

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LABORATORY

Laboratory Report

September 8, 1942

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Re: ██████████ was., et al;
Internal Security - C
Sedition;
Selective Service

File # ~~100-46229-237~~
7-4702-X14
Lab. # 53765

Examination requested by: Los Angeles

Reference:

Letter 8-14-42

Examination requested:

Document

Specimens:

- 100-46229-237 Q4 One envelope addressed to Ralph E. Jenry, Federal Judge, Federal Building, Los Angeles, postmarked Los Angeles, California., July 21, 1942, 3:00 PM, Station 9.
- Q5 Accompanying one sheet of lined paper dated July 21, 1942 beginning "This is to.....".

Result of Examination:

It has been concluded that the handwriting on specimens Q4 and Q5 was written by the same person as the handwriting on specimens Q1 through Q3, previously submitted in connection with this case by your office under date of December 18, 1941. Inasmuch as the previously submitted specimens were searched through the Laboratory's Anonymous Letter File and File of Writings pertaining to National Security and has not been identified, a further search is not being made.

The original evidence submitted for examination is being retained in the

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Kramer
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

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Mr. Cross	Laboratory (air mail)
Mr. Glavin	Los Angeles (air mail)
Mr. Ladd	SEP 9 1942 P.M.
Mr. Nichols	
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles, California
September 1, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

ATTENTION: TECHNICAL LABORATORY

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
RALPH M. JENNEY, VICTIM
EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter dated August 14, 1942, from the Los Angeles office to the Bureau, in the case entitled, [REDACTED] N.A.S., ET AL, INTERNAL SECURITY C, SEDITION, S-1-
ACTIVE SERVICE (Bureau file no. 100-46225). Reference letter had enclosed an original communication addressed to Honorable Judge RALPH M. JENNEY, United States District Court, Southern District of California, Los Angeles, and was signed "Avenge [REDACTED] Committee", and was dated July 21, 1942.

It is requested that the handwriting on this letter be compared with the photostatic copies being transmitted herewith, which were obtained from the United States Secret Service, to determine if the handwriting is the same. The letters are as follows:

"Los Angeles, Cal.
June 20, 1940

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Dear Madam,

We Italian people are very proud, but we are very revengeful, last week your husband insulted us Italian people which we can not tolerate, I myself am dedicating the rest of my life to avenge this insult in the name of Caribaldi, I am ready to sacrifice a string which makes an entrance for the privilege of planting my dagger into the heart of President Roosevelt, this I shall accomplish it is my last act on this earth.

Viva Mussolini,
Long Live Italy
Death to F.D.R.

The Blackhand Society of Italy

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September 1, 1942

ATTENTION: TECHNICAL LABORATORY
Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
RALPH S. DENNEY, VICTIM
EXTORTION

"April 27, 1941.
Los Angeles, Cal.

Chief of Police

Dear Sir:-

"This is to notify you that if Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt is permitted to speak tonight at the Philharmonic Auditorium, she will be shot to death on the speaker's platform as a traitor to our country.

"The time has come to destroy the warmongers in Washington, and restore our country to a policy of peace, and to stop us from plunging into war and ruin.

"No the People Want Peace.

Signed

"America First Committee"

The envelope for the letter dated April 27, 1941, is as follows:

"Los Angeles
Apr. 28
7 AM
1941

Chief of Police
Los Angeles,
California.

(City Hall) "

Two photostatic copies of each letter above set out, and the original copies of the envelopes which contained letter dated April 27, 1941, are being enclosed.

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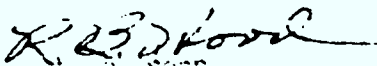
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ATTENTION: TECHNICAL LABORATORY
Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
RALPH E. JENNIFER, VICTIM
EXTORTION

It is also requested that all these letters be compared with specimens Q-1, Q-2, and Q-3, of Bureau file no. 100-46225-14, laboratory no. 66797, to determine if the handwriting is the same.

For the information of the laboratory, the Office of Secret Service, Los Angeles, advised that both letters above set out were written by the same person.

Very truly yours,


R. B. WOOD,
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

September 21, 1942

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File # ~~100-468~~

Lab. 9-9702-X15
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Re: Unknown Subject;
Ralph E. Janney - Victim;
EXTORTION

Examination requested by: Los Angeles

Reference: Letter 9/1/42

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

- Q6 Two photostatic copies of an envelope postmarked Los Angeles, California, April 28, 1941, 7 AM addressed to "Chief of Police".
- Q7 Two photostatic copies of sheet bearing letter dated April 27, 1941, beginning: "This is to notify you that....."
- Q8 Two photostatic copies of sheet bearing letter dated June 20, 1941, beginning: "We Italian people are very proud, but....."

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It was concluded that the handwriting on the specimens designated as Q6 through Q8 was written by the same person as the handwriting on specimens Q1 through Q5 previously submitted in connection with this case. Specimens Q1 through Q3 were submitted by your office under date of December 18, 1941 and specimens Q4 and Q5 by your office under date of August 14, 1942.

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The evidence submitted for examination, specimens Q6 through Q8, is being retained in the Laboratory.

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Carson _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
- Mr. Hendon _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Mr. Nease _____

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles, California
September 24, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

ATTENTION: TECHNICAL LABORATORY

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
JUDGE RALPH E. JENNEY - Victim
(Extortion Letter of 7/21/42)
EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

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There is being forwarded herewith a small white envelope addressed to "United Artists Studio, Hollywood, Cal.," postmarked at Los Angeles, California, Number 301. On the face of the envelope in red pencil is written the word [REDACTED]. This notation was placed on the envelope by the informant and it is the name of the person who turned it over to the informant having received it from the United Artists Studio.

It is requested that the handwriting on this envelope be compared with the anonymous letter in instant case. It is further requested that the contents of the envelope, a small slip of white paper containing the printed message "Death to all Jews and Communists. U.S.P." be compared with the slip of paper containing the message "Death to F.D.R. and the British" which slip of paper was sent to J. EDGAR HOOVER, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C., in an envelope postmarked at Los Angeles and dated January 8, 1941. The Office of the Secret Service, Los Angeles, California, advised that this slip of paper was sent to J. EDGAR HOOVER on January 8, 1941, and that the original was probably still in the files of the Bureau in Washington, D. C., Secret Service having only photostatic copies.

It is further requested that the Technical Laboratory, conduct any other appropriate examination of the envelope or its contents which might be helpful in the investigation of this case.

Very truly yours,

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R. B. HORN
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 9-648

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES**

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 9/22/42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/20/42 9/15/42	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT JUDGE RALPH E. JENNEY - Victim (Extortion letter dated July 21, 1942)			CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Federal Judge RALPH E. JENNEY, Los Angeles, received handwritten anonymous letter dated 7/21/42 postmarked at Los Angeles, threatening revenge and reprisal against the United States Government for sending "our leader" to jail. Letter signed "Vengeance Noble Committee." Letter forwarded to Technical Laboratory which reports that subject letter written by same person who wrote letter to [REDACTED] Los Angeles County Jail, 12/13/41 signed "Peoples Army of Freedom." Files of Secret Service, Los Angeles, contain two anonymous threatening letters with similar handwriting, one letter addressed to Mrs. ROOSEVELT dated 6/20/40 threatening the life of the President and one to the Police Chief, Los Angeles, threatening the life of Mrs. ROOSEVELT. Secret Service files also contain envelopes with similar handwriting addressed to Police Chiefs in various U. S. cities which envelopes contain a slip of paper with the printed message "Death to F.D.R. and the British." Files of [REDACTED] contain an envelope addressed to the United Artists Studios in handwriting similar to the subject letter, which envelope contained a slip of paper with the message "Death to all the Jews and Communists. U.S.P." The subject letter and photostatic copies of the letters obtained from Secret Service and the envelope addressed to the United Artists Studios have been forwarded to the Technical Laboratory for comparison and check with the anonymous letter file. The files of [REDACTED] checked for letters sent to them by followers with similar handwriting. Files of Criminal Division, State of California, Los Angeles Sheriff's Office, Los Angeles Police Department checked with negative results. Participants in anti-war groups interviewed with negative results. Deutsches Haus customers during 1937-1938 interviewed.

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<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [REDACTED]</p> <p>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p> <p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT</p> <p>1 - Bureau</p> <p>1 - USA [REDACTED]</p> <p>3 - Los Angeles</p>	<p>1-11702</p> <p>SEARCHED []</p> <p>SERIALIZED []</p> <p>INDEXED []</p> <p>FILED []</p>
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REFERENCES: Bureau file 100-46225.
Los Angeles letter 9/1/42.
Bureau teletype 8/13/42 in the case entitled [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was, ET AL; INTERNAL SECURITY - C"

DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated on the receipt of an anonymous threatening letter by Federal Judge RALPH E. JENNEY. This letter was dated July 21, 1942, and addressed to "RALPH E. JENNEY, Federal Judge, Federal Building, L.A.," and postmarked, Los Angeles. The letter, handwritten and in ink, is as follows:

"July 21, 1942

"Honorable Sir:-

"This is to notify you that we, the followers of [REDACTED] are hereby swearing revenge and reprisal against the U. S. Gov't, for sending our leader to prison.

"Death to F.D.R. and all his Jew clique in Wash. D.C.

"Avenge [REDACTED] Committee."

The original letter was forwarded to the Bureau after four photostatic copies of the letter and the envelope were made, two being retained in instant file and two having been forwarded to the United States Secret Service, Treasury Department, Los Angeles, California. The Technical Laboratory was requested to compare the handwriting on this letter with the anonymous letter file. No request was made to process the letter for latent fingerprints in that numerous persons handled the letter prior to its having been turned over to this office.

By letter dated September 8, 1942, the Technical Laboratory advised that a search of the anonymous letter file reflected that the writer of the threatening letter to Judge JENNEY was identical with the writer of a letter to [REDACTED] Hall of Justice, Los Angeles, California, dated December 13, 1941, and postmarked at Los Angeles, California, which letter, handwritten and in ink, is as follows:

"Los Angeles, Cal.
Dec. 13, 1941.

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[REDACTED]
Dear Sir:-

Your organization is very sorry to hear of your arrest for your

brave stand against F.D.R. and his war policies, you must now consider yourself a political prisoner for the duration of this war, and for your own benefit the less you say from now on the better it will be for you, you did your patriotic duty to try to save our country from entering a disastrous war, now sit back and relax and we will continue the fight where you left off, we have been organizing secretly for a long time and are pretty well armed and prepared for action to rid our country of F.D.R. and his clique once and for all.

"We admit the Japs did give us quite a surprise at Pearl Harbor, but that surprise is nothing to the surprise we have in store for F.D.R. and his clique of international bankers in Wash. D.C., we will strike when they least expect and after we are through cleaning house in Wash. D.C., this country will be at peace with the rest of the World forever.

"So just relax fellow patriot and look toward the future, which will bring our country peace and prosperity forever.

"God Bless us in our fight for freedom from F.D.R. and all that he and his clique stand for.

"America first and forever.

"The Peoples Army of Freedom."

A photostatic copy of the letter addressed to [REDACTED] is being placed in instant file.

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F. C. WASSON, Office of Secret Service, Treasury Department, Federal Reserve Building, Los Angeles, California, advised after receiving photostatic copies of the letter to Judge JENNEY that he felt certain the writer of this letter was identical with the writer of two handwritten letters which were in the files of the Secret Service Office and a number of envelopes addressed to police chiefs in various large cities which contained a printed message which will be set out later.

The first letter which he felt was written by the writer of the letter to Judge JENNEY was addressed to Mrs. ROOSEVELT, Washington, D. C., and postmarked at Los Angeles, California, June 29, 1940. The letter was handwritten in ink and is as follows.

"Los Angeles, Cal.
June 20, 1940

"Dear Madam.

"We Italian people are very proud, but we also are very revengful, last week your husband insulted us Italian people which we can not tolerate, I myself am dedicating the rest of my life to avenge this insult in the name of Garibaldi, I am ready to die before a firing squad anytime in exchange for the privilege of plunging my dagger into the heart of President Roosevelt, this I shall accomplish if it is my last act on this earth.

"Viva Mussolini
Long Live Italy
Death to F.D.R.

"The Blackhand Society of Sicily"

The second letter is addressed to the Chief of Police, Los Angeles, California, postmarked at Los Angeles, and dated April 27, 1941. The letter is handwritten and in ink and is as follows:

"April 27, 1941.
Los Angeles, Cal.

"Chief of Police.

"Dear Sir:-

"This is to notify you that if Mrs. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT is permitted to speak tonight at the Philharmonic Auditorium, she will be shot to death on the speaker's platform as a traitor to our country.

"The time has come to destroy the warmongers in Washington, and restore our country to a policy of peace, and to stop us from plunging into war and ruin.

"We the People Want Peace.

"Signed
"America First Committee."

WASSON advised that an envelope addressed to "J. EDGAR HOOVER, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C., was also written by the person who wrote

the above letters. This envelope was postmarked at Los Angeles and dated January 8, 1941. The envelope contained a piece of white paper about 3 1/2" x 4" on which was stamped a printed message "Death to F.D.R. and the British." WASSON advised that similar envelopes with similar writing were sent to the police chiefs in New Orleans, Kansas City, and possibly other cities which were postmarked at Los Angeles and dated January 8, 1941.

WASSON further stated that he felt that the printing on the slip of paper was done by a rubber stamp printing press such as the kind purchased in a Woolworth store for 20 cents. He added that he had purchased such a printing press and had compared it with the printing on the slips sent to the police chiefs and felt it was the same type. Two photostatic copies of the letters dated June 20, 1940, and April 27, 1941, have been placed in instant file. WASSON further advised that he had conducted an active investigation to determine the writer of these anonymous letters and he felt that the writer of these letters was a woman, probably Italian and probably young. He stated that he had conducted a handwriting contest in one of the high schools in the section of Los Angeles where most of the Italian persons lived. He also stated his investigation revealed that the number on the postmark was of no assistance in locating the place where the letter was mailed in that this number merely represented the number of the machine through which the letter went on being canceled and that the canceling machines numbers 1 through 13 were located in the Terminal Annex, Los Angeles, and that all letters in the possession of the Secret Service attributed to the unknown subject were canceled at the Terminal Annex.

WASSON further advised that his investigation of the paper used by the subject revealed that the paper came from a ruled tablet which could be purchased in any 10-cent store and that the envelopes were common envelopes which could likewise be purchased in a ten-cent store; that neither the envelopes nor the paper contained any watermarks.

On September 1, 1942, photostatic copies of the two letters received from the Secret Service, one dated June 20, 1940, and one dated April 27, 1941, were forwarded to the Technical Laboratory of the Bureau for comparison with the letter addressed to JUDGE JEREMY and the letter addressed to [REDACTED] dated December 13, 1941. b7c

b2/b7D Confidential National Defense Informant [REDACTED] turned over to the Los Angeles Field Office on August 21, 1942, a small envelope 2 1/2" x 3 3/4" addressed to "United Artists Studio, Hollywood, Cal." The envelope was handwritten and in ink, containing no return address, and was postmarked at Los Angeles, Number 301. No date was shown. The envelope contained a small slip of white paper 1 1/2" x 3/4" upon which was printed "Death to all Jews and Communists. U.S.P."

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Confidential National Defense Informant [redacted] advised that he had received this envelope and its contents around 1938 from the United Artists Studio through a contact of his at the studio at that time. The envelope and the contents are being forwarded to the Technical Laboratory for comparison with the letters previously referred to to determine whether or not the writer of this envelope to the United Artists Studio is the same as the writer of the letter to JUDGE JENNEY and to determine if the printed message on the slip of paper enclosed in the envelope was printed by the same press as printed the message "Death to F.D.R. and the British" previously referred to.

Eight photostatic copies of the envelope and its contents were made and two are being furnished the Office of the Secret Service; the remaining six copies are being retained in instant file.

Confidential National Defense Informant [redacted] advised that at or about the time he received the envelope addressed to the United Artists Studio he likewise received information from [redacted]

[redacted] that a few of the students were active in Bund affairs and were conducting a campaign of tyranny against the Jewish students at Belmont High; that a small slip of paper containing a printed message "Death to the Jews" had been placed on [redacted] desk and he felt that this probably emanated from one of these active student Bund members. Informant further advised that he believed that slips of paper similar to the one sent to the United Artists Studio had been distributed at the Deutches Haus around 1938. However, he could not recall who distributed them.

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[redacted] advised that the two persons who were students at Belmont High in 1937 and 1938 who were so active in abusing the Jews and who were also frequenters at the Deutches Haus were [redacted]. He advised that the slip of paper which had been placed on his desk contained the message "Death to the Jews" and was on brown manila paper and was printed. When shown the slip of paper which was sent to the United Artists Studios he advised that neither the paper nor the printing resembled the slip which had been left on his desk. He advised that the only copy of the slip of paper with the message "Death to the Jews" which had been distributed at Belmont High was the one which was found on his desk.

On August 28, 1942, Source of Information A advised that he did not know of instant incident at Belmont High where slips of paper with the message "Death to Jews" were distributed nor could he recall any such distribution at the Deutches Haus at any time. When shown the slip he advised that he had never seen any similar slip before. He advised that [redacted] was at Belmont High with him and was

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very anti-Semitic and that he probably got this attitude from his father who was likewise anti-Semitic. Source A advised that at one time while at home he was shown a typed letter which was addressed to [redacted] denouncing him. Source A could not recall whether or not this letter was signed by [redacted]. Source A suggested that the letter might possibly have been written by [redacted] subjects of Bureau file 100-5725) since they were contemplating printing anti-Semitic literature and distributing same at the Deutsches Haus. Source A advised that his address after August 23, 1942, would be [redacted]

The files of Selective Service Board 224, 1642 Temple Street, Los Angeles, reflected that [redacted] was born [redacted] and that he formerly lived at [redacted] and was presently living at [redacted] that he had previously been in the National Guard from 1936 to 1939 at which time he received an honorable discharge.

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[redacted] telephone [redacted] advised on August 24, 1942, that [redacted] boarded with her and had been there for about a month; that he was employed [redacted] that he took frequent trips for the company to San Diego; that he formerly lived in Los Angeles with his father whom she believed to be a retired Government worker. [redacted] could not give the father's present address.

On August 25, 1942, [redacted] advised that she was [redacted] and that [redacted] lived there and had been living there since February, 1940; that he lived alone and apparently was retired and received a pension from the Government; that he is about sixty years of age and was a Spanish-American War Veteran; that he was very religious and spent a great deal of time in the Catholic Church in the vicinity. She further advised that he opposed the policies of President ROOSEVELT but she believed him to be a good American and that he wouldn't harm anyone. She added that he typed letters in his room, borrowing a typewriter from [redacted] who resides at the same address. [redacted] described [redacted] as follows:

Age	55
Height	5'11"
Hair	Gray
Posture	Very straight
Build	Slender

b2/b7D Confidential National Defense Informant [redacted] advised that he had spent a great deal of time at the Deutsches Haus, Los Angeles, during the

years 1937, 1938, and 1939; that during this time he had never seen any slips of paper containing a message similar to the message on the slip addressed to the United Artists Studio. He advised that there were persons who frequented the Deutsches Haus who distributed anti-Semitic literature and that this printed message might possibly have been distributed by them. He named as possible printers and distributors of this message [redacted] also their sister and mother.

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Confidential National Defense Informant [redacted] also advised that the slips might possibly have been printed and distributed by a man who was connected with [redacted] (subject of a Bureau Internal Security investigation) in establishing an organization around 1938 known as the National Patriots. He advised that he could not recall the individual's name but knew him to be a member of the Board of Directors of the National Patriots and advised that Confidential National Defense Informant [redacted] had a list of the directors. He stated that he felt that this person was the type who might put out such a message as that contained on the slip above referred to in that he was extremely anti-Semitic and was always anxious to publicly display this feeling. Informant advised that another person who might possibly have distributed such a message was [redacted] an ex-nurse who formerly came from Chicago and who while in Los Angeles lived [redacted]. He advised that the Los Angeles Office was cognizant of the address of [redacted]. He advised that [redacted] was very much opposed to the Jews and to President ROOSEVELT and she impressed him as being the type that would go so far as to have printed such a message and would even write threatening letters. Informant stated that he had never known anyone who had written anonymous letters to the President or to any other person.

[redacted] advised, on being shown the slip of paper containing the message "Death to all Jews and Communists," that he had never seen such a slip of paper before nor had he seen one similar to it. [redacted] was a person who was very active in anti-war organizations prior to Pearl Harbor and was well acquainted with many persons who were active in the organizations both before and after Pearl Harbor.

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[redacted] on being shown the slip sent to United Artists Studio advised that he had never seen anything similar to it. [redacted] advised that he did not know of anyone who had written anonymous threatening letters to Governmental officials or Jewish persons or others. [redacted] like [redacted] was very active in anti-war organizations prior to Pearl Harbor.

[redacted] of the Los Angeles Police Department stated that no letters had come to his attention written in a handwriting similar to the writing on the letters which were sent to JUDGE JEROME, MRS. ROOSEVELT,

and the Los Angeles Chief of Police. He advised, however, that the Los Angeles Police Department had a file on known handwriting specimens and he would have this file searched for a possible identification. [redacted] further advised that no slips of paper containing a printed message similar to the one sent to the United Artists Studio had ever come to his attention.

The files of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office and the Criminal Division, State of California, were checked with negative results.

The files of [redacted] (all subjects of Bureau investigations to determine whether or not they are unregistered agents of foreign principals) were checked. These files are in the possession of the Attorney General, State of California, and the District Attorney, Los Angeles County. The files were checked with a view to obtaining letters or contribution envelopes which contained handwriting of persons who had written to the subjects or had contributed to them, which writing had characteristics similar to the characteristics in the letters written by the unknown subject. If such were found they were to have been forwarded to the Technical Laboratory for identification. The results of the search were negative.

b7C [redacted] Wilcox Building, Second and Spring Streets, Los Angeles, attorney for [redacted] above referred to, during his trial for sedition in May and June, 1942, in Los Angeles, advised that a number of [redacted] followers had sent him letters and had passed him notes during the course of the trial. He turned these over to the writer to examine with a view to locating a handwriting with characteristics similar to those in subject letter. The results of this search were negative. [redacted] further advised that he was anxious to cooperate with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in any way in locating the writer of the anonymous letter and he felt that he might be able to get handwriting specimens of any suspects if they were desired in that he could call them into his office and have them do some work for him.

The records of the Los Angeles County Jail reflected that the following persons visited [redacted] and [redacted] during their stay in jail

[redacted]

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION:

At Altadena, California, will interview [redacted] as a suspect and take handwriting specimens.

At Los Angeles, California, will interview WILLIAM LEWIS, 259 South Moreno, as a suspect and take handwriting specimens.

Will maintain contact with [redacted] Wilcox Building, Second and Spring Streets, and consider the possibility of having him circulate a petition for the release of [redacted] in order that a large number of signatures may be obtained.

Will check with the mail censor at the Los Angeles County Jail for mail addressed to [redacted] (presently in custody under indictment for having sent anonymous threatening letters to Federal Judge BEN HARRISON) with a view to locating a letter sent to [redacted] by the unknown subject of instant case.

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Will leave photostatic copies of the unknown subject's letter at the Los Angeles Police Department with Captain [redacted] in order that they may be compared with the handwriting specimens on file there.

Will locate [redacted] of the National Patriots, and interview him as a suspect.

Will locate and interview as suspects [redacted] and [redacted] in the National Patriots movement.

Will locate and interview [redacted] former customer at the Deutsches Haus, who previously lived at the home of [redacted]

Will locate and interview [redacted] of the youth [redacted] at the Deutsches Haus.

Will interview [redacted] as suspects and take handwriting specimens.

Will consider all the persons who visited [redacted] at the County Jail as possible suspects and treat them accordingly.

Will report results of the Laboratory examination.

Will interview persons who frequented the Deutsches Haus in 1937, 1938, and 1939, in an attempt to find the printer and distributor of the slip of paper containing the message "Death to all the Jews and Communists."

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SOURCE OF INFORMATION A

[REDACTED] formerly [REDACTED]
now located at [REDACTED] Source

A has been an informant of this office for the past few years concerning activities at the Detachés Hans.

*The Psychological
Group consisting of
Hans O.*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

February 6, 1941

File # ~~95-6046-1~~

Lab # 40996

Re: Anonymous Communication
William H. Sears, Complainant
Threats Against the President

Examination requested by: Seattle

Reference: Letter 1/17/41

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Specimens:

- 95-6046-1 Q1 Envelope postmarked "Los Angeles, California, January 8, 1941, 6 P. M."
Q2 Accompanying slip of paper bearing the message "Death for F.D.R. and the British."

Result of examination.

Specimen Q1 is a white bond finish envelope which measures 3.08 inches by 5.50 inches by .0044 inches, weighs 2.386 grams and contains no watermark. The name and address are written in script with blue ink.

Specimen Q2 is a sheet of white, unruled, bond finish paper which measures 2.99 inches by 5.01 inches by .0032 inches and apparently come from what is commonly known as a 3 by 5 pad. This specimen weighs .573 grams and contains no watermark. The message on Q2 has been written with a rubber stamp lettering set.

A report on the fingerprint examination will be submitted separately.

Specimens Q1 and Q2 were searched through the Laboratory's Anonymous Letter File and similarities were noted between the script writing on the envelope with specimens Q2 and Q3 submitted in connection with the case entitled, Unknown Subject, Eddie Cantor, Extortion, which was previously submitted to the Los Angeles Field Office with their letter dated March 16, 1939. The Bureau file number is 95-6046-1.

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case is 9-1171. The amount of writing was too limited to permit a definite conclusion.

It was concluded that the lettering set used in preparing specimen Q2 in the instant case is of the kind manufactured by the Fulton Specialty Company, 82 Fulton Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey and is called the "Ben Franklin Rubber Type Set #24x". The rubber type impressions on Q2 in the instant case were not made by the same rubber type set used in making the rubber type impressions on specimen Q3 in Bureau File #9-1171.

Photographic copies of specimens Q1 and Q2 in the instant case and specimens Q2 and Q3 in Bureau File #9-1171 are being transmitted herewith to your office and also to the Los Angeles Field Division.

The original evidence submitted for examination is being retained in the Laboratory.

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