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AND
PRIVACY ACTS**

SUBJECT: FRANCES PERKINS

**FILE NUMBER: 9-578,62-28592, 62-55640,
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington Field Office, Room 1741
Washington, D. C.

February 14, 1935.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Penn. ave. at 2nd St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

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FEB 16 1935

Dear Sir:

Confirming information furnished Mr. Tamm, of the Bureau, at 10:30 A. M. today, the following investigation was made pursuant to the request of the Secretary of Labor:

On February 13, 1935, Mr. E. F. McReady, Assistant to Secretary of Labor Perkins, called me on the telephone with the statement that the Secretary had received a telegram from [redacted] According to Mr. McReady, the telegram was signed abusive and threatened to have the Secretary thrown out of office. Mr. McReady requested that we procure information as to the identity of the sender.

With the approval of Mr. Tamm, I telephoned Agent in Charge Harvey, who furnished the following information on the morning of February 14:

[redacted]

After conferring with Mr. Tamm, this information was communicated by telephone to Mr. E. F. McReady, who expressed his appreciation for the promptness and thoroughness of the facts collected and expressed the thanks of Secretary Perkins therefor. Mr. McReady stated it would be unnecessary to confirm this in writing.

Very truly yours,
J. M. Egan,
Special Agent in Charge.

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February 22, 1953

Mr. E. F. Clarke,
Chief Inspector,
Post Office Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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The following information was furnished to the
Post Office Department on January 14, 1953, for the
file of the [redacted] [redacted]
[redacted]

That [redacted] are being received [redacted]
[redacted] in [redacted] in [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
[redacted] at the [redacted] of [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
[redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
[redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Very truly yours,

[redacted]

[redacted]

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 14, 1935

Time - 10:17 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Threatening telegram received by
Secretary of Labor Perkins.

Mr. Keith telephoned from the Washington Field Office relative to the above telegram, and stated that he had received information from the Philadelphia Office that the men who sent this telegram is somewhat of mental incapacity and further that he is infuriated most of the time.

Mr. Keith further stated that he would transmit this information to Mr. McGrady, Assistant Secretary of Labor, who had called the Washington Field Office requesting the investigation.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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ATTENTION: MR. [illegible]
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
Director

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 13, 1935

Time - 10:40 A.M.

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Re: Threatening telegram received
by Secretary of Labor Perkins.

Mr. Keith telephoned from the Washington Field Office stating that he had received a telephone call from Mr. E. F. McGrady, Assistant Secretary of Labor, who informed Mr. Keith that the Secretary had received a telegram of a rather threatening nature; that this telegram does not threaten any bodily harm, merely says that if a certain thing is not done, a certain movement will be started against her. Mr. McGrady wanted to know, since this telegram was received from [redacted] if it would cause an investigation to be made to ascertain the background of this man; that they want merely a directory examination and an investigation of that sort.

I told Mr. Keith that since Special Agent in Charge Harvey probably has an Agent at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, he, Mr. Keith, should contact Mr. Harvey and requested this investigation.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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SUBJECT Frances Perkins

FILE NO. 62-28592

Mr. Nathan
 Mr. Tolson
 Mr. Edwards
 Mr. Clegg

Police Guard

Given Frances Perkins at
 Temple University Ad-
 dress After Threats.

Philadelphia, April 18 (U.P.).—A
 guard of 50 police was thrown around
 Mitten Hall at Temple University to-
 night where Frances Perkins, Secre-
 tary of Labor, was speaking before a
 gathering of 1,500 clubwomen.

The action was taken by Assistant
 Superintendent of Police Joseph Le-
 strange after letters threatening vio-
 lence to Miss Perkins, received at
 Temple University, had been turned
 over to him.

Plain clothes men inspected the
 tickets of all persons attending the
 dinner. A police escort met the Sec-
 retary of Labor at the train and
 guarded her during the evening.

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PERKINS HOLDS 'OLIVE BRANCH' FOR CONGRESS

Takes 'Good Will' Role
on Labor Questions

By WILLIAM S. NEAL

(I.N.S.) As lines were drawn today for a battle to revise the Wagner labor act, Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins assumed the role of "good-will ambassador" of the Administration in dealing with Congress on labor questions.

In a friendly gesture, Miss Perkins invited members of the House Labor Committee to confer with her at a luncheon next week. Members of the Senate Labor Committee also are expected to attend.

STIRS CURIOSITY

While the proposed get-together was described merely as a social gathering, the secrecy which surrounded the invitation created keen curiosity among members of the Labor committees.

Miss Perkins already has disclosed her efforts to bring peace between the American Federation of Labor and the Congress for Industrial Organization and is prepared, militantly, to defend basic principles of the Wagner labor act. There have been rumors, however, that Miss Perkins might sanction some changes in the law to quell criticism of the law and the labor board.

SEEKS COOPERATION

The Secretary, it was reported, is anxious to establish co-operative relationship with the congressional committees in dealing with the prospective bitter struggle over the labor law.

With a canvass of the House Labor Committee indicating that drastic revision of the Wagner act would meet with stiff opposition, a group of militant members decided to use the petition method, if necessary, to force the issue to the floor of Congress.

"STACKED," HE SAYS

"It looks as if the House committee is stacked against any changes," said Representative Anderson (D.) of Missouri, who introduced a bill to repeal the Wagner act and set up a new labor relations plan.

"If the committee does not report on my bill within 30 days, I'll put a petition on the Speaker's desk and ask members to sign. That will get it to the floor."

Under House rules, a petition to discharge a committee from consideration of a bill must be signed by 218 members, a majority.

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Crowl.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Foxworth.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. McIntire.....
Mr. W. C. Clegg.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Date February 12, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Pursuant to instructions received from Mr. Nichols' Office, Mr. Gearty conducted a special tour Saturday, February 10, 1940, for the following persons:

Miss Kathleen O'Brien
863 Park Avenue,
New York, New York

Miss Elizabeth Ann Poole
c/o Secretary Perkins
2326 California Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

The above named persons came to the Bureau in the official car of the Secretary of Labor, and presented Madame Perkins' card which is attached hereto. The young ladies are house guests of Madame Perkins.

These young ladies showed the usual interest in the work of the Bureau, and were apparently pleased with the special attention they received.

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Respectfully,

T. E. Naughton

cc- Mr. Tolson

Signature

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Lester _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. McIntire _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____

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HENDON

MISS GANT

The Secretary of Labor

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Sept. 26, 1940

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Foxworth _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. McIntire _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rendon _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Tele. Room _____
Tour Room _____
Mr. Kleinkeuf _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Boehm _____
Miss Gandy _____

Earl Moser of the Washington Times-Herald called and stated he had just learned that Secretary of Labor Perkins had received a crank letter which she had turned over to the FBI; that as a result of this, and upon advice of the FBI, all offices in the Labor Department were closed at 4:30. He stated that Agents of the Bureau are presently at the Labor Department now and will not let anyone in and he asked to be advised what it is all about. He was advised that Mr. Hoover was presently not in his office and that the writer knew nothing about it. He then stated he would try to get in touch with Allen in the Department.

James Allen called about two minutes later and asked to be advised concerning this. He said that the reporter advised him that he had contacted Madam Perkins and she advised him that comment would have to come from the FBI. He asked to be called concerning it.

Mr. Boland in the Washington Herald Office advised he knows nothing about it and no Agents of the Bureau are at the Department of Labor. Alden on Mr. Tamm's desk does not know anything about it.

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Mr. Parsons is trying to learn something about this.
Tamm knows about it. 14

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Foxworth	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Carson	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Mr. Hendon	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

ADD BYRD, SENATE

BYRD CRITICIZED WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS MISS PERKINS' "ASTOUNDING INEPTITUDE" IN HANDLING THE STRIKE SITUATION AS IT AFFECTED NATIONAL DEFENSE PRODUCTION. HE CONTENDED THAT CONGRESS SHOULD GIVE THE NATIONAL DEFENSE MEDIATION BOARD ORIGINAL JURISDICTION OVER SUCH STRIKES WITH POWER TO ENFORCE ITS DECISIONS, COMPEL ARBITRATION OF DISPUTES, AND CONTINUE WORK DURING THE ARBITRATION.

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SENATOR BYRD CALLED IN THE SENATE TODAY FOR THE RESIGNATION OF SECRETARY PERKINS AND APPOINTMENT OF A "TWO FISTED" MAN WITH "INTENSIVE FORTITUDE" AS HER SUCCESSOR.

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Mr. Tolson	✓
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Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Gurnea	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Hendon	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Removal of Director Sought by Board

The executive board of the California State Federation of Labor has asked Frances Perkins, secretary of Labor, to remove Alice Rosseter, regional director of the National Labor Relations Board, from her position in the San Francisco district.

The board members charge Mrs. Rosseter with "a strongly biased anti-A.F.L. attitude."

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Sec. Perkins Urges A. F. of L. To Clean House

Leaders Should Be
American Citizens,
She Tells Convention

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 7 (C.T. P.S.).—Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins today called on the American Federation of Labor in its sixty-first annual convention to drive racketeering influences out of its union: by making these organizations elect trustworthy officers and furnish full details of union finances. She declared labor should be as accountable to the public as are banks, insurance companies and stock exchanges. Madame Perkins also asserted that all union officials should be American citizens. This was seen as her repudiation of Harry Bridges, West Coast CIO leader, whose cause she had once championed.

Not Interested in Bridges

Bridges deportation to his native Australia on a finding that he once belonged to the Communist Party, which advocated overthrow of American Government, has been recommended by a Federal referee. Madame Perkins said she was "not interested" in Bridges.

The delegates exhibited sharply contrasting attitudes in listening to messages from President Roosevelt and Governor Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota. Little more than half of the 600 delegates were in the hall when the President's address was read, and the hand clapping was subdued. He had called on labor to support his all-out program of aid to Great Britain and Russia by avoiding any stoppages of defense work.

All the delegates were in their places, however, when Stassen delivered his talk in person. He was interrupted by loud cheers when he called on the Government to prevent abuses that precipitate strikes and ask labor to keep the administration's widespread powers on only a temporary basis. He was given a long standing ovation when he finished.

Urges High Standards

Secretary Perkins, while not using the specific word "racketeering," said the public demands that unions maintain high standards, particularly in the handling of "other people's money."

"The scrupulous accounting for money, regular independent and public audits of all moneys, including insurance funds, dues and assessments, is bound to be expected," she said, "and it should be done voluntarily by the trade unions, rather than under compulsion. Many of the best unions have established such methods and are to be congratulated."

"With the trade union basic right protected by statute, surely no moneys need be expended, except as authorized by the membership and for purposes which can be stated in a public accounting without embarrassment to anyone."

"The public also expects of its institutions that no individuals shall gain at the expense of the public and that no funds will be sidetracked into the pockets of those whose activities serve either their personal greed or antisocial purpose. The public has this same expectation of banks, insurance companies and stock exchange."

Speculate on Browne

There was speculation as to whether Madame Perkins' remarks were inspired by the case of George E. Browne, twelfth vice president of the AFL and president of the International Association of Theatrical and Stage Employees. There have been reports he will not be renominated to the AFL executive council. He is scheduled to go on trial in New York tomorrow on charges of conspiracy to extort \$50,000 from motion picture companies.

Governor Stassen said the Government should have a clear-cut labor policy and should not take away the right to strike.

Mr. E. A. Tamm
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 Mr. Quinn Tamm ☒
 Mr. Nease ☒
 Mr. Gandy ☒

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Three Who Were Present



NEW YORK—Miss Frances Perkins (right), who was elected president of the 10-day International Labor Organization conference, converses with Jan Masaryk (left), Czecho-Slovakian minister of foreign affairs, and Sir Shanmukham Chetty (center), head of the Indian Purchasing Commission in the United States.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR
 FROM : Edw. A. Tamm
 SUBJECT: *EAT*

DATE: October 30, 1946

Mr. Joseph Carroll of War Assets telephoned. By way of background, you may recall that some days ago I spoke to Mr. Carroll about an employee of War Assets Administration, [REDACTED] who is in contact with Colonel Cooper at Monroe Kaplan's present residence and place of business. Carroll stated he was trying to get rid of [REDACTED] that she had been appointed under Commander Frost and Colonel Cooper to a CAF-11 post with Civil Service status as an investigator when actually she was being utilized only to clip newspapers and doing other CAF-3 jobs. Carroll stated he was exposed to some pressure by persons trying to keep [REDACTED] in her present job.

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 Mr. Carroll was contacted by telephone by Miss Frances Perkins, former Secretary of Labor and now a member of the Civil Service Commission. Miss Perkins stated that she felt that [REDACTED] should be maintained in her CAF-11 job because she had been appointed to that job with Civil Service and the mere fact that she was not performing the duties of a CAF-11 job did not affect her status as a CAF-employee. Miss Perkins urged Mr. Carroll to maintain [REDACTED] in her job and Carroll pointed out that she was not doing work commensurate with her salary. Miss Perkins stated that this made no difference and that as a matter of fact, when she was Secretary of Labor she frequently made appointments to high-salaried jobs because of their background and experience although she utilized them in doing a type of work much inferior to their ability and background. Mr. Carroll indicated that Miss Perkins, if she desired to have the Civil Service Commission issue instructions concerning maintaining [REDACTED] in a CAF-11 job doing CAF-3 work, should formally so advise the War Assets Administration, but Miss Perkins avoided commenting upon this suggestion. Miss Perkins then inquired as to the qualification for an investigator's position (since [REDACTED] has the rating of an investigator) and Mr. Carroll pointed out that the qualifications for the job would include previous investigative experience in some agency as the FBI, the Secret Service, or other investigative agencies of the Treasury Department. Miss Perkins talked about the various investigative agencies and Mr. Carroll stated that he had employees who were former Agents of the FBI. He intended to add other agencies by name, but when he mentioned the FBI by name, Miss Perkins stated -- "how unfortunate". He asked her what she meant by this but she ignored the inquiry. She inquired whether Mr. Carroll would consider investigative experience for the Civil Service

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We are going to have trouble with "Conrad" Perkins. While not a Communist he is naive & opinionated & far from judicial in her approach.

MEMO FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Commission, the Department of Agriculture or the National Labor Relations Board as adequate background and while Carroll indicated that he would have to know more about the investigative responsibilities in such agencies, Miss Perkins deprecated the investigator status of the employees of these agencies. Mr. Carroll referred again to experience in the FBI and Secret Service, and at this point she said she knew nothing about the FBI and the Secret Service. Mr. Carroll indicated to Miss Perkins that he desired to be absolutely fair in this situation and Miss Perkins inquired whether Carroll objected to her injecting herself into this case and he stated that he did not.

CC - MR. LADD