

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD
FROM : J. C. STRICKLAND
SUBJECT: EDWIN G. BROWN

DATE: March 20, 1946

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- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Carson _____
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- Miss Gandy _____

SAC Van Pelt, San Francisco, called and furnished the contents of two letters which came to their attention in connection with Brown and which Mr. Van Pelt thought would be of interest.

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The first is a letter addressed to Brown, dated January 10, 1946, from [redacted] of the Americanization Committee of the Omicron Epsilon Fraternity at the University of San Francisco. It points out that in a newspaper dispatch from New York on January 8, the Director publicly stated that the American Youth for Democracy is the successor of the Young Communist League and that it is noted Brown has been listed as a sponsor for a banquet honoring the American Youth for Democracy held on Saturday, November 10, 1945, at the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco. The letter goes on to say that "As veterans who fought to prevent these United States from becoming a Godless totalitarian state, we cannot believe that you as an American citizen knowingly gave your consent to the aid and support of the American Youth for Democracy. Our membership comprising over 70 per cent of the student body at this university would like a written expression of your stand on the American Youth for Democracy."

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On February 1, 1946, Brown replied to [redacted] thanking him for his letter and stating:

"I have refused at all times to become a sponsor of any organization or any meeting until I have first investigated its background. I knew that the Young Communist League or some similar organization had participated in the formation of the American Youth for Democracy. I, therefore, called the young lady who asked me to become a sponsor for the dinner, not the organization, and asked her if there was any truth in the assertion that the American Youth for Democracy was Communistic in either origin or intent. She advised me that it was not in any manner, shape or form Communistic, although some members of the Young Communist League had at one time belonged. She told me that they were affiliated with many church groups. I also advised her that the organization encouraged young people to participate in Government and that it fought racial intolerance and religious bigotry.

"I would consider it a pleasure to discuss with you at length organizations such as this. You have fought and died for a terrific cause but the real fight has now begun. Merely being against some organization is not sufficient. Active participation to hold the things you won must never cease."

Mr. Van Pelt stated he was sending this information to the Bureau by letter.

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March 5, 1946

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Honorable Edmund G. Brown
District Attorney
City and County of San Francisco
550 Montgomery Street
San Francisco 11, California

Dear Mr. Brown:

I have your letter of February 20, 1946, together with the enclosure, advising me regarding your contemplated visit to Washington. While I do not expect to be in the city at that time, I would be glad to have you call at our headquarters where arrangements have been made for you to see one of my assistants.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
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- Miss Gandy _____

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON ✓

FROM : R. C. HENDON

SUBJECT:

DATE: 3/14/46

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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- Miss Gandy _____

I called the Secretary of Congressman Havenner on March 13 relative to her previous call to the Director's Office seeking an appointment for District Attorney Edmund G. Brown of San Francisco with the Director. I told the Secretary that the Director would not be here at the time mentioned and had asked that I so advise her. I indicated I would be very glad to see Mr. Brown. She stated she would advise Mr. Havenner and if any arrangements were to be made she would again contact me.

In view of the information contained in the teletype from San Francisco concerning Brown and the Director's desire for him to see Mr. Ladd, if the Secretary calls me in connection with an appointment I shall make arrangements for Brown to see Mr. Ladd.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAR 13 1946

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EDMUND GERALD BROWN, AKA PAT BROWN, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, SAN FRAN-

CISCO, MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING. PLEASE REFER ORIGINAL

TELETYPE SAN FRANCISCO TO DIRECTOR JULY TWENTY, NINETEEN FORTY

FOUR, MARKED ATTENTION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR NICHOLS. IN ADDITION

TO INFORMATION SET OUT THEREIN CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS OF THIS

OFFICE ADVISE BROWN NOW VICE-PRESIDENT NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD,

SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER. SEVEN MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE BOARD OF

THIS ORGANIZATION KNOWN TO BE AFFILIATED WITH COMMUNIST PARTY.

SEVERAL OTHER INFORMANTS THIS OFFICE STATE BROWN IS "HAND

PICKED" CANDIDATE FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL OF ROBERT KENNY, PRESENT

ATTORNEY GENERAL. [REDACTED] FBI NA GRADUATE, SAN

FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT, ADVISED IN CONFIDENCE THAT BROWN

IS PUBLICITY SEEKER, HAS ~~RECENTLY~~ INJURED CASES BECAUSE OF

PREMATURE PUBLICITY IN CASES. [REDACTED] SAN FRANCISCO INFORMANT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REPORTS [REDACTED] COMMUNIST AND MEMBER

OF FIRM OF [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] COMMUNIST PARTY ATTORNEYS,

ACTIVELY CAMPAIGNED FOR BROWN IN HIS CANDIDACY FOR SAN FRANCISCO

DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN THE FALL ELECTIONS OF NINETEEN FORTY THREE.

MEMORANDA SUPPORTING INFORMATION SET OUT IN THIS TELETYPE BEING

FORWARDED TO BUREAU AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY THIS DATE. BROWN

HAS PUBLICLY STATED IN THE PRESS THAT HE IS GOING TO CONFER WITH

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GOVERNOR DEWEY, MAYOR O'DWYER OF NYC ON RACKET BUSTING. RECENTLY
IN CONNECTION [REDACTED] CASE HE STATED HE WOULD CONFER
WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL TOM CLARK AND J. EDGAR HOOVER OF THE FBI.
REFER TO MY LETTER MARCH ELEVEN, NINETEEN FORTY SIX ENTITLED
[REDACTED] SUSPECT, MURDER. SUGGEST BUREAU [REDACTED]
HANDLE BROWN WITH CAUTION BECAUSE IT APPEARS HE IS MORE INTERESTED
IN OBTAINING PERSONAL PUBLICITY THAN SERVING THE ENDS OF JUSTICE.

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1. What is the [REDACTED] case?
2. Send memo to a.g.
warning him re Brown.
3. I will not see him. If
he wants to talk to someone
in Bureau I would like
Ladd to handle.

cc. Mrs. Nichols
Mrs. Ladd

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

Record of Telephone Call or Visitor

~~Mr.~~ The office of Congressman
~~xxxxx~~ --phoned. Havener (D-
California)
Phone No. Capitol, Branch 372

Hour 2:58pm Date March 13, 1946

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. F. A. Tamm _____
Mr. gg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Egan _____
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REMARKS

The secretary said that Mr. Edmund G. Brown,
District Attorney for the city and county
of San Francisco was to be in town in March
and would like an appointment with Mr.
Hoover in the afternoon of Tuesday, March
26th or anytime Wednesday, March 27th.
She was told that Mr. Hoover would be
given the message and that someone would
contact the office of Congressman Havener.

Files are being checked. 62-74000-16

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Call & explain
will not be heard
He will have to see
someone else.

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March 18, 1946

The Attorney General

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

EDMUND GERALD BROWN, DISTRICT ATTORNEY
SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

I thought you would like to know that the above-captioned individual, who is the local prosecuting attorney in San Francisco, has indicated an intention of calling at your office within the next week or ten days with the alleged purpose of conferring with you regarding the [redacted] case.

According to the information in the possession of this Bureau, [redacted] was arrested by the San Francisco Police Department in December, 1945, on suspicion of forgery. In addition, he was later charged as a fugitive from justice as a result of a murder charge against him in Dallas Texas. He was indicted by a San Francisco County Grand Jury on January 18, 1946, for forgery and grand larceny. His trial on these charges is still pending. [redacted] is particularly suspected of the poison deaths of elderly women he had married since his discharge from Folsom Prison, California, on February 7, 1943, after serving a nine-year term for grand larceny and administering stupefying drugs. It is indicated that [redacted] had the bodies of these women cremated in Jacksonville, Florida; Dallas, Texas; and Portland, Oregon, following which he considered himself heir to their estates. The San Francisco Police Department believes that [redacted] pretended that his various wives were alive after he had caused their deaths through the slow administration of poison and when death certificates were subsequently issued, he would report their identities under the names of previous wives. The San Francisco Police Department is also holding four warrants for Florida authorities against [redacted]

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In January, 1946, [redacted] Prosecutor in San Francisco, contacted the Bureau for possible Laboratory assistance in connection with this case. At that time, [redacted] was traveling to the various cities where [redacted] was alleged to have had his deceased wives cremated.

With regard to Edmund Gerald Brown, information has been received by this Bureau that he was elected District Attorney in San Francisco County in the Fall of 1943 and that during his campaign, he was actively supported by certain Communist elements. We have been confidentially advised that he is now Vice President of the San Francisco Chapter of the National Lawyers' Guild, the Executive Board of which includes seven members who are alleged to be affiliated with the Communist Party. It has also been alleged that Brown is more interested in obtaining personal publicity than in serving the ends of justice.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE:

FROM : D. M. LADD

March 27, 1946

SUBJECT: RE: EDMUND GERALD BROWN,
DISTRICT ATTORNEY
San Francisco County
California

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
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I interviewed Mr. Brown on March 27th by reference from your office. He stated that he had just talked to [REDACTED] in the Department with reference to the murder case involving [REDACTED]. He stated he thought he might have interested the Department of Justice in this case in that he thought he might have a mail fraud violation for the Post Office Department by reason of the fact that [REDACTED] had through the mail collected insurance on several of his alleged victims. He stated that it did not appear there was any violation in which the FBI could assist him inasmuch as none of the facts indicated a Federal violation over which this Bureau had jurisdiction, and I agreed with him.

He then discussed the uniform crime reports which he receives from the Bureau and states that these reports show San Francisco to be one of the most crime-ridden cities in the country. He wanted to know if the FBI could make a survey of San Francisco to determine the cause of this. I advised him that this would be without the jurisdiction of the FBI and that, therefore, no assistance could be given to him by the Bureau. He then stated he would try to have the State Department of Justice make such a survey of his city.

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He made no mention of police training -- he did express, however, a desire to see some of the facilities of the Bureau in order that he might know more about the FBI and accordingly I arranged with Mr. Nichols for a brief tour for Mr. and Mrs. Brown. Special Agent [REDACTED] conducted this tour which began at about 4:15 P. M.

I don't know the purpose of Brown's call inasmuch as it appeared to be solely a social visit, although he probably will capitalize politically in any subsequent campaign which he might wage for the office of Attorney General for the state of California on the fact he has conferred with the FBI on "crime problems".

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EDMUND G. BROWN
DISTRICT ATTORNEY
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
55C MONTGOMERY STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
TELEPHONE DOUGLAS 2838

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO
SUBJECT: EDMUND GERALD BROWN, aka Pat Brown
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: March 13, 1946

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Carson	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Gurnea	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Hendon	✓
Mr. Pennington	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Mr. Nease	✓

Reference is made to the teletype sent to the Bureau under date of March 13, 1946 concerning the above-named subject.

I am attaching hereto one copy each of the memoranda, from which the information set out in this teletype was taken.

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Enclosures

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San Francisco, California
March 13, 1946

MEMO, SAC

RE: EDMUND GERALD "PAT" BROWN,
San Francisco County District Attorney

A review of the Communist Party indices in this office reflects the following information on the above.

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A confidential informant, [REDACTED], on April 9, 1943, reported that [REDACTED] (Communist and member of the law firm of [REDACTED] Communist Party attorneys) had drawn up a list of lawyers who have expressed liberal opinions at some time, each to be called or written a letter by the Lawyers Guild getting their support in opposition to the legislation the Lawyers Guild is opposing. The name of EDMUND BROWN was on that list.

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[REDACTED] as well as [REDACTED] (Communist and other member of the above law firm), actively campaigned for BROWN in his candidacy for San Francisco County District Attorney in the Fall Elections of 1943. BROWN, during the campaign, frequently met and consulted with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at one time stated that BROWN was a former classmate of his in law school and that he, [REDACTED] was instrumental in endorsing BROWN's candidacy. On November 3, 1943, after the election, [REDACTED] again reported that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in discussing the results of the election, indicated that they were elated over BROWN's election and [REDACTED] that put him over the top. [REDACTED] further advised that after the election, BROWN contacted [REDACTED] and said, "Thanks a million for all your fine work in my behalf, [REDACTED] If it hadn't been for those extra 7,500 to 8,000 [REDACTED], I would never have made it."

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] on November 9, 1943, reported that an individual believed to be [REDACTED], then an official of the San Francisco Chapter of the Lawyers Guild, requested [REDACTED] to work on a sub-committee of the guild which was to work out a program for the District Attorney's Office in connection with the war activities, and which was working undoubtedly toward getting EDMUND BROWN, the District Attorney, into the Lawyers Guild. [REDACTED] at that time suggested that his partner, [REDACTED] would be a better man to work on such a committee because he was close to BROWN and had been instrumental in getting a bloc of votes for BROWN in the election.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] on December 10, 1943, reported that [redacted] contacted EDWARD BROWN and advised him that the Lawyers Guild was planning to give a luncheon for him, whereupon they discussed the Lawyers Guild and BROWN stated that "in my heart I agree with you people but I sometimes differ with your methods."

Again on December 20, 1943, according to the above source, [redacted] notified BROWN that the Guild was arranging a luncheon at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, to be in the nature of a welcome dinner for BROWN. At that time BROWN and [redacted] discussed the changes to be made in the District Attorney's Office.

Confidential Informant [redacted] on August 11, 1944, reported that [redacted] was a personal friend of District Attorney EDWARD BROWN as they used to be fellow Democrats. ([redacted] is a known Communist and was active in the affairs of the Communist-dominated California Labor School).

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Confidential Informant [redacted] in September of 1944, reported that the California Labor School was endeavoring to get BROWN to contribute money to the school. [redacted], at that time [redacted] of the school, contacted BROWN and he declined to contribute because of his current expenses, whereupon [redacted] asked him whether she could say that he, BROWN, approved and endorsed the school. BROWN said this would be O. K.


In December of 1944, several individuals in San Francisco were charging the California Labor School with being a Communist Party front, whereupon, according to Confidential Informant [redacted] (Communist), [redacted] contacted District Attorney BROWN regarding an answer to these charges. According to [redacted], after his contact with BROWN, BROWN stated, "Anybody in town could be referred to him and he would give me and the school a complete bill of sale."

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The San Francisco Field Division is in possession of a letterhead entitled, "Salute to Young America Committee," which was a committee, according to the letterhead, to sponsor the American Youth for Democracy's Second Anniversary Dinner in San Francisco. This letterhead lists EDWARD G. BROWN as a member of the Committee in formation. According to Confidential Informant [redacted] who furnished this letterhead, BROWN was being considered by the Communist Party as a speaker for this committee.

Confidential Informant [redacted] in January of 1945, furnished a list of names prepared at State Communist Party Headquarters. This list was captioned, "Names for 'People's World Advisory Committee.'" BROWN's

name was included in this list along with other prominent public, union, and clergy officials, all known by this office as sympathetic to Left Wing groups. The People's World is the West Coast Communist Party organ. No definite information has been received since to indicate that BROWN was a member of any such committee.

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SPECIAL AGENT

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: March 13, 1946

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b7C

SUBJECT: EDMUND GERALD BROWN, aka
Pat Brown
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

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The following information was obtained from [REDACTED] the San Francisco Police Department and was given to the writer in strict confidence. [REDACTED] the experience of the Police Department with BROWN is that he is playing everything for its publicity value. In support of this he said a recent case they had which gained some prominence was broken by BROWN during the time the police were conducting a very extensive investigation. He stated this caused the Police Department a great deal of embarrassment in view of the fact they were still looking for three of the fugitives in the case, and the publicity has not helped the department at all. He stated that the investigation was conducted by the Police Department, but that the publicity made it look like it was a case handled through BROWN's office.

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[REDACTED] in regard to the [REDACTED] case the San Francisco files are very voluminous and indicated that he has committed four or five murders and has had the bodies of each of his wives cremated and has buried them under the names of wives previously killed by him. [REDACTED] there is no indication that any of these murders have ever taken place in San Francisco or the bodies were disposed of here, and that one of these things should be present in order to enter in on the case in San Francisco. He also stated that BROWN speaks of psychological murder, but the law in California does not seem to support him. [REDACTED] his department had a good forgery case against [REDACTED] and that he is being held on this forgery charge. [REDACTED] a number of people have felt that BROWN was a convert to the Catholic religion, but that he believes the truth of the matter is that he was a non-working Catholic and that he has recently been very active in the Catholic Church because he felt it would help him politically. He said that his father-in-law, Captain ARTHUR D. LANE of the Police Department was [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] people in this area feel that BROWN is "hand picked" by KENNY to run for his job, but that he feels that Lieutenant Governor HOUSER, who has filed on the Republican ticket to run for Attorney General will defeat him in the coming election. [REDACTED] his name be kept very confidential, as it would ruin him in his present job if it were to come out that he had made any statement about BROWN. A further review of the files in this office indicates a reference to BROWN in 100-17879-1222-33, Comrap file, that a clipping from the San Francisco "Chronicle" of January 9, 1944, page 5, concerning a speech made by BROWN was found in the possession of GREGORI M. KHEIFETS.

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San Francisco, California

March 13, 1946

San Francisco file 61-363, the National Lawyers' Guild, reflects that among the newly elected officers the name of EDMUND G. BROWN is listed as Vice-President.

It will be noted that in addition to this the CP and the CPA indices of the San Francisco Field Division reflect the names of

[REDACTED]
are affiliated with the Communist Party.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, San Francisco

DATE: March 13, 1946

FROM : [REDACTED] SA **b7C**

SUBJECT: EDMUND GERALD BROWN, aka
Pat Brown
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

The following information was obtained by the writer pursuant to your request.

The current Martindale Hubbell Law Directory discloses that BROWN was born 1905, graduate from the San Francisco Law School (not to be confused with the University of San Francisco School of Law) in 1925.

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The following information was furnished to the writer by [REDACTED] a close personal friend of the writer and it is therefor requested that his name be maintained in absolute confidence. [REDACTED] served as [REDACTED] and at the present time is associated with [REDACTED] San Francisco, Counsel for the California State Federation of Labor (AFL). [REDACTED] is also retained by this organization concerning some matters.

BROWN became active in politics in the CINCINNATUS, a group of young men who came to the front in San Francisco several years ago and were particularly active about 1938. BROWN is reportedly very friendly with [REDACTED] of the American Communist Association and a leader in the CIO, whose communist affiliations are on record in this office. He is also reportedly quite friendly with [REDACTED] Local 6, IWU, a member of the Communist Party. It is informant's understanding that BROWN was personally designated by [REDACTED] to be candidate for the position which [REDACTED] run for governor of the State. He is also reported to be quite friendly with BENJAMIN DREYFUS, member of the Communist Party and the mainspring on the NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD Chapter at San Francisco. In this connection, it is noted that BROWN recently aligned himself with other known communist members of the LAWYERS GUILD in San Francisco, to have the GUILD retract its condemnation of a few months back of the speech made at San Francisco by GERALD L. K. SMITH. Several of the communist sympathizers in the local chapter of the LAWYERS GUILD have opposed this repudiation of the GUILD's earlier stand claiming that SMITH was a Fascist, whose views must be suppressed. It is also worthy of note, here, that information has been received from other sources; namely, [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] and DREYFUS are close friends. [REDACTED] is also extremely active in the affairs of the NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD. **b2, b7D**

BROWN was a delegate to the democratic convention in Chicago in 1944 and prior to the convention was opposed to the candidacy of HENRY A. WALLACE for vice-presidency. However, he changed his mind and then reportedly refused to abandon WALLACE, when the others did not, when pressure was put upon him.

BROWN is a convert to the Roman Catholic faith and is a constant practicing catholic, who is reportedly active in the study clubs of his local parish. He is a member of the ST. THOMAS MOORE society of San Francisco, a group of lawyers, principally catholic, who espouse the principles of a SAINT-

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San Francisco

EDMUND GERALD BROWN, aka
Pat Brown
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

CHANCELLOR. Prior to being elected District Attorney at San Francisco, BROWN engaged in a fairly successful practice, a good deal of which was personal injury work.

The following information was obtained by the writer. [REDACTED] a close personal friend, [REDACTED] the legal firm BROBECK, PHLEGER & HARRISON, 111 Sutter St., San Francisco. It is requested that [REDACTED] identity be kept absolutely confidential because of writer's friend.

[REDACTED] BROWN apparently beset with political ambitions and BROWN has received a start with CINCINNATUS, political organization which was founded about 1928.

He is reportedly a political friend of local democratic [REDACTED] who is also the [REDACTED] democratic committee and is a political friend of [REDACTED]. Subject is said to be a good practical catholic and an extremely sincere person who is not too bright, a very pleasing personality, but little political "savvy". A rumor is current in San Francisco that BROWN once represented the BOOKIES, against whom he has directed, more or less, a campaign in recent months to suppress their activities. Informant carefully pointed out, however, that this is a rumor, the basis of which he does not know.

BROWN's wife is the daughter of former police Captain ARTHUR D. LANE, who was known in the police department as a "straight guy" (informant's father was a police lieutenant in San Francisco for many years). LANE was removed from his post as Captain of the central district because of his raid on houses of prostitution and gambling joints.

BROWNS have four children.

[REDACTED] Flood Building, also a close personal friend of the writer and whose identity must be maintained in confidence, advised as follows:

It should be noted that [REDACTED] has been quite active in democratic politics in the lower scale for several years. Subject and subject [REDACTED] who is also a practicing attorney in San Francisco, became extremely interested in a CINCINNATUS organization in San Francisco politics in its beginning, which was reportedly founded about 18 years ago. BROWN is reputedly, not too capable an attorney but sincere and unquestionably has high political ambitions.

[REDACTED] advised that the Veteran's Group at the University of San Francisco, had recently sent out a letter to various sponsors of a dinner given by the AYD at the Colonial Room of the St. Francis Hotel, several months ago, asking them the basis of their support of this dinner, in view of the Director's denunciations of a few months ago, of the AYD, in which he pointed out its connection with the YCL. Informant has maintained a file of the responses re-

San Francisco

EDMUND GERALD BROWN, aka
Pat Brown
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

ceived by the veteran's unit and is endeavoring to locate any reply received from BROWN, which was not available at the time of conversation with him.

addendum - 3/3/46.

b2, [redacted] located Brown's reply to the above mentioned letter which was sent out by JOMICRON EPSILON, the U.S.F. veterans group. The reply dated 2/1/46 stated that Brown had "called the young lady who had invited" him to attend & that she assured him it was in no "way" shape or form communistic.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, San Francisco

DATE: March 13, 1946

b7C FROM : [REDACTED] SA

SUBJECT: NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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b7D The following information was furnished to Special Agent [REDACTED] and the writer by [REDACTED] on March 1, 1946. In the event this information is used, greatest care should be exercised to prevent any information which may reveal the identity of the informant, and it is noted that the information is within the exclusive possession of the informant:

The San Francisco Chapter of the NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD is presently split over the question of whether the Guild should retract its condemnation of a speech given by GERALD L. K. SMITH at San Francisco last November.

b7C EDWIN BROWN, San Francisco District Attorney, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] desire the Guild to retract the condemnation of SMITH's speech and to furnish all newspapers in this area with a copy of the statement of retraction.

The informant stated that the Communist faction of the Guild does not want such a retraction to be made, and that the dispute had been started in the Executive Committee sometime ago. The dispute revolves around the issue of Free Speech, and the Communist side, that is, the group opposed to BROWN and the others mentioned above, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This Communist group states that SMITH must be viewed as a Fascist whose utterances must be suppressed. [REDACTED] has opposed the condemnation of SMITH and voted in favor of the retraction on the basis that the condemnation could be used against the Communist Party at some subsequent date.

The ballots were mailed out to the members, who have returned them, and the names of the voters have been clipped from the ballots [REDACTED]

In connection with the Guild informant further advised that DREYFUS, who has been a mainspring of the organization at San Francisco, deplored the fact that [REDACTED] the Nuremberg war crimes trials. DREYFUS made an appointment on March 2nd [REDACTED] in order to endeavor to have him change his mind. DREYFUS also asked [REDACTED] to change his mind. DREYFUS and other members of the Guild who are Communist Party members and Communist sympathizers fear that the Nuremberg trials will whitewash the Nazis and they do not want to have any of their men associated with it.

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ENCLOSURE

May 25, 1949

Honorable Edmund G. Brown
District Attorney
San Francisco 11, California

My dear Mr. Brown:

I received your letter of May 19,
1949. In response to your request it is a
pleasure to adjust our records so that future
issues of the Uniform Crime Reports will be
forwarded to you. I am enclosing copies of
the two reports for 1948 at this time.

Sincerely yours,

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
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- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Mr. Nease
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OFFICE OF
DISTRICT ATTORNEY
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
550 MONTGOMERY STREET
SAN FRANCISCO II, CALIFORNIA
DOUGLAS 2-2838

EDMUND G. BROWN
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

May 19, 1949

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau
of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

During the year 1948 and up to the present
time, we have not received a copy of the crime
reports of the F.B.I.

We would be very pleased if we could be
added to the mailing list to receive these reports
regularly.

Very truly yours,


EDMUND G. BROWN
District Attorney

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Date December 4, 1950 Time 10:50

[redacted] of Congressman John F. Shelly's Office (D-California)

tele. _____

Phone No. Capitol, 555

REMARKS

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[redacted] was calling to arrange an appointment for Mr. Edmund G. Brown, Attorney General elect, of California with Mr. Hoover. She stated that Mr. Brown would be in town Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of this week and would like very much to talk with Mr. Hoover.

[redacted] was assured that Mr. Hoover would be advised and she would be called relative to whether Mr. Hoover would be able to see Mr. Brown.

Files are being checked.

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I think that he would
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Office Memorandum • UNITED

GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON ✓
FROM : MR. H. H. CLEGG
SUBJECT: REQUEST OF ATTORNEY GENERAL-ELECT
EDMUND G. BROWN OF CALIFORNIA FOR
APPOINTMENT WITH THE DIRECTOR

DATE: 12-6-50

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J. H. [Signature]

Upon receipt of the attached notice of the call from Congressman John F. Shelley's office that Brown desired an appointment with the Director, I called the Congressman's office, made known the Director's unavailability and the fact that I would be glad to see him.

This morning I received a call advising that Mr. Brown had made so many appointments throughout the city and his time here was so brief that he would be unable to make an appointment for this purpose.

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It is well. I note from a clipping he has named Wm. O'Connor, D. A. lawyer as an Asst A. G. of Cal. O'Connor has been a bitter foe of the F. B. I.

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Office of the Attorney General

STATE BUILDING, SAN FRANCISCO

April 2, 1951

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau
of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

During the past few months, California has experienced a series of atrocious murders. Some of these have been emotional crimes growing out of domestic difficulties; others involve sex, robbery, etc.

In looking at your statistics, I note that in some cities in some states there are very few murders of any kind, nature or description. In others, the homicide rate is completely out of proportion to the population.

Have you ever tried to interpret these figures to determine what environmental factors might affect the homicide rate in any of its facets? If your organization has made such a study, would you please let me have the figures.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown
EDMUND G. BROWN
ATTORNEY GENERAL

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April 14, 1951

Honorable Edmund G. Brown
Attorney General
State of California
600 State Building
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Dear Mr. Attorney General:

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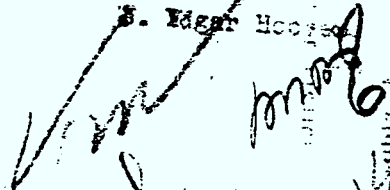
I have received your letter of April 2, 1951, and read with considerable interest the observations you set forth.

We have, of course, noted differences in crime statistics furnished to us by law enforcement agencies throughout the nation. I wish to advise, however, that we have not conducted any study along the lines suggested in your communication. As you will note on page 28 of the annual bulletin for 1950, Uniform Crime Reports, a copy of which you have received, it is pointed out that caution should be exercised in comparing crime data for individual cities because the differences in the figures may be due to a variety of factors. A list of some of the factors which affect crime is set forth on the same page.

I regret that I cannot be of further assistance in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

S. Edgar Hoover

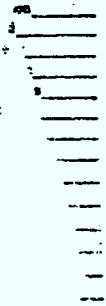


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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
San Francisco 2, California
January 5, 1951

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~ - AIR MAIL

Director, FBI

Re: HAROLD G. ROBINSON
Former Special Agent

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith are two newspaper clippings from the "San Francisco Chronicle" and the "San Francisco News" dated January 3, 1951 concerning the intended appointment of former SA ROBINSON to the position of Chief Investigator for the Office of the Attorney General of the State of California, when Attorney General - elect EDMUND G. (PAT) BROWN, until recently District Attorney of the City and County of San Francisco, takes office later this month.

By way of background, the Bureau is aware that up to six months ago, ROBINSON had served as investigator, and subsequently as Chief Investigator, of the California Commission on Organized Crime. That Commission was disbanded on June 30, 1950. Shortly thereafter, ROBINSON was appointed as Chief Investigator for the U. S. Senate Special Rackets Investigating Committee headed by Senator ESTES KEFAUVER, Democrat from Tennessee. The Bureau is undoubtedly aware of the activities of that committee, which to some extent has been blamed for the loss of several Democrat held seats in both the House and Senate during the last election, because of exposes of certain graft and corruption existing in a number of cities throughout the United States, which was in some instances controlled by the political party in power.

b7C While having lunch with [redacted] San Francisco Police Commission and a Special Service Contact of this office, last week, he advised me that Attorney General-elect BROWN, who was the only Democrat in the state of California to win a major office in the State during the past election has indicated a desire to take leadership of the Democrat Party in California, and in pursuing this desire, recently went to Washington where he is known to have had an appointment with President TRUMAN.

b7C b7D [redacted] advised me confidentially that while at the White House, BROWN was [redacted] President was very disgusted with the manner in which [redacted] has allowed his Committee to operate, which has assisted the Republicans materially in defeating the Democrat incumbents, and that he also feels that [redacted] who formerly worked [redacted] the Truman Committee, when the President was in the Senate, has "betrayed" his close personal friendship with the President by aiding and assisting in these exposes.

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Director, FBI, from SAC, San Francisco

January 5, 1951

Re: HAROLD G. ROBINSON, Former Special Agent

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[REDACTED] BROWN that under no circumstances should BROWN appoint [REDACTED] in his office in California, in view of this betrayal to the President and the Democratic Party.

As indicated in the enclosed clippings, BROWN has indicated that he has already committed himself to ROBINSON, and is going through with his appointment. It is apparent that BROWN is attempting to set up a non-partisan Attorney General's Office. During the past election BROWN refused to support the forces of HELEN GAHAGAN DOUGLAS for Senator and JAMES ROOSEVELT for Governor on the Democratic ticket as a package deal, feeling that his own experience and popularity throughout the State as District Attorney of the City and County of San Francisco for the past several years and his leadership as President of the California State District Attorneys' Association would be sufficient to assure his election. As it turned out, his prophecy was correct inasmuch as DOUGLAS and ROOSEVELT were both soundly defeated by their Republican opponents. BROWN's designation of ROBINSON, who was appointed by Governor WARREN as Chief Investigator of the California Commission on Organized Crime, as well as of Assistant Attorney General ARTHUR H. SHERRY, former Assistant Counsel of the State Crime Commission and a close personal friend and supporter of Governor WARREN, and Assistant Attorney General BURT LEAVY, an active Republican Party worker, to his staff would tend to indicate that he is endeavoring to build up a political machine similar to that of Governor WARREN.

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BROWN has announced to close friends, according to [REDACTED], that should Governor WARREN run for President in 1952, he will run for Governor himself in 1954, probably against Lieutenant Governor GOODWIN KNIGHT, Republican, who is considered somewhat weak.

The above information is being forwarded as of possible interest to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Harry M. Kimball

HARRY M. KIMBALL, SAC

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, San Francisco

DATE: 8/19/54

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: ATTORNEY GENERAL EDMUND G. BROWN
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

You will recall that in the Escondido, California, Daily Times Advocate of July 28, 1954, Attorney General Edmund G. Brown of California was quoted as stating that the California crime statistics are far more accurate than those of the FBI. Apparently, he based his observations on the fact that the Bureau of Criminal Statistics in California, under the jurisdiction of the Attorney General's Office, has full-time representatives whose primary duty is to call upon local agencies that promote accuracy in the reports prepared. The Attorney General was quoted as additionally stating "I doubt that the FBI, with its many other responsibilities, can give equal attention to promoting uniformity." The Bureau, of course, realizes that Brown's ~~unsubstantiated~~ ^{criticism} attack must be primarily based on the fact that he was being severely criticized by California newspapers relative to the crime reporting program in the State of California. The Bureau, however, feels that Brown's statements should not go unchallenged. You should call upon Attorney General Brown, explain to him that his statements have come to the Bureau's attention and that ~~it is a unique opportunity to present a bill of particulars~~ ^{we welcome any opportunity which he may have to support his statement.}

~~You should point out to the Attorney General that in view of the statement attributed to him appearing in the press, the FBI is giving serious thought to discontinuing the publishing of crime statistics for the State of California in the Uniform Crime Reports bulletin and that while we are not desirous of airing controversies it will be, of course, necessary to make it clear to anyone interested that the action is taken in view of the statement made by the Attorney General.~~

You should not develop any argument with Attorney General Brown relative to the accuracy of the figures. It should be pointed out on the other hand, that the FBI has handled the crime reporting program ever since its inception in 1930 at the request of the IACP and that the program is still handled in cooperation with that

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SAC, San Francisco

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organization. It should be understood by the Attorney General, of course, that we feel it only fitting and proper that his attitude be made known to members of the International Association of Chiefs of Police at the 1954 Convention in New Orleans on September 26th, next.

Following your contact with the State Attorney General, you should immediately advise the Bureau of the results of your discussion along the above lines.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON *WPK*

DATE: Aug. 27, 1954

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS *PS 9/1/54*

SUBJECT: ATTORNEY GENERAL EDMUND G. BROWN
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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On my memorandum of August 18, 1954, concerning the statements of Attorney General Brown of the State of California that the California criminal statistics are far more accurate than those of the FBI, the Director indicated that he would like to see the letters prepared on August 19, 1954, to the SAC at San Francisco and Mr. Leroy E. Wike, Executive Secretary of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, which have not been sent.

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These letters are attached.

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Letters prepared to SAC San Francisco + Leroy E Wike 9-7-54 CDD

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 8/13/54

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: ATTORNEY GENERAL EDMUND G. BROWN
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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You will recall that a California newspaper dated July 23, 1954, quoted the captioned State Attorney General as stating that California criminal statistics are far more accurate than those of the FBI. The Director noted on my memorandum dated August 10, 1954, as follows: "I think we should stop printing all California crime statistics since AG of California states FBI statistics are not accurate and let it be known why we are doing it."

I am in complete accord with the Director's concern relative to the unwarranted statements on the part of Attorney General Brown. Undoubtedly, Brown, of his own initiative, was doing quite a bit of dragging in order to add luster to his own position, and to defend himself against recent newspaper criticism of the State Bureau of Criminal Statistics annual reports. As you recall this same newspaper article criticizing the Attorney General's report commended in very glowing terms the FBI Uniform Crime Reports bulletin by way of comparison. We, of course, have received no indication that Brown's statements are backed up by the police in the State of California who have for a long time submitted excellent crime statistical reports to us.

Although the Director's suggestion is most logical and backed up by flagrant abuse of the truth on the part of Attorney General Brown, I respectfully would like for the following points to be considered before we eliminate the printing of California crime statistics:

(1) The FBI for many years has been engaged in the reporting of crime statistics at the specific request of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). This organization is heartily in accord with the way we have been carrying on this program and has commended us on numerous occasions regarding the program. It is felt that severing relations with California authorities, insofar as the crime statistical program is concerned, would be a violation of trust imposed in us by the IACP. The same fact holds true with reference to police officers in the State of California. These men have never, to our knowledge, criticized our crime statistical reporting program and to cut them off as a result of a statement made by a politician who is in office for only a temporary period of time, would be in effect severing friendly relations with officers who look to the FBI for leadership not only in this field but in many other fields of law enforcement relations.

Attachments

cc - Mr. Harbo
cc - Mr. Leonard
cc - Mr. Jones

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols
RE: ATTORNEY GENERAL EDMUND G. BROWN
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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(2) To sever relations with California Police with respect to crime reporting would do much to disrupt the compilation of statistics on a nationwide basis. Our estimates would largely be ineffective and vulnerable to any attack by professional statisticians such as the American Statistical Association. If we withheld the printing of the California statistics, the contribution of reports by the local authorities there, being meaningless, would unquestionably soon drop off to nothing and the withdrawal of such a large and important segment of the crime reporting program would be extremely detrimental to the over-all program. The "crime clock" for example, which presents the number of crimes per hour, per day, et cetera, has been used very effectively and has been received very well by the public, would be so defective as to raise serious question as to whether we could continue its compilation.

(3) As you know, the current Chief of Police of Los Angeles, William Parker, is somewhat unfriendly towards the FBI. He would undoubtedly seize any opportunity to "blow up" anything severing our relations between the FBI and California State authorities from a crime reporting standpoint. Parker would capitalize on such publicity by making it entirely unfavorable to the FBI. I do not feel he should be given this opportunity.

(4) The Bureau's long-established policy in withholding the publication of any figures in the Uniform Crime Reports bulletin has been that the withholding be on the basis of incompleteness definitely established and only after the reporting agencies were warned substantially in advance and given a reasonable time for improvement. The IACP's Committee on Uniform Crime Records generally understands this. It may be that to do otherwise at this point would be unfair and bring about adverse criticism.

(5) It is respectfully pointed out that if we withheld printing of California's crime figures, we would have to redo all the tabulations which have just been completed and are included in the material for the current issue of the Uniform Crime Reports bulletin presently being reviewed for approval. The bulletin is almost ready to go to the Government Printing Office and such a withholding of printing of the California figures would not only seriously detract from the quality of the published data but also substantially delay the printing of the bulletin.

I do feel that Brown's statement should not go unchallenged. Subject to the Director's approval there is attached a letter instructing SAC Whelan of San Francisco to call upon Attorney General Brown

Memorandum to Mr. Tolson from L. R. Nichols
RE: ATTORNEY GENERAL EDWARD E. BROWN
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

8/18/54

And advise him that we were surprised to see his charge of incompleteness in the paper inasmuch as we had never heard from him as to any deficiencies in the crime reporting program. Shelan is instructed to explain to the Attorney General that we are giving serious consideration to discontinuing the publication of any crime figures for the State of California in view of his unwarranted attack and that while we are not desirous of citing any controversies, if such action is taken it will be necessary for us to make it clear to everyone concerned the reasons behind it. He will be advised that we are at this time giving him the opportunity of presenting a bill of particulars. He will be additionally advised that we feel it is only fair that his attitude be made known to members of the IACP at the 1954 Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, on September 26th, next.

It is additionally felt that we should go on record with the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the parent organization of the program and the organization that has requested us to coordinate this program on a nationwide basis for police, by telling that organization of Attorney General Brown's unwarranted attack and of the fact that to our knowledge he has never offered any suggestions or advised us in any manner of dissatisfaction with the program in the State of California.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. It is respectfully suggested that the above facts be considered in connection with this matter, and that final decision as to future handling of California Crime statistics be delayed until after our conference with Attorney General Brown.

2. That the attached letters to SAC, San Francisco, and Mr. Leroy E. Mike, Executive Secretary of the IACP, be forwarded as suggested above. A copy of the letter to Mr. Leroy E. Mike is being directed to Mr. Bruce Smith, Director, Institute of Public Administration, 684 Park Avenue, New York 12, New York.

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No further
Action matter
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

August 19, 1954

Mr. Leroy E. Wike
Executive Secretary
International Association of Chiefs
of Police, Inc.
Mills Building
Pennsylvania Avenue at 17th Street, Northwest
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wike:

I wish to bring to your attention and through you to the attention of other officials of the International Association of Chiefs of Police the recent ~~unwarranted attack~~ against the FBI crime reporting program on the part of Attorney General Edmund G. Brown of the State of California. In the Escondido, California, Daily Times Advocate of July 28, 1954, Attorney General Brown of California was quoted as stating "California crime statistics are far more accurate than those of the FBI." He was additionally quoted as saying "I doubt that the FBI with its many other responsibilities can give equal attention to promoting uniformity." With respect to the latter statement, he was referring specifically to the coordination of criminal statistics on the part of the FBI.

I thought you would like to know that this was our first knowledge that the Attorney General of the State of California felt there were any deficiencies in the crime reporting program of the FBI and the International Association of Chiefs of Police within the State of California. The Attorney General's office there has never contacted us to point out any specific area wherein the crime reports published by the FBI for the State of California fell short of the accuracy achieved by the State Bureau of Criminal Statistics at Sacramento, California. For the purpose of promoting the best interest of law enforcement relations, it is felt that Attorney General Brown should have at least given the FBI and the International Association of Chiefs of Police the courtesy of advising of

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Mr. Leroy E. Wike

August 19, 1954

any such inaccurate reporting, if he had proof, prior to the issuance of a press release bringing out such matters.

I have instructed a representative of this Bureau to call upon Attorney General Brown in order to give him an opportunity to produce a bill of particulars to back up his attack. ~~He will additionally be advised, that in view of the statements attributed to him, the FBI is giving serious consideration to discontinuing the publishing of crime statistics for the State of California in the Uniform Crime Reports bulletin, and that while we are not desirous of airing controversies, it will be, of course, necessary to make it clear to anyone interested that this action is taken in view of the statements made by him.~~ We will, of course, advise you of the results of such contact; however, I did want to let you know of the above information.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to Mr. Bruce Smith, Director, Institute of Public Administration, 684 Park Avenue, New York 21, New York.

Sincerely yours,

SAC, San Francisco

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Director, FBI

ATTORNEY GENERAL EDMUND G. BROWN
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Following your contact with the State Attorney General, you should immediately advise the Bureau of the results of your discussion along the above lines.

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Mr. Leroy E. Wike
Executive Secretary
International Association of Chiefs
of Police, Inc.
Mills Building
Pennsylvania Avenue at 17th Street, Northwest
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wike:

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- cc - Mr. Bruce Smith, Director, Institute of Public Administration, 684 Park Avenue, New York 21, New York (~~separate cover~~)
- cc - SAC, San Francisco
- cc - Mr. Harbo
- cc - Mr. Leonard
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Mr. Leroy E. Wike

September 7, 1954

interest of law enforcement relations, it is felt that Attorney General Brown should have at least given the FBI and the International Association of Chiefs of Police the courtesy of advising of any such inaccurate reporting, if he had proof, prior to the issuance of a press release bringing out such matters.

I have instructed a representative of this Bureau to call upon Attorney General Brown in order to give him an opportunity to produce a bill of particulars to support his criticism. We will, of course, advise you of the results of such contact; however, I did want to let you know of the above information.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to Mr. Bruce Smith, Director, Institute of Public Administration, 684 Park Avenue, New York 21, New York.

Sincerely yours,

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 8/10/54

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FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: ATTORNEY GENERAL EDMUND G. BROWN
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Escondido Daily Times Advocate of July 28, 1954, Attorney General Brown of California is quoted as stating that the California crime statistics are far more accurate than those of the FBI. Apparently, he bases his observation on the fact that the Bureau of Criminal Statistics in California under the Attorney General's office has full-time representatives whose primary duty is to call upon local agencies to promote accuracy in the reports prepared and he doubts that the FBI with its many other responsibilities can give equal attention to promoting uniformity.

It is obvious that a State agency with full-time field men can promote greater accuracy. Whether the additional accuracy thus attained is worth the expense is open to considerable question. At the Bureau we apply every available check to reports received. Much uniformity is promoted with the use of an extensive correspondence program. Reports that apparently are not correctly prepared are not used in our summary tabulations. Furthermore, we state frankly in each issue of the Uniform Crime Reports bulletin that the FBI does not vouch for the accuracy of the data sent in by individual police agencies.

The California State Bureau field men in justification of the salary paid them undoubtedly find some adjustments to reports previously submitted. That can always be done. Since California crime reporting is generally of a high quality, I doubt very seriously if the findings justify the Attorney General's deductions that the data collected by his department is "far more accurate" than that of the FBI.

Over a period of years we have exchanged correspondence with the professional staff of the Bureau of Criminal Statistics in the State of California. Ronald H. Beattie is Chief and has always been friendly. At one time he was in charge of the Administrative Office of the U.S. District Courts in Washington, D. C. and in that capacity made available to us all of their records pertaining to convictions reported by U.S. Attorneys which we were able to check individually against our records.

The Attorney General in California is apparently doing a little bragging and I suggest that nothing may be gained by taking issue with him on this subject.

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September 7, 1954

SAC, San Francisco

Director, FBI

ATTORNEY GENERAL EDMUND G. BROWN
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

You will recall that in the Escondido, California, Daily Times Advocate of July 28, 1954, Attorney General Edmund G. Brown of California was quoted as stating that the California crime statistics are far more accurate than those of the FBI. Apparently, he based his observations on the fact that the Bureau of Criminal Statistics in California, under the jurisdiction of the Attorney General's Office, has full-time representatives whose primary duty is to call upon local agencies that promote accuracy in the reports prepared. The Attorney General was quoted as additionally stating "I doubt that the FBI, with its many other responsibilities, can give equal attention to promoting uniformity." The Bureau, of course, realizes that Brown's criticism must be primarily based on the fact that he was being severely criticized by California newspapers relative to the crime reporting program in the State of California. The Bureau, however, feels that Brown's statements should not go unchallenged. You should call upon Attorney General Brown, explain to him that his statements have come to the Bureau's attention and that we welcome any specifics which he may have to support his statement.

You should not develop any argument with Attorney General Brown relative to the accuracy of the figures. It should be pointed out on the other hand, that the FBI has handled the crime reporting program ever since its inception in 1930 at the request of the IACP and that the program is still handled in cooperation with that organization.

Following your contact with the State Attorney General, you should immediately advise the Bureau of the results of your discussion along the above lines.

- cc - Mr. Harbo
- cc - ~~Mr. Leonard~~
- cc - ~~Mr. Jones~~

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Mr. Gurnea	✓
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Mr. Pennington	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Mr. Gandy	✓

September 9, 1954

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Director Hoover:

I greatly appreciate your courtesy in advising us of the recent criticism of the FBI crime reporting program on the part of Attorney General Edmund C. Brown of the State of California.

Because of the cooperative efforts of the International Association of Chiefs of Police with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in inaugurating the system of Uniform Crime Reporting, the IACP maintains a continuing interest in the value and effectiveness of the system. To my knowledge, no reports or complaints of inaccuracies in the Uniform Crime Reporting system have ever before reached this office.

I have taken the liberty of informing President Carl F. Hansson of this matter, and it may be that he will wish to discuss it with the Executive Committee at our forthcoming conference at New Orleans. We will be in anticipation of your advice on the results of the contact of the Bureau representative with Attorney General Brown.

Sincerely yours,

Leroy E. Wike

Leroy E. Wike,
Executive Secretary.

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cc: President Carl F. Hansson

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOV

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, San Francisco
SUBJECT: EDMUND G. BROWN
California Attorney General

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DATE: Sept

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PERSON.

On September 4, while at Los Angeles, I was introduced to Chief PARKER of the Los Angeles Police Department, after a heated talk before the convention of the California Officers in opposition to a talk which had been presented at the convention by the Attorney General of California, EDMUND BROWN on September 3rd.

BROWN had told the convention that on the basis of a decision in the Irvin Case decided by Chief Justice WARREN was issuing an opinion to the District Attorney of Los Angeles that it was illegal for police officers to install microphones on trespass and that criminal action against such officers was to be determined or resolved by the District Attorneys. PARKER maintains such is not the law in California and that this is a test case pending in which PARKER is a party in interest. PARKER was most critical of BROWN for having released this information now since it can be used at least as an argument against BROWN in the pending case.

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During the course of the conversation that I had with PARKER, he advised that EDMUND BROWN, the California Attorney General, had on one occasion advised him that if [redacted] is nominated and elected to the Presidency, that BROWN expects to be appointed Attorney General. PARKER did not indicate when the occasion of BROWN making this statement to him. It would, on its face, at least, indicate that BROWN would be ambitious to become Attorney General of the United States in the event the Democrats elect a president.

Chief PARKER further stated that he had persuaded a legislator to introduce a bill into the State Legislature of California legalizing the use of wire tapping under the same provisions as is used in the State of New York. PARKER stated that he had occasion to discuss this proposed legislation with Attorney General EDMUND G. BROWN and that BROWN advised that he was unalterably opposed to any such legislation since it was in violation of civil rights.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

SUBJECT: EDMUND J. BROWN
Attorney General
State of California

DATE: September 15, 1954

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Mr. Harbo	
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At your instructions I called upon Attorney General BROWN on September 14 and explained to him that his letter to the Editor of the Escondido DAILY TIMES-ADVOCATE had come to the Bureau's attention and that we welcomed any specifics he might have to support his statement.

The Attorney General advised that he had spoken to you about this personally some time ago. He stated that the editorial in the Escondido DAILY TIMES-ADVOCATE made him quite angry and that he asked his men to draft an answer.

He indicated to me that he did not know before I called it to his attention that his letter to the Editor had been published. Attorney General BROWN wanted me to tell you that he certainly did not intend to cast any reflections upon the accuracy of the FBI Crime Reports and knew of no instances of any inaccuracies and stated that if he had it to do over again he would not state that the California crime statistics were more accurate than those of the FBI. He stated that the word "accuracy" was poorly chosen and he regrets it.

In reference to the sentence in the next to the last paragraph, in which the Attorney General stated that he doubted that the FBI Agents could give equal attention to securing essential uniformity of local reporting as his office was giving, the Attorney General was surprised to learn that National Academy men, for instance, are given training in the matter of uniform crime reporting and that Agents of the FBI are also given some training in this matter and that on their regular calls to police departments, Agents from time to time have assisted law enforcement agencies in the understanding and better reporting of uniform crime figures, and that there is an analysis made of these figures and where discrepancies appear there is an effort made to determine the reason for the discrepancy. The Attorney General of California was not aware of the fact that the figures from some cities, such as New York City, for some years were not published in the Uniform Crime Reports because they were obviously not complete.

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Letter to Director
Re: Attorney General EDMUND J. BROWN
State of California

Attorney General BROWN has a very high personal regard for the Director and the FBI. He stated that he had no animus in his own mind in making the statement he made, and that it was a poorly phrased statement made on an occasion in which he had been provoked. He gave evidence of being genuinely sorry that the statement had been made.

Attorney General BROWN, from everything I have heard and from my own personal observation, is not a very deep individual. He is a politician with somewhat average or limited ability and experience. Because of his lack of good judgment I would not trust him too far, or count him as a backer who could be depended upon. However, I do not think he will intentionally attempt to do anything that would be critical of the FBI.

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September 24, 1954

Mr. Leroy E. Wike
Executive Secretary
International Association of Chiefs
of Police, Inc.
Mills Building
Pennsylvania Avenue at 17th Street, Northwest
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wike:

I would like to refer to my letter of September 7, 1954, and your reply of September 9, 1954, concerning public criticism of the uniform crime reporting program by Attorney General Edmund G. Brown of California. You indicated you would like to be advised of the results of our contact with Attorney General Brown.

Our Special Agent in Charge at San Francisco called on Attorney General Brown on September 14, 1954, and discussed this matter frankly with him. The Attorney General explained that he did not intend for his letter to the press to be published and regretted his choice of words in referring to the uniform crime reporting program.

He was considerably surprised to learn of the training afforded the National Academy graduates in uniform crime reporting and the fact that agents of the FBI are available to assist in this program as needed. Apparently, he was not too well informed on the manner in which the uniform crime reporting program is conducted by the FBI in cooperation with the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

As far as we are concerned, this particular incident is closed and I thought you should be advised of the facts.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to Mr. Bruce Smith, Director, Institute of Public Administration, 684 Park Avenue, New York 21, New York.

Sincerely yours,

cc - Mr. Bruce Smith, Director, Institute of Public Administration
684 Park Avenue, New York 21, New York.

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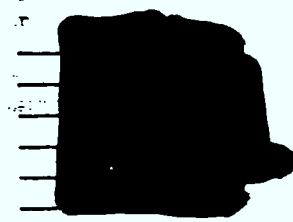
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Mr. Boardman, 5736
Mr. Belmont, 1742
Mr. Harbo, 5256
Mr. Mohr, 5517
Mr. Parsons, 7121
Mr. Rosen, 5706
Mr. Tamm, 4130 IB
Mr. Keay, 1742

Mr. Nichols, 5640
Mr. McGuire, 5642
Mr. Wick, 5634
Mr. DeLoach, 5636
Mr. Morgan, 5625

Mr. Jones, 4236
Mr. Leonard, 6222IB
Mr. Wolkart, 7204
Mr. Eames
Mr. Wherry, 5537

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For your info
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For appropriate action

In view of the nature of the contact with Attorney General Brown of California, set forth in the attached letter from the SAC, I suggest we take no further action with reference to discontinuing publishing crime statistics from California.

L. B. Nichols
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L. B. Nichols
Room 5640, Ext. 691

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- Mr. Tolson ✓
- Mr. Boardman ✓
- Mr. Nichols ✓
- Mr. Belmont ✓
- Mr. Harbo _____
- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Parsons _____
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

You will recall our conversation relative to infiltration of Democratic clubs here in California.

Pat Brown (Atty. Gen.) tells me he has set up a system to get F.B.I. records of suspected infiltrators. These he will pass along to [REDACTED] will try to prevent infiltration. But has [REDACTED] been cleared?"

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Sincerely

/s/ Sam Yorty

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Neither Brown nor anyone else will get any FBI records.

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Sam Yorty

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Honorable Samuel W. Yorty
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

I am in receipt of your letter postmarked
June 6, 1955, in Los Angeles, California.

As you are undoubtedly aware, information
contained in the files of this Bureau is maintained
as confidential and for official use only in accordance
with regulations promulgated by the Attorney General of
the United States. In view of this fact, the Bureau
is precluded from making any arrangement similar to
that mentioned in your letter, and no such agreement
has been made.

Thank you for your interest and courtesy in
communicating with me in this matter.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

cc - San Francisco (with copy of incoming)

SAN FRANCISCO:

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Congressman Samuel W. Yorty has corresponded with
the Bureau on several occasions in the past and has been
afforded cordial acknowledgments. (94-43740)

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Edmond D. Brown is apparently the individual to
whom Yorty refers as Pat Brown. Edmond D. Brown is Attorney
General of California. Bufiles reflect considerable
correspondence from Brown, the bulk of which has been
concerned with crime statistics. Following a contact with
Brown on September 14, 1954, SAC Whelan, San Francisco, noted
that Brown does not appear to be a very "deep" individual

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and is a politician with somewhat average or limited ability and experience. (62-76249)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 7/19/55

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ATTORNEYS GENERAL

Attention: Training and Inspection Division

Re SAC Letter 55-40 (C)

UACB, Attorney General EDMUND G. BROWN of the State of California will not be contacted by the SAC at Los Angeles, in accordance with instructions contained in referenced SAC Letter, inasmuch as the San Francisco Division maintains liaison with the Attorney General at Sacramento

I am personally acquainted with Attorney General Brown and have talked with him on numerous occasions at conferences held within the Los Angeles territory. He has at no time registered a complaint with me against the Bureau.

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cc SAC, San Francisco (personal attention)
SAC, San Diego (personal attention)

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November 2, 1955

OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE
NAME CHECK REQUESTS

Reference is made to your name check requests concerning the individuals listed below, requesting only copies of reports of any security-type investigations conducted by this Bureau. In response you are advised that no such investigations of these persons have been conducted by the FBI.

[Redacted]
Fisher Flouring Mills Company
3235 16th Avenue, S. W.
Seattle, Washington

[Redacted]
Richfield Oil Corporation
555 South Flower Street
Los Angeles 17, California

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[Redacted]
Tacoma, Washington

Albert W. Putnam
Born: September 22, 1877
Spuyten Duyvil, New York

[Redacted]
Providence, Rhode Island

Hon. Edmund G. Brown
Born: April 21, 1905
San Francisco, California

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Can Manufacturers, Inc.
Washington, D. C.

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The foregoing information is furnished to you as the result of your requests for FBI file checks and is not to be construed as a clearance or a nonclearance of the individuals involved. This information is furnished for your use and should not be disseminated outside of your agency.

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NOTE:

The above-mentioned name check requests were received through Liaison, from Commander Rutledge of ONI who advised that the above individuals were being considered as invitees to a conference to be held by the Department of Navy in January, 1956, at which classified data will be discussed. Commander Rutledge indicated that these individuals who will attend will require at least a "secret" clearance. It is to be noted that the individuals so listed are not aware of their suggested invitations and complete background data cannot be obtained at this time. At ONI's request indices were searched for results of security-type investigations only concerning the subject.

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July 14, 1956

Honorable Edmund G. Brown
Attorney General
State of California
600 State Building
San Francisco 2, California

My dear Mr. Attorney General:

Your letter of July 5, 1956, has been received, and I deeply appreciate the interest prompting you to communicate with me in this regard and to bring your observations on this subject to my attention.

While I assure you of my great interest in this problem, I must advise that since this is a matter of a legislative nature, a policy of long standing precludes my commenting upon it. You will, I am sure, understand my position in this regard.

I am happy to enclose, however, a copy of Report Number 2576, United States House of Representatives, concerning amendment of Title 18, United States Code, to authorize the enforcement of state statutes prescribing criminal penalties for subversive activities. You will note on pages four and five a copy of a letter dated May 25, 1956, from the Deputy Attorney General to Honorable Emanuel Celler setting out the views of the Department of Justice on this subject.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover

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Honorable Edmund G. Brown

July 16, 1956

NOTE: Bufiles reflect considerable past correspondence with Brown. Following a talk with Brown on 9/14/54, SAC, San Francisco, noted that Brown does not appear to be a very "deep individual." Relations have been generally cordial with him, but in June, 1954, he was somewhat critical of the compilation methods of the UCR. He was subsequently set straight on this topic.

EDMUND G. BROWN
ATTORNEY GENERAL

STATE OF CALIFORNIA



WILLIAM J. O'CONNOR
Chief Deputy Attorney General

T. A. WESTPHAL, JR.
Chief Assistant Attorney General
Division of Civil Law

THOMAS W. MARTIN
Chief Assistant Attorney General

HAROLD G. ROBINSON
Deputy Director
Division of
Criminal Law and Enforcement

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Office of the Attorney General

STATE BUILDING, SAN FRANCISCO
HENRY A. DIETZ, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

July 5, 1956

Barbara Blaine
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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Bureau of Federal Investigation
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Several of the Attorneys General from various states have opposed a provision giving to the forty-eight states the right to prosecute subversives. I was one of those who opposed it. I did so as the chief law enforcement officer of the State of California, well knowing the personnel and capabilities of those employed in the largest state department of justice in our country.

Based upon thirteen years experience as a prosecuting official, it was my feeling that we are not equipped to do this job. I feel that it is one that requires an intimate knowledge of Communism and the ways in which they operate in other countries, plus access to confidential information which necessarily cannot be given to too many people even though they may hold high positions in the various states.

I have been informed however that you favor a so-called partnership between the states and the federal government in this field.

I assure you that I recognize the menace of subversive activities and I desire to do all in my power to aid and assist you as well as other security agencies of our government.

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I would therefore like to ask you whether or not you do favor bills now pending in Congress which would

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permit the forty-eight states to investigate and prosecute subversion of various kinds. If you do I would like to have your suggestions as to what we in California should do to implement any law that may be adopted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edmund G. Brown", written in dark ink. The signature is fluid and extends across the width of the typed name below it.

EDMUND G. BROWN
ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 8/31/56

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles (94-250)

SUBJECT: SPECIAL CRIME STUDY COMMISSION
ON ORGANIZED CRIME; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], EDMUND G. "PAT" BROWN
INFORMATION CONCERNING - GIIF

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Reference is made to Los Angeles GIIF Report dated 6/29/56, a copy of which was provided to S.F. Office [REDACTED]

Under the sub-heading "Political and Police Ties with Organized Crime" in rerep, considerable information was detailed regarding the current investigation under the direction of California State Attorney General BROWN, as conducted by [REDACTED] Assistant District Attorney, and staff. [REDACTED] has, since the issuance of that report, established close liaison on a confidential basis with [REDACTED] apprized of the progress [REDACTED] investigation of law enforcement in Los Angeles County. Our source has determined that whereas the probe initially was intended to be painstaking, [REDACTED] was ordered to just gloss it over. Subsequently he received new orders from the Attorney General, these coinciding with the illness of Los Angeles District Attorney S. ERNEST ROLL, who is not expected to live more than sixty to ninety days and who is the only candidate to succeed himself in the November, 1956 elections.

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As matters now stand, [REDACTED] a very thorough investigation, and he has related to our source that conditions here are much worse than he ever expected to find them. The above referenced report is a fair guide of the conditions which [REDACTED] although source reports that [REDACTED] that at least in some respects things are even more serious than this outline would indicate.

[REDACTED] 8/30/56, took some additional information to [REDACTED] if it proves true, will emphasize again the suspicions that there is a terrible breach

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Director, FBI

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Re: SPECIAL CRIME STUDY COMMISSION
ON ORGANIZED CRIME; [REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED] EDMUND G. "PAT" BROWN
INFORMATION CONCERNING - GIIF

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of justice in this County. The information he took relates [REDACTED] the Beverly Hills, California furrier who in July was convicted of conspiracy to commit a fake fur robbery and of filing a false insurance claim. [REDACTED] trial was in Santa Monica before Superior Court Judge ORLANDO H. RHODES. Details of the [REDACTED] case are not especially important to this communication, except that the information as told to [REDACTED] by our source incensed [REDACTED] who told [REDACTED] that he feels so strongly about the local law enforcement and legal situation that he intends to immediately recommend to Attorney General BROWN the re-creation of a Crime Study Commission to concentrate its energies in Southern California, or if such a Commission is not forthcoming to at least suggest that the current study be enlarged and extended so that proper justice can be done to it. [REDACTED] said if he can arrange it he will forego the judgeship in Northern California to which he has been aspiring in favor of heading the investigation or Crime Commission.

It is expected that there will be more information from our source in this matter; in the meantime the San Francisco Office is being alerted so that Office can discreetly seek any pertinent information from sources in San Francisco and Sacramento.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 10/19/56

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles (94-250)

SUBJECT: SPECIAL CRIME STUDY COMMISSION
ON ORGANIZED CRIME; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] EDMUND G. "PAT" BROWN
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At the time relet was prepared, [REDACTED] indicated his intention of providing [REDACTED] on a confidential basis, a copy of [REDACTED] report of findings regarding the status of law enforcement in Los Angeles County, which [REDACTED] State Attorney General EDMUND G. BROWN, had stated was even in worse condition than he had been led to expect. As indicated in relet, the implication drawn by our source from [REDACTED] remarks was that the Office of the Los Angeles County District Attorney had in some respects become almost completely derelict in its obligations to the people.

During the month of September, according to our source on 10/17/56, [REDACTED] seemed to be diligently working. However, [REDACTED] to Alameda County, where he is campaigning for public office, and in recent weeks source has been unable to discern much investigative activity by [REDACTED].

Source said he still hopes to obtain some resume of information from [REDACTED] but the prospects do not appear as bright as they did last August.

Meantime, [REDACTED] he has learned from sources of his that Attorney General BROWN is personally handling investigation in Los Angeles County of the beating of a Retail Clerks Union representative, which apparently

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