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April 22, 1941

Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D. C.

Attention: Technical Laboratory

Re: WESLEY HAMPTON with aliases; CHAIRMAN, N.L.R.B., ET AL, holiered faller Victims; EXTORTION Relations Coast (Bureau File 9-7088)

Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted herewith ten pages of the handwriting of subject WESLEY HAMPTON which pages are numbered as specimens 1 - 8b as well as a two-page letter which is unlabeled, the first page of which is dated at Brooklyn, New York, on April 17, 1941, and is addressed to "Dear Sister Margie," and the second page of which begins "possible I will drive out" as well as a calling card of WESLEY HAMPTON which was enclosed with this letter, which in turn was enclosed in an envelope addressed to MARGARET E. CUMMINS, which envelope is also enclosed.

The above-mentioned handwriting specimens were obtained from HAMPTON while he was being interviewed in connection with instant case and the letter was in his possession at that time and is being forwarded inasmuch as it is believed that it presents a better specimen for comparison since HAMPTON appeared to be trying to disguise his handwriting while writing the specimens 1 - 8b. It is requested that the Laboratory compare the handwriting submitted herewith the the handwriting appearing on specimens Q1, Q2 and Q3 submitted in connection with this case formerly entitled, "JOHN ROGERS; Mrs. FRANCES PERKINS, Victim; EXTORTION (Bureau File 9-7088)" referred to in Laboratory report #39,705 dated January 9, 1941. It might be noted that the questioned specimens consist of an envelope and a two-page letter dated December 5, 1940.

It should be noted that the handwriting specimens mumbered 1 - 8b were all written by WESLEY HAMPTON with his own fountain pen and that an unlimited supply of paper was given to him and no limitation was placed upon him as to the use of the paper or the spacing of the letter. No punctuation, capitalis

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or spelling was indicated to him in any way except as hereinafter noted. It might also be noted that HAMPTON in preparing these specimens wrote rather slowly and shakily and that in specimen #1 HAMPTON was told to capitalize Europe the second time it was written and was told to write out the "President" in President ROOSEVELT. After writing specimens #1 and #2, HAMPTON was interviewed further before writing specimens #3a and #3b and it was noted during the dictation of #3a and #3b that HAMPTON hesitated after writing "Dec." before writing "5"; that he questioned the use of "this" in the phrase "this blind guides"; that he questioned the meaning of the word "fornicators"; that he said the letter read like the speeches of Senators NYE and WHEELER; that he attributed the writing of the letter to one ISAAC KIBSER upon hearing the passage about the engineers in New York City; that when the end of the letter mentioning JOHN ROGERS was dictated, he then attributed the letter to ROGERS. In the dictation of #8b it should be noted that the passage "but by the engineers in NYC" was dictated exactly that way, rather than as "New York City."

It should be noted that subject HAMPTON is apparently insane to some extent and was committed on April 18, 1941, to Bellevue Hospital for observation and that he is presently under \$1,000.00 bond in instant case.

There is also transmitted herewith a copy of the finger-prints of HAMPTON, and it is requested that the single fingerprint section compare these with the latent fingerprints available in instant case.

It might be noted further that the New York field division is now in possession of handwriting specimens and fingerprints of JOHN ROGERS of Bellmore, L. I. who formerly was considered as a suspect in instant case, but in view of HAMPTON's apparent responsibility, these handwriting specimens and finger-prints are not being forwarded to the Bureau at the present time and are being placed in New York file 9-581.

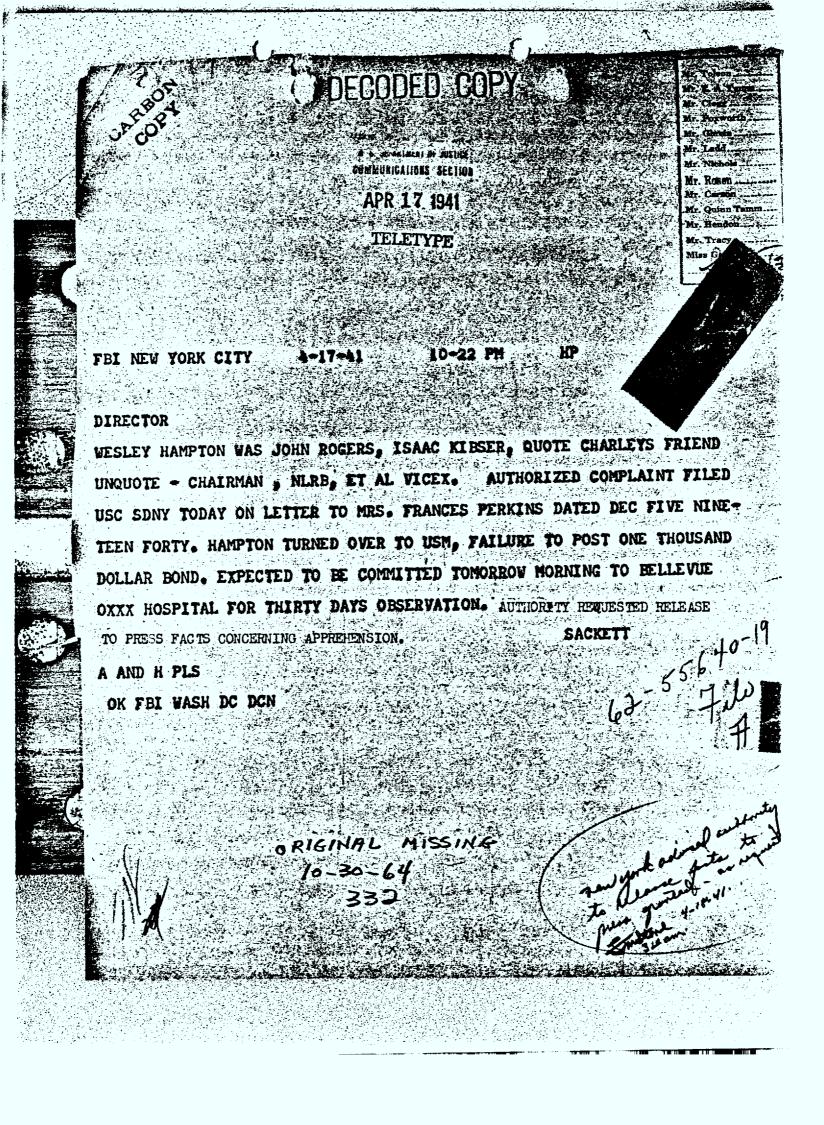
When the two-page letter and envelope addressed to MARGARET E. CUMMINS have served their purpose, these items and the calling card of HAMPTON should be returned to the New York division.

Very truly yours,

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

April 18, 1941

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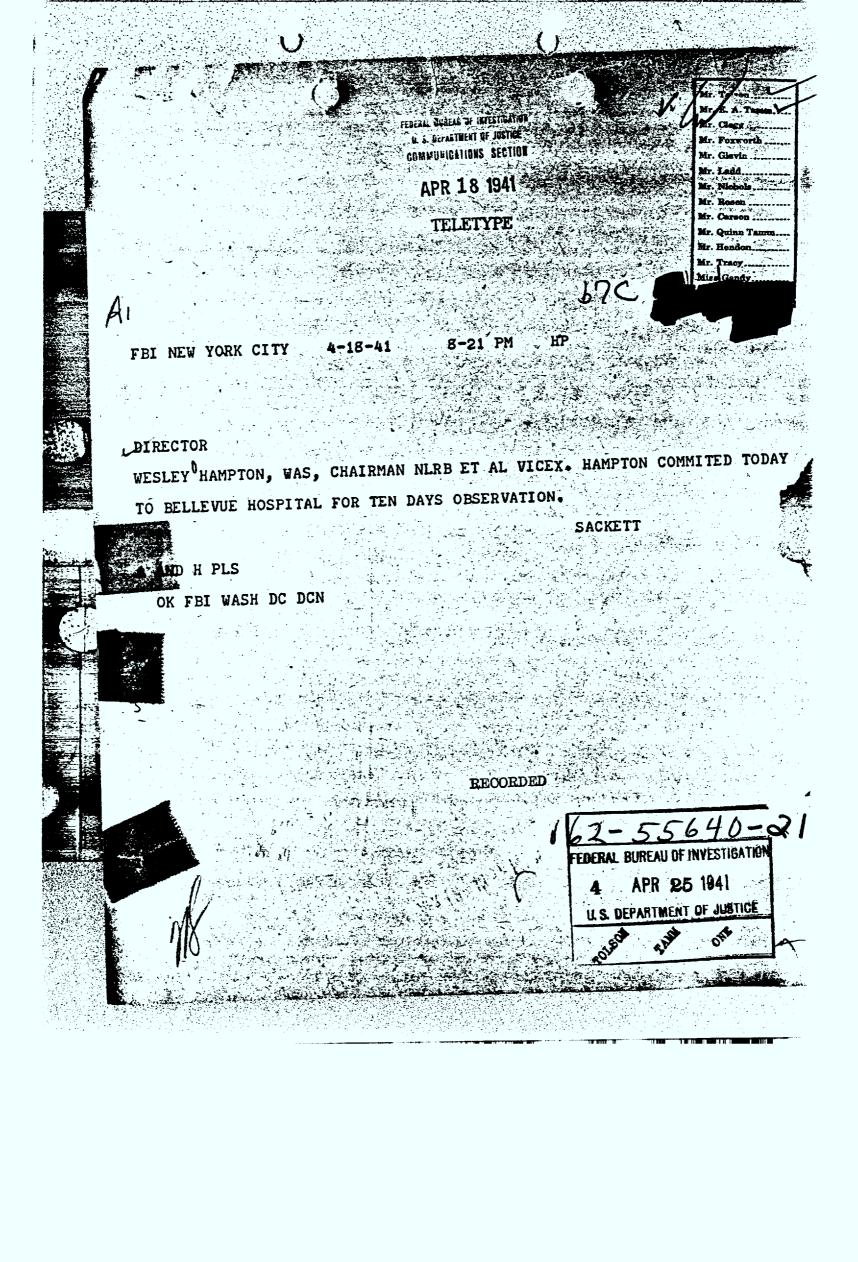
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		FORM No. 1 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT New York, New York NY FILE NO. 9-581
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		New York, New York 4/24/41 3/5,11,14,15,17 18,
		WESLEY HAMPTON, elias: John Rogers, Isaac Kibser, Charley's Friend"; CHAIRMAN N. L. R. B. Victim:
		WAGE & HOUR ADMINISTRATION, Victim; GOV HERBERT H.OLEHMAN, Victim; Mrs. FRANCES PERKINS, Victim; MAYOR F. H. Laguardia, Victim; President F. D. ROOSEVELT, Victim.
		Synopsis of Facts: WESLEY HAMPTON interviewed, handwriting specimens and fingerprints obtained and forwarded to Bureau. Authorized complaint filed 4/17/41; hearing waived; HAMPTON turned over to custody USM in default \$1,000 bond 4/17/41 and committed to Bellevue Hospital 4/18/41 for ten days observation.
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		REFERENCE: Letter from New York to Bureau dated March 18, 1941; report of Special Agent dated at New York June 3, 1940.
		DETAILS: The title of this case is being changed, and it is noted that the last report carried this case as: "JOHN ROGERS aleas Isaac Kibser; CHAIRMAN, N. L. R. B., Victim; Wage and Hour Administration, Victim;
		Gov. Herbert H. Lehman, Victim; EXTORTION." It has now been determined that WESLEY HAMPTON is the writer of instant notes and the names JOHN ROGERS, ISAAC KIBSER as well as the new alias, "Charley's Friend,"
		which has been added, were merely signatures on such notes.
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The title also reflects the additional victims as Mrs. FRANCES PERKINS, Mayor F. H. LaGUARDIA and President F. D. BOOSEVELT.

By letter dated June 12, 1940 (Bureau file 62-55640) the Bureau advised that four latent fingerprints of value have been found in the latent fingerprints forwarded by the New York office, although such impressions did not contain sufficient characteristic detail to permit classification and search through the Bureau's single fingerprint file.

By letter dated June 14, 1940, (Bureau file 62-55640) the Bureau transmitted the following laboratory report:

Specimens: Q5. Photostatic copy of front of envelope

postmarked 'New York, New York, Station W. October 21, 1939, 5:30 P. M.'. Q6. Photostatic copy of accompanying letter

Q6. Photostatic copy of accompanying letter beginning it will be **! Photographic copy of latent fingerprints developed from the above-mentioned letter.

"It has been concluded that specimens Q5 and Q6 were written on the same typewriter as specimens Q1, Q2 and Q4. Specimen Q3 has not been written on the same typewriter as was used in writing these other specimens.

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*Specimens Ol through O4 were submitted by Netional Labor Relations
Board, Washington, D. C. Specimens Q1 through Q3 were submitted under date of Oftober 28, 1939, and specimen Q4 was submitted under date of December 18, 1939.

"The original evidence submitted is being retained in the files of the Laboratory for use in any subsequent examinations which may be desired. A separate report is being submitted concerning the fingerprint examination requested."

By letter dated September 3, 1940 (Bureau file 62-59486) the Bureau forwarded the following Laboratory report:

"Specimens: Ql, Envelope postmarked 'New York, New York, July 10, 1940, 4 P. M.'.

Q2, Accompanying letter beginning You jews Better

"The questioned writing appearing on specimens Ql and Q2 was compared with the handwriting appearing in the anonymous letter file maintained in the laboratory but the examiner found nothing of particular interest or of such significance as would suggest field investigation. A photographic copy will be placed in this file and in the event of a future identification your office will be advised. The original evidence is being retained in the laboratory."

The Bureau by letter dated December 23, 1940 (Bureau file 100-6033) transmitted to the New York office photostatic copies of a letter dated December 5, 1940, from one JOHN ROGERS, Brooklyn, New York, received at the Department of Labor in an envelope postmarked December 5, 1940, New York City, and referred to the Bureau through the Department of Justice by Mrs. FRANCES PERKINS, to whom the letter was addressed. By this letter the Bureau also requested that the New York field division endeavor to ascertain ROGERS' identity and discuss the matter of prosecution with the United States attorney and also apprise the New York police department of the contants of ROGERS' letter insofar as the bombing of New York buildings was concerned. All of this subsequently was done by the writer.

By letter dated January 9, 1941 (Bureau file 9-7088) the Bureau transmitted the following Laboratory report:

Specimens: Ql, Envelope postmarked 'New York, New York,
December 5, 1940, 10:30 A. M.'.

Q2. First sheet of accompanying letter dated
December 5, 1940 beginning as ... you are you should......

Q3. Second sheet of above letter beginning Your own Lousey Hide...!

"The evidence listed above was transmitted to the Laboratory from the Investigative Division under date of December 23, 1940.

"Specimen Q1 is a white bond finish envelope measuring 9.50 to 9.53 by 4.14 to 4.18". It is.0043" thick, weighs 5.432 grams, and contains no watermark. The address appearing on Q1 is written in script with blue-black ink.

"Specimen Q2 is a sheet of white bond finish paper which measures 10.91 to 10.95" by 8.47". This specimen contains no watermark, is.0027" thick, and weighs 3.319 grams. The message appearing on Q2 is written in script with a blue-black ink.

"Specimen Q3 is a sheet of white bond finish paper which measures 10.94 to 10.95 by 8.48". It is .0027" thick, weighs 3.533 grams and contains no watermark. The message appearing on Q3 is written in script with blue-black ink.

The handwriting appearing on specimens Q1 through Q3 was compared with the handwriting appearing in the anonymous letter file contained in the laboratory but the examiner found nothing of particular interest or of such significance as weould suggest field investigation. A photographic copy will be placed in this file and in the event of a future identification your office will be advised.

"Specimens Q1 through Q3 were treated for the development of latent fingerprints and a report on this examination will be submitted separately.

"Photographic copies of specimens Q1 through Q3 are being transmitted to your office herewith.

"The original evidence is being retained in the files of the Laboratory."

By letter dated January 10, 1941 (Bureau file 9-7088) the Bureau transmitted the following report as to the fingerprint examination requested in connection with the letter to Mrs. FRANCES PERKINS:

- "Q1 Envelope postmarked 'New York, N. Y. Dec 5, 1940 10:30 AM'
- *Q2 First sheet of accompanying letter dated December 5.
 1940, beginning 'as ... you are you should...'
- "Q3 Second sheet of above letter beginning Your own Lousey Hide...'.

"You are advised that the specimens submitted have been examined and two latent fingerprints of value for comparison purposes were developed. Of these, one was developed on the specimen designated as 'Q2' and one on specimen 'Q3'."

By letter dated March 18, 1941, the New York field division forwarded to the Bureau Laboratory a photostatic copy of a two-page typewritten letter dated July 31, 1940, addressed to Mayor LaGUARDIA and signed "Charley's Friend," which because of its similarity of content to previous letters incorporated in this case is also being considered the work of subject. This letter had been obtained from the bomb squad of the New York police department which

retained the original letter in its files. The New York field division also enclosed three specimens of handwriting believed to be that of JOHN ROGERS of Bellmore, L. I., who was a suspect in instant case. This same letter requested that the Bureau consolidate Bureau files 100-6033, 62-55640, 62-59486 and 9-7088 into Bureau file 9-7088.

This letter further requested that the Laboratory compare the handwriting previously examined under Laboratory numbers 37402 and 39705 with the specimens Enclosed with the letter and also requested a comparison of the typewriting examined under Laboratory number 35899 with the questioned typewriting specimen enclosed with the letter which begins "As you perhaps" and continues to a second page which begins "Talk, as a Proswades." This letter also called attention to the fact that the New York office had not received a report of the examination of the questioned specimen (set out in full in the report of Special Agent. dated at New York City May 9, 1940) dated December 28, 1939, which begins "A few lines to you Blind" and it was requested that this specimen also should be compared with the typewritten specimens mentioned. By this same letter the New York field division requested that the single fingerprint section compare the latent fingerprints appearing in Bureau file 62-55640 with the latent fingerprints appearing in Bureau file 9-7088.

This same letter also mentioned that the writer of the letters being considered in instant case has addressed numerous letters of a similar nature to President ROOSEVELT and it was thought that as a result of instant investigation the original letters in possession of the Secret Service at Washington, D. C. had been consolidated into Secret Service file WH-10607-S.

By letter dated April 2, 1941, the Bureau advised that the latent fingerprints appearing in Bureau file 62-55640 had been compared with the latent fingerprints appearing in Bureau file 9-7088 without effecting an identification.

By Bureau letter dated April 12, 1941, the Bureau transmitted the following Laboratory report:

Specimens: Q4 Photostatic copy of a letter addressed to 'Mayor LaGuardia' and beginning 'as you perhaps allredy Known that the Spies in NYC, are...'

Q5 Second page of letter beginning 'Talk, as a Proswedes i would show the Elevator Captain Mr....'

"Kl Purported handwriting of John Rogers consisting of a Christmas card addressed to Mr. Robert Martin and beginning Just a line hoping to find you in good....

Purported handwriting of John Rogers consisting of a letter written on a grey Christmas card and beginning Just a line to let you know

Purported handwriting of John Rogers consisting of a photostatic copy of a 'ORDER TO CHANGE ADDRESS'

"It was concluded that specimens Q4 and Q5 were prepared on the same Underwood typewriter as specimens Q1, Q2, Q4, Q5 and Q6 referred to in Laboratory Report #35899 dated June 14, 1940, a copy of which was forwarded to the New York office in connection with the case entitled John Rogers, with aliases; Chairman, National Labor Relations Board -Victim: Wage and Hour Administration - Victim: Governor Herbert H. Lehman - Victim; Extortion, Bureau file #62-55640. It is noted that specimen Ql is an envelope postmarked New York, N. Y. October 25, 1939 1:30 PM addressed to Chairman of the N.L.R.B., Washington, D. C. Specimen Q2 is the accompanying typewritten letter beginning 'in Closed find First Example and signed 'John Rogers, Engineer'. Specimen Q4 is a typewritten letter dated December 16, 1939, at Brooklyn, New York beginning 'Now as there is nothing left and ending 'Please do something????'. Specimen Q3 is a typewritten letter addressed to 'Wage & Hour Administration, Washington, D. C. beginning 'its allways Good for a Sneeze.....'. Specimen Q3 was concluded to have been written on a Remington Noiseless typewriter equipped with Elite type, and therefore on a different machine than the other specimens just referred to.

"It was concluded that the typewritten letter headed 'Brooklyn, N. Y., December the 28th, 1939 to the National Labor Board Racket, Washington, D. C. beginning 'a Few lines to you Blind Guides at the Wheel and ending 'Yours Truly, issac Kibser, addressed Kimberly Hotel, 74 & Broadway, Manhattan, N.Y.C. No answer, Please do something, No answer nessary, !!, likewise was done on the same typewriter as the several specimens referred to in the report of Special Agent made at New York City, May 9, 1940 in connection with the case entitled John Rogers alias Isaec Kibser, Chairman, N.L.R.B. Victim; Wage and Hour Administration - Victim, Bureau file #62-55640.

"The reported handwriting of John Rogers listed in the Laboratory as specimens K1, K2 and K3 is different from the handwriting appearing on specimens Q1 and Q2 submitted in connection with the case entitled Anonymous Communication addressed to 'H. Lehman, Governor, State Capital, Albany, New York, N.Y.', Bureau file #62-59486 and referred to in Laboratory Report #37402 dated September 3, 1940,

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a copy of which was forwarded to New York. It is therefore concluded that this questioned handwriting was not done by the writer of K1, K2 and K3. It is further concluded that the writer of K1, K2 and K3 did not write the questioned handwriting appearing on specimens Q1, Q2 and Q3 submitted in connection with the case entitled John Rogers; Mrs. Frances Perkins, (Miss Frances Perkins) - Victim; Extortion, Bureau file #9-7088 referred to in Laboratory report #39705 dated January 9, 1941, a copy of which was forwarded to the New York office.

"For record purposes, it is noted that the evidence listed in the Laboratory as specimens Q2 and Q3 in the instant case is identical with the evidence referred to in connection with the case entitled John Rogers; Mrs. Frances Perkins, (Miss Frances Perkins) - Victim; Extortion, Bureau File #100-6033.

"In accordance with your request, the original evidence listed above as specimens K1 and K2 is being returned to your office herewith, appropriate photographic copies having been refained for the completion of the Laboratory's files. The remainder of the evidence submitted in connection with this case is being retained in the files of the Laboratory."

It is noted that this letter from the Bureau returned the supposed handwriting specimens of JOHN ROGERS of Bellmore L. I. and a lead is being set out to return suchspecimens to from whom they were

borrowed for the compensation

Inasmuch as considerable investigation was conducted in this case which is not pertinent now to subject WESLEY HAMPTON, prior investigation is being summarized in this report and will be specifically set out only where it relates to subject WESLEY HAMPTON or to the elimination of the previous suspect, JOHN ROGERS, Bellmore, L. I.

Upon checking with the bomb squad of the New York police department, Agent was referred to the sabotage squad where it was discovered that the New York police department had an additional letter addressed to Mayor Lacuardia which letter in substance stated that JOHN SERNELLO, JOHN KEILTY and CHARLES BURNELL of BERNELL, the latter of the Esplanade Hotel, were intending to blow up the Park East Hospital, 12 East 83d Street, as well as the Hebrew Home for the Aged, Howard and Dumont Streets, Brooklyn, St. John's Hospital, 480 Herkimer, Brooklyn, a hospital at 871 Bushwick, Brooklyn, St. Marie's Hospital, east end of George Washington bridge, and the Rockaway Beach Hospital, Rockaway Beach, L. I. This letter

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was signed "Charley's Friend." It should be noted herein that these notations are mainly the same ones which have been mentioned in other letters in instant case. Reference to the New York police department file on this letter revealed that a preliminary investigation had been made and that the case had been closed since the allegations in the letter had not been substantiated. At this time it was learned from of the sabotage squad that the United States Secret Service also had some letters written by the same individual.

Contact with United States Secret Service, revealed that the local office has a file of approximately twenty to thirty letters written apparently by the same individual since the general phrasing of the letters is the same, some of which letters are signed JOHN ROGERS or ISAAC KIBSER. It was also learned from that Secret Service had conducted some investigation in this case two years ago without ascertaining the identity of the writer of the letters but had located a steam engineer by the name of JOHN ROGETS and had eliminated him from consideration.

At the New York City Board of Building Boiler Inspection checked his records and revealed that licenses as stationary steam engineers had been issued to two JOHN ROGERS, and it was further noted that one of these individuals had worked for some time at the Esplanade Hotel, which hotel has been mentioned in some of instant letters. It might be noted here that the index number of this individual at the license department is #8359. The other individual apparently had no connection with any of the notations mentioned in instant case. Further investigation conducted in regard to JOHN ROGERS, formerly employed at the Esplanade Hotel, revealed that he had also been employed in a loft building, 49-51 Elisabeth Street, which building was operated by the Citizens Savings Bank and also at the Museum of the City of New York, 103d and Fifth Avenue. Subsequent inquiry at all of these places indicated that John ROGERS' employers had never experienced any trouble with him and also developed the information that JOHN ROGERS is presently operating a Tydol gas station at Merrick Road and Bedford Place, Bellmore, L. I. and is residing at 501 Nassau, Bellmore, L. 1.

Investigation at the Tidewater Oil Company through revealed that ROGERS had been a dealer since october or 1939 and investigation at the Citizens Savings Bank through

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revealed that ROGERS had been a satisfactory employee up until the time he was crippled on October 27, 1936, when a freight elevator fell while he was operating it. The records here further revealed that ROGERS had been treated at Columbia and St. Vincent's hospitals but not at any of the hospitals mentioned in the letters in instant case. The supposed handwriting specimens of JOHN ROGERS previously mentioned were secured from at this time. Subsequent investigation failed to reveal that JOHN ROGERS had been employed at any other of the hospitals or hotels mentioned in the letters in this case, and he now has been eliminated as a suspect in this case and it might be noted here that handwriting specimens and fingerprints were taken from JOHN ROGERS but are not being forwarded to the Bureau and are instead being placed in the exhibit section of New York file 9-581.

Through the co-operation of

St. John's Hospital, 480

Herkimer Street, Brooklyn, the files of that institution were
checked and the names of all present engineers employed there were
obtained and at the same time the names of all past employees discharged for cause were also obtained. It should be noted here
that this list included the name of WESLEY HAMPTON, a relief engineer
employed at a salary of \$85.00 per month and maintenance.

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In checking other hospitals and hotels mentioned in instant letters it was noted that WESLEY HAMPTON's name appeared on the engineering personnel of several of such institutions and, accordingly the complete employment record of HAMPTON was secured from

the New York City Board of Building Engineers, and it was ascertained that HAMPTON worked at the Esplanade Hotel, 305 West End Avenue, on October 21, 1929; at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, 190th Street and Fort Washington Avenue, on April 22, 1930; at the Brooklyn Hebrew Home for the Aged and Hospital, Howard and Dumont Streets, Brooklyn, on June 20, 1930; at Public School #6, 350 Baltic Street, Brooklyn, on October 27, 1930; at the Hotel Berkley, 170 West 74th Street, on March 24, 1931; at the Rockaway Beach Hospital, 34th and Long Island Avenue, Rockaway Beach, from August 24, 1931 to June 21, 1932 and at St. John's Hospital, Brooklyn, since July 11, 1932. Further checking on this individual revealed that they had no record of his employment at the Esplanade Hotel, but thought that he remembered HAMPTON as the "slightly batty engineer" who consulted a book in regard to every engineering problem he met.

At the Woolcott Hotel, recalled that HAMPTON worked as engineer at he Stratiord Hotel for about a year, such employment ending seven or eight years ago.

The files of this hotel as presented by revealed that HAMPTON was employed as engineer from address was 226 West 78th Street. Further investigation at as references.

A check with
the Hebrew Home for the Aged, revealed
1930, and that his services apparently were very satisfactory.
A check at St. Elizabeth Hospital through
revealed that she had neither any recollection nor any record of
HAMPTON's employment there. Through
Secret Service, it was determined that the address at 871 Bushwick
Avenue, Brooklyn, mentioned in some of the letters was the
And a past or present employee.

During the interview with

HAMPTON's name was mentioned. At the beginning of the conversation, at which time expressed the belief that HAMPTON
was crazy and stated that he believed HAMPTON was responsible for
the writing of a
further stated that HAMPTON had made rather wild statements while
employed as engineer at the Esplanade and seemed to have a very
that HAMPTON very frequently talked against the Government and
against President ROOSEVELT.

Acting upon this accumulated information, agent proceeded to St. John's Hospital, 480 Herkimer Street, Brooklyn, accompanied by Secret Service Agent who had expressed a desire to be present at the interview of HAMPTON. HAMPTON was interviewed concerning the letters in this case and was asked if he knew a KIBSER. He first stated that he did not know any KIBSER, but when the full name of ISAAC KIBSER was mentioned, HAMPTON stated that ISAAC KIBSER is an individual who sells lottery tickets and lives at the Esplanade and Kimberley Hotels. It might be noted here that previous investigation in this neighborhood has revealed that no such person is known in that vicinity. Upon being asked further as to who might have written the letters in this case if he did not write them, HAMPTON immediately replied JOHN ROGERS, the labor organizer. He further stated that ROGERS was a radical person and stated that ROGERS is presently employed at the Fifth