

Avenue Museum. At this time it was noticed that no typewriter appeared to be available in HAMPTON's room and upon being questioned in this regard he stated that he formerly had a typewriter but got rid of it about a year or so ago.

HAMPTON voluntarily accompanied agent to the New York field office where he was questioned and where handwriting specimens, fingerprints and photographs were taken of him. He readily admitted working at every place mentioned in instant letters with the exception of the hospital at 871 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, but disclaimed any knowledge of instant letter. When the complete agreement between the inaccuracies noted in spelling, grammar, capitalization, etc. in the questioned letter to Mrs. FRANCES PERKINS and those noted in the handwriting specimens obtained from him was called to his attention, he could not explain this in any way but still disclaimed any knowledge of having written such letters, although he stated he might have written such letters while he was having one of his periodic dizzy spells. The questioning of HAMPTON at this time developed that he had been interested in psychic phenomena and had discovered that he was able "to see things in the crystal" and had discovered a mother lode of gold in Idaho through the crystal but had not verified its existence.

At one time during such questioning HAMPTON stated that he would not write any more letters to anyone and said, "I guess I must have been steamed up."

67C Upon being shown two handwritten letters to the President which were in the possession of ██████████ HAMPTON stated that both of these letters were very clever imitations of his handwriting.

At the conclusion of such interview HAMPTON was taken to the office of Assistant United States Attorney PETER DONOGHUE, and after being questioned by Mr. DONOGHUE, an authorized complaint was filed by reporting agent before United States Commissioner GARRETT W. COTTER, Southern District of New York, on April 17, 1941, charging HAMPTON with violation of Section 338a, Title 18, United States Code, on the basis of the letter written to Mrs. FRANCES PERKINS. It should be noted here that this letter according to the transmitting confidential letter by which the photostatic copy was forwarded to the New York field division was mailed in New York City on December 5, 1940. In the event that this case proceeds to trial, it will be necessary that the original envelope be obtained from the Laboratory by the New York

field office to establish jurisdiction in this case. It should also be kept in mind that any preparation of this case from the standpoint of introducing the testimony of the handwriting expert should be concerned with the above-mentioned letter to Mrs. FRANCES PERKINS.

Upon being taken before Commissioner COTTER, HAMPTON waived hearing and was turned over to the United States marshal in default of \$1,000 bond.

On April 18, 1941, a court order based upon the statement and belief of Assistant United States Attorney PETER J. DONOGHUE that subject HAMPTON is quite possibly mentally deranged was signed by Judge CONGER committing HAMPTON to Bellevue Hospital for ten days' observation. During this time HAMPTON will remain under the \$1,000 bond and will be returned to the custody of the United States marshal as soon as the observation period is over.

The following description of HAMPTON was secured by observation and questioning:

Age	65 (Born Labelle, Mo. 1/22/76)
Height	5' 6"
Weight	230
Build	Very stout
Complexion	Florid
Hair	Died black; naturally white
Eyes	Blue
Eyeglasses	Wears horn-rimmed glasses
Religion	None
Relatives:	Wife, JENNIE ELIZABETH KECK HAMPTON PRICE (Mrs. R. C. PRICE) Sheepranch, California
	Daughters, GRACE (Mrs. A. P. JONES) owns hotel at Sheepranch, California EDITH, was married, Tennison - Tacoma, Washington
	Sons, WADE HAMPTON, at sea Hawaiian SS Company

WESLEY, Jr., Police Force
Spokane, Washington

JACK SEROY, one leg, operator
news stand - Sacramento, California

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EDWIN, was soldier, USA -
truck driver - Sacramento, Calif.

LITE, killed in auto accident

The fingerprints and handwriting specimens of HAMPTON have been forwarded to the Bureau Laboratory by separate letter dated April 22, 1941, and the Bureau was advised by teletype on April 17, 1941, of the complaint filed against HAMPTON and his detention. By telegram dated April 18, 1941, the Bureau was advised of the commitment of HAMPTON to Bellevue Hospital. A copy of the complaint filed before the United States commissioner was obtained and is being filed in New York file 9-581.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York City, N. Y.

Will report the results of the fingerprint and document examinations of the Laboratory in respect to WESLEY HAMPTON.

Will contact Assistant United States Attorney PETER DONOGHUE again in regard to the results of the observation of HAMPTON at Bellevue Hospital and concerning DONOGHUE's subsequent decision as to prosecution in this case.

Will return the three specimens of the supposed handwriting of JOHN ROGERS, Bellmore, L. I. to [REDACTED]

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

April 18, 1941

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Supervisor [redacted] in the Investigative Division advises that Hampton was arrested yesterday on a complaint filed in New York City. He is apparently demented and has written numerous letters to the President, to the Bureau and others threatening to blow up certain hospitals and charitable institutions if wage hour conditions were not improved. He is being taken to Bellevue Hospital in New York today for 30 days' observation with regard to his apparent insane condition.

The New York office last evening was authorized to release the facts to the press.

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President Hampton

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- Miss Gandy

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April 12, 1941

~~9-7088-2~~
Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

Re: John Rogers, with aliases;
Isaac Kibser, "Charley's Friend"
Chairman, N.L.R.B. - Victim
Wage and Hour Administration - Victim
Governor Herbert H. Lehman - Victim;
Mrs. Frances Perkins - Victim;
Mayor F. H. LaGuardia - Victim;
President F. D. Roosevelt - Victim;
Extortion

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above-entitled matter and transmitted by your communication dated March 18, 1941

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

April 12, 1941

John Rogers, with aliases;
Isaac Kibser, "Charley's Friend"
Re: Chairman, N.L.R.B. - Victim
Wage and Hour Administration - Victim;
Governor Herbert H. Lehman - Victim;
Mrs. Francis Perkins - Victim
Mayor F. H. LaGuardia - Victim;
President F. D. Roosevelt - Victim;
Extortion

File # 9-7088-2

Lab # 44572

Examination requested by: New York

Reference: Letter 3/18/41

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

- 9-7088-2 Q4 Photostatic copy of a letter addressed to "Mayor LaGuardia" and beginning "as you perhaps allready know that the Spies in NYC, are....."
- Q5 Second page of letter beginning "Talk, as a Proswades i would show the Elevator Captain MR....."
- K1 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....."
- K2 Purported handwriting of John Rogers consisting of a letter written on a gray christmas card and beginning "Just a line to let you know....."
- K3 Purported handwriting of John Rogers consisting of a photostatic copy of a "ORDER TO CHANGE ADDRESS" card.

Results of examination.

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 Q1 is an envelope postmarked New York, N.Y. October 25, 1939 1:30 PM addressed "Chairman of the N.L.R.B., Washington, D. C.R. 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 always 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, Isaac Kibser, addressed Kimberly Hotel, 74 & Broadway, Manhattan, N.Y.C. No answer, Please do something, No answer necessary, I", likewise was done on the same typewriter as the several specimens referred to in the preceding paragraphs. This is the evidence referred to in the report of Special Agent L. Levin made at New York City, May 9, 1940 in connection with the case entitled John Rogers alias Isaac 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, 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 retained 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.

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May 17, 1941

REGISTERED MAIL

62-55640-28

Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

Re: Wesley Hampton with aliases;
Chairman, E. L. R. E., ET AL.,
Victims; Extortion
(Bureau File 9-7088)

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above-entitled matter and transmitted by your communication dated

April 22, 1941.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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May 27, 1941

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File #

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Re:

Wesley Hampton with aliases;
Chairman, E. L. R. R., et al.,
Victims; Extortion.
(Bureau File 9-7088)

Examination requested by:

New York

Reference:

Letter 4-22-41

Examination requested:

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Specimens:

- K1 through K10 Ten pages of the known handwriting of subject Wesley Hampton, all of the specimens are written on one side of the paper in ink, each sheet identified by the K number on the back.
- K11 One envelope bearing the purported handwriting of the subject Wesley Hampton addressed to "Margaret E. Gwynne, Box 1306.....".
- K12 First sheet of accompanying letter bearing the purported handwriting of the subject Wesley Hampton, beginning, "I am your most welcome letter...."
- K13 Second sheet of accompanying letter bearing the purported handwriting of the subject Wesley Hampton, beginning, "Terrible I will drive out to....."
- K14 Enclosed in envelope is a small card identified as, "Wesley Hampton Electric & Steam Engineer....."

Also submitted is a fingerprint card bearing the fingerprints of "Hampton Wesley".

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the handwriting on the extortion letter designated in the Laboratory as #9-7088, Q1 through Q3, was done by Wesley Hampton, whose known specimens of handwriting are listed above as specimens K1 through K14. Specimens Q1 through Q3 were transmitted to the Federal Laboratory from the Investigative Division on December 23, 1940, in connection with the case entitled "John Rogers; Mrs. Frances Perkins, (Miss Frances Perkins) Victim; Extortion", Bureau File 9-7088.

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It was further concluded that Wesley Hampton, K1 through K14, did not write the extortion letter submitted in connection with the case entitled "Anonymous Communication Addressed to E. P. Lehman, Governor, State Capitol, Albany, New York" and designated in the Laboratory as 62-57486, specimens Q1 and Q2. This extortion letter was forwarded to the Bureau from the New York Office under date of August 24, 1940.

It was also concluded that Wesley Hampton, K1 through K14, did not write the extortion letters submitted in connection with the case entitled "Unknown Subjects; Congressman Michael Joseph Kennedy - Victim; Extortion" and designated in the Laboratory as 9-6706, specimens Q1 and Q2 and specimens Q3 through Q11.

It is noted that the letter listed as specimens K11 through K13 bearing the purported known handwriting of the subject, Wesley Hampton, is much better for comparison purposes than the remainder of the specimens submitted, inasmuch as a certain amount of disguise is apparent in the dictated specimens. In this connection, if testimony is desired in this case, it is suggested that an effort be made to prove the authorship of the letter designated as K11 through K13.

In accordance with your request, specimens K11 through K14 are being returned to you herewith, photographic copies having been made for the completion of the Laboratory's files.

If testimony is desired in this case, it will be necessary to notify the Bureau in ample time to permit the preparation of charts and the arrangement of specimens.

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NEW YORK.--WESLEY HAMPTON, 65-YEAR-OLD STEAM ENGINEER IN A BROOKLYN HOSPITAL, WAS ARRAIGNED BEFORE U.S. COMMISSIONER COTTER AND REMANDED TO JAIL TODAY TO AWAIT FEDERAL GRAND JURY ACTION ON CHARGES THAT HE SENT A THREATENING LETTER TO SECRETARY PERKINS ON DEC. 5, 1940.

HAMPTON, - NATIVE OF LA BELLE, MO., WAS ARRESTED BY FBI AGENTS WHO HAD SPENT 18 MONTHS TRACKING HIM DOWN.

FBI AGENTS SAID HAMPTON ADMITTED WRITING LETTERS TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, GOV. HERBERT H. LEHMAN, THE NLRB CHAIRMAN, AN OFFICER OF THE WAGE-HOUR DIVISION, AND OTHERS THREATENING IN MOST INSTANCES TO BL UP CERTAIN NEW YORK HOSPITALS AND HOTELS IF WAGE-HOUR CONDITIONS WERE NOT IMPROVED.

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May 13, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

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There are attached hereto interesting weekly cases prepared in the Investigative Division.

Respectfully,

A. Rosen

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- Miss _____
- Mr. A. V. _____
- Mr. _____
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EXTORTION

**WENLEY HAMPTON,
with aliases**

In July, 1939, an individual identifying himself at various times as Isaac Kibner, John Rogers and "Charley's friend" began the authorship of a series of letters addressed to persons prominent in public life in the United States, which were transmitted through the medium of the United States Mails from New York City. These communications were of a particularly vicious and vindictive character and contained threats against the lives of some of the recipients, as well as vows to bomb and destroy certain public edifices in New York.

The tenor of the letters indicated that the writer possessed a pronounced anti-social complex, in that he expressed hatred of Jews, Catholics, persons of foreign extraction, the established form of Government and of public officials.

In view of the fact that the transmittal of these communications through the United States Mails containing threats against the lives and property of some of the recipients constituted a violation of the Federal Extortion Statute coming within the investigative jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, an intensive investigation was undertaken by Bureau Agents in an effort to identify and apprehend the mysterious author. In view of the fact that he made frequent reference in his communications to the trials and hardships attendant to the performance of the duties of a stationary steam engineer, particular emphasis was placed on this fact by Bureau Agents and eventually the inquiry was confined to persons employed in this capacity in public institutions in Metropolitan New York.

After approximately eighteen months of painstaking inquiry, Wenley Hampton, a sixty-five-year-old steam engineer in a Brooklyn, New York, hospital was located and questioned by Federal Bureau of Investigation representatives, relative to his possible authorship of the communications. After first vigorously denying any knowledge of the letters, in the face of strong evidence of his guilt, he finally admitted being the mysterious personality of many names.

On April 17, 1941, a complaint was filed before the United States Commissioner at New York City, charging Hampton with a violation of Section 938 a of the Federal Extortion Statute, and on the same date he was committed to Ballevue Hospital for observation, prior to the presentation of the evidence against him to the Federal Grand Jury for the Southern District of New York.

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Foxworth _____
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, New York

June 20, 1941

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: WESLEY HAMPTON with aliases
Chairman, N.L.R.B. et al,
Victims
EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

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It is noted that [redacted] National Labor Relations Board, was the original informant in this case as to extortion letters addressed to the Wage and Hour Division and National Labor Relations Board; and that Mrs. FRANCES PERKINS, Secretary, Department of Labor, referred to the Bureau, through the Department of Justice, an extortion letter addressed to her. It is also noted that [redacted] Bomb and Forgery Squad, New York Police Department, furnished this office with a copy of an extortion letter addressed to GOVERNOR LEHMAN; and that [redacted] New York Police Department, furnished a copy of an extortion letter addressed to Mayor LA GUARDIA.

Unless advised to the contrary before June 28, 1941, this office will direct a letter to Commissioner LEWIS J. VALENTINE, New York Police Department, concerning the disposition in regard to the letters to Mayor LA GUARDIA and Governor LEHMAN; and will address a letter to [redacted] National Labor Relations Board, in regard to the letters to the National Labor Relations Board and the Wage and Hour Division. It is felt that the Bureau may desire to forward a letter to Mrs. FRANCES PERKINS regarding the disposition.

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