation. In fact, I'm one of Judge Scalley's best probation officers. I always have three or four young fellows here I'm helping to keep straightened out."

Miller, assistant golf pro at Congressional Country Club, was referring to Judge Thomas C. Scalley of the District Municipal Court, who frequently assigns youths who come before him to work for Jocko at the golf course.

"So New York turns down Liston," Miller continued. "The bout will go somewhere else and the theater-television still will go back to New York where they will accept taxes from the theaters."

Norvel Lee is a teacher at the Lorton, Va., Youth Center where he helps rehabilitate young men from the ages of 18 to 26 who have been sentenced under the youth corrections act.

Previously he was a correctional officer, then a teacher, for boys from 12 to 18 at the National Training School.

"I believe Liston could adjust," Lee said. "I would be willing to vote a license for him from what I know now. The fellow has shown some progress in his adjustment. You know he hasn't had much

help in life ... hardly any education.

"I deal with this type of fellow and I think a fight such as this might be of great help to him. I don't know what New York knows about him. I'd like to read the transcript of the investigation there.

"I don't know anything about his managerial setup.

"I wrote to promoter Tom Bolan and Floyd Patterson's manager, Cus D'Amato, suggesting Liston should be fought here. That was just around the time they signed for a New York bout.

"D'Amato telephoned me and pointed out that New York City had just about guaranteed a million to a million and a half dollars for the bout but he would be agreeable to a bout here if someone would match that sort of guarantee."

Liston pointed out in his letters that Patterson would not have to worry about criminal elements if the bout was held here because Washington is the headquarters for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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Just how blind can the boxing commission be!

Set me have summary on Liston & his managers.

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- The Washington Daily News
- The Evening Star
- New York Herald Tribune
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The Washington Merry-Go-Round

Liston's Life Full of Wild Punches

By Drew Pearson

After the big fight ends in Chicago tonight, an ex-convict, Charles (Sonny) Liston, could well be the heavyweight boxing champion of the world.

In view of this possibility, and the fact that the youth of America are inclined to hero worship, it may be well to examine the background of the challenger.



Pearson

Much of it was spelled out when Sen. Estes Kefauver, the Tennessee investigator, probed underworld control of boxing.

"How much education did you get?" asked Kefauver.

"I didn't get any."

"You didn't go to school at all?"

"No sir," replied the hulking 27-year-old boxer, "too many kids."

"How many kids were there?"

"Well, my father had 25."

"Twenty-five children! Tell us about your early background," Kefauver continued.

"Were you born on a farm?"

"Yes sir, I was."

"Did you have to work to support these other 24 children?"

"That's right."

"What did you do?"

"Pick cotton."

Testimony then developed

that Liston left Little Rock, Ark., at the age of 13 with his mother to go to St. Louis. His mother apparently left his father, for reasons not developed.

"What did you do when you got to St. Louis?" Kefauver asked.

"Well, my mother put me in school, and then after I got started going to school, other kids seen me coming out of—I was such a large boy—other kids would see me coming out of such small kids' room. So they would make fun of me and start laughing and I started fighting.

"Then I started playing hookey," continued Liston, "and from hookey I led to another thing so I wound up in the wrong school."

"What school did you wind up in?"

"Well, the house of detention."

"How old were you then?"

"I was about 14."

"How long did you stay there?"

"My mother, she got me out, and then, well I figure—she got me out and I went right back for the same things."

"You did what?" asked Kefauver.

"I went back to the same thing and wound up in a bigger house this time."

Sleeping on Cold Steel

Liston referred to the Missouri State Penitentiary, where he served part of a five-year sentence for armed robbery.

When he got out on parole, Liston took up boxing as a profession but fell into the hands of the underworld. Referring to this, Kefauver asked him:

"Do you know Frank Palermo?"

When the answer was affirmative, Kefauver continued: "Do you think that people like this ought to remain in the sport of boxing?"

"Well, I wouldn't pass judgment on no one," was the reply, "I haven't been perfect myself."

"Do you recall that you were arrested in St. Louis on Aug. 12, 1959, and questioned by some police officers concerning your relations with Mr. Sarkis?" (A labor leader for whom Liston served as a goon.)

"I don't recall the date. I was arrested sometimes there. I don't carry a pencil around to see how many times I was picked up."

All in all, Liston was picked up for questioning more than 100 times and gave this description to Kefauver:

"I may have said anything, because they just kept grabbing me, picking me up and holding me overnight. If nobody come down to make a squawk to get me out, they keep me; then they finally let me go. Next day, back in. So what am I supposed to do? I said what they wanted me to say, because who wanted to sleep on that cold steel all that night?"

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Finally, Liston was told to get out of St. Louis. "Well, the captain, Captain Doherty, told me to my face, if I wanted to stay alive for me to leave St. Louis. So he said: 'If you don't, they are going to find you in the alley.'" He moved to Philadelphia.

Asked further about his education, Liston said he still could not write. "If you write letters, would you dictate them to somebody?"

"Yes, I would."

"Who would write the letter for you, your wife, Geraldine?"

"Yes, if I wanted to write one that bad."

2 Patterson Schools

Liston has bought out his contract with his fight manager, Joseph (Pop) Barone of Allentown, Pa., for \$75,000. But his troubles with the police—now in Philadelphia—have continued almost up to the signing of his contract to fight Patterson. Sen. Kefauver, who has tried to help him, told me a short time ago that in his opinion Liston had not really cleaned himself up.

Floyd Patterson, who also had juvenile trouble, has used his winnings to establish two homes for boys in trouble. Liston has done nothing of this kind.

He has a long way to go, but with guidance he could become a boxer of whom his race and the profession would be proud.

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The Washington Merry-Go-Round

Liston Likes 'Big Brothers' Idea

By Drew Pearson

Charles (Sonny) Liston, the son of an Arkansas cotton picker and now world heavy-weight boxing champ, didn't wait more than a few hours before firing back a telegram giving his okay to staging the next fight under the auspices of Big Brothers in order to help prevent juvenile delinquency.



Pearson

"I would just like to say this is the chance I like best to prove that I mean what I say about helping boys that need help," Liston replied.

"Nothing can make me happier than to accept this offer.

"I only wish it was up to me. My return-bout contract with Floyd Patterson gives him the right to say when it will be held and where it will be held. I hate to leave it up to him. If he is willing, I am with him all the way. The sooner this fight takes place the better I will like it, indoors or outdoors."

Liston's telegram was in reply to a proposal I had made as president of Big Brothers in the Capital that the next match be staged in the new National Stadium in Washington in the presence of mem-

bers of Congress and other Washington notables, with part of the proceeds going to keeping boys out of trouble.

As Liston pointed out, his contract gives Floyd Patterson certain rights in calling the time and place of the next fight. Big Brothers in the Capital, therefore, has now put the proposition up to Floyd, who has already done fine work in establishing the Floyd Patterson houses in New York for boys just out of reformatory.

Actually, Patterson is not entirely a free agent since he is under obligation to Championship Sports. We'll report on developments when and if they materialize.

Medical Double Cross

The doctors of the USA may not know it, but their "trade union" is getting them up to their ears in politics. Most doctors, having spent their lives trying to heal men's bodies, would be flabbergasted at what the American Medical Association and kindred agencies are doing in their name.

Last week, just as the election campaign began to warm up, the AMA, Blue Cross and Blue Shield began a widespread publicity and advertising campaign on medical care for the elderly. It was timed not because any bill is now before Congress (the bill is dead as a dodo for this ses-

sion), but because of the forthcoming elections.

The publicity campaign took two forms:

1. Full-page ads in Time and Life magazines by Blue Cross and Blue Shield, the medical insurance agencies which did a great deal to defeat the medicare bill.

2. A series of letters to newspapers trying to deny carefully documented reports in this column showing how doctors had raised money for key Congressmen who blocked medicare, how they had helped finance the Saskatchewan doctors' strike, and how one doctor in Lexington, Ky., had cut off medical attention to a 78-year-old woman.

The column regarding money-raising for Congressmen who played ball with the doctors' lobby and regarding the 78-year-old woman was published July 12. But the doctors' lobby waited until Sept. 18, two months later, to fire the distorted and inaccurate blast at newspapers—just as the election campaign was warming up.

Belated Denial

This is an old political trick—to wait until near the election to confuse the issue; so the doctors' lobby is really learning political techniques.

One denial issued by the AMA lobby was that Dr. Graham Clarkson, medical care director of Saskatche-

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can denied ever having told my associate, Jack Anderson, that the AMA financially supported the doctors' strike which closed 91 hospitals and every doctor's office in Saskatchewan in July.

Dr. Clarkson was even quoted as saying that Anderson had never phoned him.

However, the long-distance records show that Anderson did call him. And Anderson, who takes shorthand, took down Clarkson's definite statement that the AMA had helped to plan and finance the doctors' strike. After he had said this, Dr. Clarkson got cold feet and asked that he not be quoted directly.

The recent ads by Blue Cross and Blue Shield are interesting as to both timing and content. They offer "amplified" programs "at reasonable rates" for "protection" of all persons over 65.

No details were given as to what old folks would have to pay for these amplified programs, but the ads, which incidentally cost a lot of money, said they would soon be operating on a "national" scale, and asked that senior citizens phone their local offices for "full details."

When these offices were called in 31 states, however, 24 offices had no information on rates and benefits of the new program.

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WASHINGTON--SEN. ESTES KEFAUVER, D-TENN., SAID TODAY HE IS CONVINCED HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION SONNY LISTON HAS "GOTTEN RID OF THE TENTACLES OF THE UNDERWORLD" AND IS "DOING MUCH BETTER" UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT.

KEFAUVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE ANTITRUST AND MONOPOLY SUBCOMMITTEE, MADE THE STATEMENT AFTER HE AND LISTON TALKED FOR 15 MINUTES IN KEFAUVER'S OFFICE. IT WAS THEIR FIRST MEETING SINCE LISTON TESTIFIED TWO YEARS AGO ABOUT HIS UNDERWORLD LINKS AND HIS CRIMINAL RECORD WHEN KEFAUVER'S SUBCOMMITTEE WAS INVESTIGATING BOXING.

THE HULKING CHAMP, WHO EARLIER VISITED VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON, TOLD REPORTERS HE GENERALLY FAVORED KEFAUVER'S BILL TO PUT PROFESSIONAL BOXING UNDER A FEDERAL COMMISSIONER.

HOWEVER, LISTON SAID, IT WOULD DEPEND ON GETTING THE RIGHT MAN FOR COMMISSIONER--SOMEONE WHO KNEW BOXING AND UNDERSTOOD RING PROBLEMS.

LISTON WAS HERE FOR A "BIG BROTHERS" DINNER TONIGHT FOR WHICH HE AND THE VICE PRESIDENT WERE THE HEADLINE ATTRACTIONS.
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The Washington Merry-Go-Round

Boys Need a Home, Says Sonny

By Drew Pearson

One interesting aspect of the world's heavyweight boxing match is that both Sonny Liston and Floyd Patterson have been in trouble for delinquency but both have been trying to do something to help others avoid similar pitfalls.



Pearson

Patterson has used his own money to set up the "Floyd Patterson Houses" in New York, two homes on the East Side where boys just out of reform school can live during the first difficult period of adjustment.

Sonny Liston came to Washington for the last Big Brothers dinner and among other things spent some time at Junior Village, a Government orphanage where he tried to fill the vacuum in the lives of children, some of whom have never seen a mother. Sonny was so occupied that he was late getting to the dinner.

At that dinner, in front of 800 people, including the Vice President, I interviewed Liston on a lot of subjects ranging from Cassius Clay to death in the ring. Here is part of the repartee:

"Sonny, do you ever feel nervous before a fight?"
 "Not as nervous as I am

now. I always feel that the other fellow should be nervous, so there ain't no use in both of us being nervous."

"What do you think is the future of Cassius Clay?"

"Well, I think he'd better stick to poetry."

"Sonny, did you ever play football?"

"No—it was a little too rough for me. I don't understand it yet. Like when the football player gets the ball, one man will grab him and throw him down. Then the other twelve come pile up on him. What's the use of doing that?"

"You think it's enough to have one man against you?"

"That's right."

"What about when you have the referee against you?"

"Well, as long as he can count up to ten he can't cheat on you."

Boxing Czar?

"What do you think of the Kefauver bill to have a boxing commissioner regulate the sport?"

"Well, I feel that if he could find a man that's been in the field, it would be fine, but if he just got a man that don't know anything about boxing, it would just be like a truck driver running a jet."

"In other words, you wouldn't want a politician being the boxing czar?"

"No, I wouldn't."

"You were telling me a little earlier that the referee doesn't always understand the psychology of the boxer

when he's knocked out. What's your tactic when a man is down in the ring?"

"Well, I tell the guy my name in the center of the ring, and if he can't remember it when he gets knocked down, I feel that he's in trouble. He doesn't know that he's done. Sometimes, I hold up four fingers—how many fingers have I got up? And if he says four, he's all right; but if he says two, I know he can't see. So I feel the fight should be stopped."

"Now, turning to the most important question before us this evening—the problems of youth—what do you think is the most important factor in helping boys keep out of trouble?"

"Well, I feel it's the home. I feel that mothers and fathers should know where the child is at all times. And should have a deadline to get home at night."

"How many children were there in your family?"

"My mother had 14, my father was married twice, and there's 25 of us in all."

"You were born in Arkansas, and I know your father was a cotton farmer. Did you work in the cotton fields? When you moved to St. Louis, about how old were you?"

"Well, that's when the trouble started. Life was too bright for my eye, so I would find stuff before it got lost."
 "What would you recom-

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mend in a big city, where you've got crowded conditions, in the way of helping youngsters?"

Kefauver's OK

"Well, I would recommend more playgrounds. More sports and activity. Give them something to do to keep their minds occupied—where they wouldn't be idle."

"Did they have playgrounds in St. Louis?"

"Well, yes they did. They had playgrounds — but it wasn't enough for all the kids, so they let the good kids go on it and kept us bad kids off."

"It sometimes happens in the District of Columbia, too."

"It's like they say, one bad apple can spoil the whole bushel."

"Here in the District of Columbia, we've had some debate that children when they are wayward should be punished by being spanked. What do you think of that?"

"Well, I feel they should be spanked; in that way they wouldn't run over the teacher."

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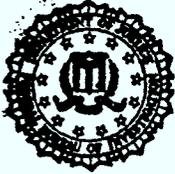
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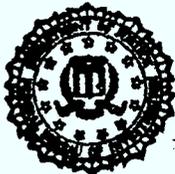
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Reference San Antonio Memorandum dated and
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From: Director, FBI (25-330571)

NATION OF ISLAM
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No active investigation should be conducted to
resolve this matter. Each office should, however, contact
informants and furnish the Bureau any information indicating
whether there is any truth to the statement made concerning
Liston.

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This matter should be handled expeditiously and, in
the event positive information is determined, such information
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There is attached for the information of Philadelphia
and Denver a copy of the above-mentioned LHM for information.

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① - 163-1275 (Charles "Sonny" Liston)

NOTE: Dissemination of the above reference LHM is being held in
abeyance pending receipt of information requested above.

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HOW MOB 'CUT UP' LISTON

'Commission' Edict Settled War Among Gangsters

By Sandy Smith

Sun-Times Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Gangland's all-powerful "Commission" settled a squabble between mobsters over control of Charles (Sonny) Liston before he won the world's heavyweight championship, Justice Department officials said Tuesday.

Federal prosecutors told The Sun-Times that an edict from the Commission, the supreme council of organized crime, ended a 1961 quarrel between Chicago and Eastern gangsters over shares of Liston's earnings.

The hoodlums haggled over the winnings of Liston when he was a heavyweight contender under the management of Joseph (Pep) Barone, of Philadelphia, the government officials said.

Former Manager

Barone managed Liston from 1958 to 1961. At present, George Katz, of Philadelphia, and Jack Nilon, of Chester, Pa.,

are co-managers of Liston. A spokesman for the Justice Department emphasized that the government has no evidence that Liston himself or Katz and Nilon ever split purses with gangsters.

The burgeoning federal inquiry into the Commission and its secret society, La Cosa Nostra, revealed how the 12 gangsters on the crime council acted in 1961 as the boxing commission of the underworld.

The power of the Commission over boxing was traced by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in a probe of Barone's

management of Liston and while working on a California extortion case, it was disclosed.

Right To Muscle In

The California shakedown scheme developed after the Commission granted Eastern mobsters the right to "muscle in" on purses of fighters on the West Coast, according to the Justice Department.

Both investigations, the government sources said, showed the way the Commission functions to settle the everlasting underworld wrangles over money, jurisdiction and territory.

The Federal Bureau of In-

vestigation has revealed the Commission as the highest council of the crime brotherhood gangsters call La Cosa Nostra—"our cause."

The Commission has the final say when hoodlums fall out over which mob shall control what racket, the FBI found.



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According to the government, the Commission is composed of mob chiefs from Chicago and eight other cities. The Chicago gang boss, Momo Salvatore (Moe) Giancana, has been identified as one of the

Midwest gangsters on the Commission.

The 1961 dispute over Liston's contract, federal investigators said, brought Giancana into conflict with three other members of the Commission — Angelo Bruno, of Philadelphia, and two Brooklyn mobsters, Tommy (Three-Finger Brown) Pucchesse and Carlo Gambino.

Rule Against Giancana

The hassle reached the Commission, which eventually ruled against Giancana, after simmering for months on a lower level of gangland, it was revealed.



VITALE

CARBO

Share in contract

At the start, the government found, four lesser gangland figures were involved in the bickering over Liston's earnings.

They were identified as Paul John (Frankie) Carbo, 59, one-time underworld boxing czar; Frank (Blinky) Palermo, 58, a Philadelphia fight manager; John Vitale, 54, a St. Louis gang boss, and Bernard Glickman, 43, a Chicago boxing manager and pal of crime syndicate gangsters.

The FBI investigation disclosed that all four held secret shares of Liston's contract from 1958 to early 1961, Justice Department officials said.

Carbo was convicted in the California boxing extortion case and is serving a 25-year prison term. In the same case, a 15-year prison sentence was imposed upon Palermo.

(Carbo's control over scores of fighters was spelled out in 1960 in testimony before a U.S. Senate committee investigating boxing.)

(Palermo's police record in Philadelphia is part of the record of the committee hearings. It shows that Palermo served a jail term for operating a lottery and was arrested nine times on charges including assault and battery, operating a disorderly club, and reckless use of firearms.)

(Vitale's police dossier, also in the committee record, discloses that he served a prison term for dope peddling. He was arrested 13 times by St. Louis police as a suspect in murders, robberies, thefts and gambling operations.)

(All three — Carbo, Palermo and Vitale — appeared before the committee. All refused to testify about their control of Liston, citing fear of possible self-incrimination.)

The first account of the dispute over Liston's contract, The Sun-Times was told, came from the network of informants used by the FBI to infiltrate and expose La Cosa Nostra.

A source high in the Justice Department reported that a subsequent inquiry by FBI agents revealed the full story of the quarrel.

The government spokesman said the FBI had found that:

Aides of Vitale, the St. Louis rackets chief, acquired control of Liston in 1952 after Liston served a Missouri prison sentence for robbery.

Owens 25 Per Cent

Glickman picked up a 25 per cent share of Liston's contract in 1957. Then, Liston's career was in the doldrums. Promoters showed no interest in him. He went 21 months without a single fight.

(In the La Cosa Nostra hierarchy, Vitale is described as



SONNY LISTON
Object of gang war

subservient to Giancana, whose rackets authority as a Commission delegate covers Illinois and eastern Missouri.

(Glickman is a buddy of Giancana and Tony Accardo, the predecessor of Giancana as the Chicago mob's delegate on the gangland Commission. In 1960, Glickman was a defense witness at Accardo's trial on charges of income tax fraud. Glickman was observed by police at Accardo's lavish Independence Day lawn parties from 1954 to 1956.)

In 1958, Liston's contract went to Barone, in Philadelphia. As part of the deal, Glickman retained his interest in Liston.

At the time, the explanation offered by Liston's backers for his move to Philadelphia was that he could obtain better training facilities and sparring partners there.

Soon, however, Carbo and Palermo were revealed as the true owners of Liston. They permitted Glickman to keep his share of Liston—for a price. During this period, Glickman "loaned" \$10,000 to Carbo and made other "loans" reportedly exceeding \$35,000 to Palermo.

(The U.S. Senate committee investigating boxing heard testimony in 1960 that Liston's contract was cut up this way—Carbo, 52 per cent; Palermo, 12 per cent; Vitale, 12 per cent, and two other persons "not identified," 12 per cent each.)

(In his testimony before the Senate committee, Glickman described his big-money deals with Carbo on a number of fighters but did not mention Liston.)

(From the witness stand, Glickman admitted pooling fight bets with Carbo. He also conceded that he had given a total stranger \$10,000 to deliver to Carbo. Glickman called the \$10,000 a "loan." He confessed however, that the transaction was strange, like Carbo's messenger.

Has His Regrets

(At another point in his committee testimony, Glickman said he regretted ever getting into boxing where, he said, "I probably am wrong and I paid for it.")

(Boxing, he added, had ruined his awning manufacturing business in Chicago.)

("My reputation is gone," Glickman testified. "Everybody thinks I am a thief and a hoodlum and a crook.")

The dispute over Liston flared late in 1960 when the Palermo-Carbo combine suddenly stripped Glickman of his interest in the heavyweight contender.

This action provoked a quick protest from Giancana.

But the ouster of Glickman by Palermo and Carbo was backed by the three Eastern Commission delegates—Bruno, in Philadelphia, Pucchesse and Gambino, in Brooklyn.

In essence, the conflict was territorial. For the Eastern gangsters saw no reason to permit Chicago influence in the affairs of Liston, then fighting out of Philadelphia.

The three Commission big shots had been in Carbo's corner for years, throwing their underworld power behind his scheme to control boxers and presumably taking a slice of his end of the purses.

Moreover, Carbo was a member of the La Cosa Nostra "family"—or gang—headed by Pucchese in New York.

Giancana put on the pressure to the accompaniment of wails from Glickman that he was getting nothing for the \$45,000 he "loaned" to Carbo and Palermo.

But Bruno, Pucchese and Gambino, at the risk of knocking heads with Giancana on the level of the Commission stuck with Carbo in his decision to kick out Glickman.

Asks For It

At the insistence of Giancana, the deadlock over Liston's contract was laid before the Commission at a conference in Atlantic City early in 1961.

In a conclave in which Giancana, Gambino, Bruno and Pucchese participated with other Commission members, the decision went against Giancana.

The Commission ruled that the Chicago mob was out of bounds with the Glickman-Liston caper. Glickman, according to government informants, never did recover his share of Liston's contract.

The victors in this dispute, Carbo and Palermo, did not stay out of trouble for long, however.

Later in 1961, both were convicted in the boxing extortion conspiracy in California—where the Commission had granted them authority to "muscle" fight managers.

An FBI investigation resulted in the trial of Carbo, Palermo and three other boxing figures for an attempt to cut in on the earnings of Don Jordan, former world's welterweight champion.

The defendants were accused of threatening a fight promoter, Jackie Leonard, to extort a share of Jordan's earnings. Carbo and Palermo were convicted in Los Angeles on May 30, 1961.

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August 26, 1963

Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

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INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI

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By airtel dated 8/13/63 San Antonio furnished a letterhead memorandum to the Bureau to the effect that

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No information has been received from any other sources indicating that Liston is in any way connected with the NOI.

The NOI is an all-Negro, antiwhite, semireligious cult which preaches hatred of all white men. It is currently under investigation with Chicago as office of origin.

In view of the above, the information regarding the alleged NOI membership of Liston is not being disseminated.

ACTION: For information.

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[Redacted] Two copies each of LHM have also been forwarded to the Chicago, Denver, New York, and Philadelphia offices.

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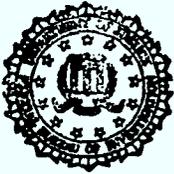
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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San Antonio, Texas

August 23, 1963

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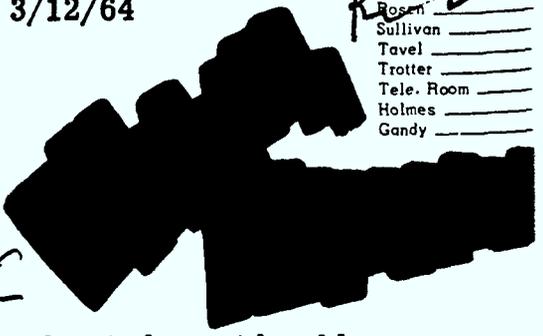
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TO : MR. TROTTER *C.H.S.*

DATE: 3/12/64

FROM : R. C. Anderson *RC*

SUBJECT: CHARLES "SONNY" LISTON
FBI #272 767 B
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Local newspapers of recent date have devoted considerable space to the arrest of Liston, former heavyweight champion, by the Denver Police Department.



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Liston's record indicates he was received in the State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, on 6/1/50 on charge of robbery with dangerous weapon to serve five years and was paroled 10/30/52. Additionally, he received nine months in the City Workhouse, St. Louis, Missouri, on 1/28/57 after plea of guilty to charge of assault to kill. Liston was also arrested on five other occasions by the Police Department, St. Louis, on charges of investigation, suspicion of larceny, gambling and strong arm. He did not receive any sentences as result of these arrests. His last arrest was by the Police Department, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 6/12/61 on charge of impersonating an officer--no disposition.

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TO : Mr. Belmont *bs*

DATE: May 8, 1964

FROM : C. A. Evans

SUBJECT: CASSIUS CLAY - SONNY LISTON
 HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP REMATCH
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TO : Mr. Belmont

FROM : C. A. Evans

SUBJECT: CHARLES "SONNY" LISTON

DATE: June 8, 1964

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On the night of March 10, 1964, former heavyweight champion Sonny Liston was arrested by a Denver, Colorado, police patrolman and charged with speeding at 76 miles per hour through a residential district.

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Liston was charged with carrying a concealed weapon, speeding and reckless driving. He entered a plea of not guilty and trial was set for June 9, 1964, in Denver Municipal Court. Liston was permitted to remain at liberty on bond pending trial.

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On May 29, 1964, Liston appeared before Municipal Judge Dan D. Diamond and after entering a plea of guilty to reckless driving and carrying a concealed weapon, received fines totaling \$600. Liston was represented by [REDACTED]

The "Rocky Mountain News" quoted the judge as making the following comments during the proceeding: "You have been an idol of mine --- I know you have been training this afternoon but your presence here was necessary. These charges could involve a jail sentence and I wanted to be sure you understand your rights." According to the news article, after Diamond assessed the fines he made the following additional comment to Liston: "Mr. Liston, God love you and bless you in your future. I'm sorry this had to happen."

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
Re: Charles "Sonny" Liston

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