



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

**HUGO BLACK**

**PART 1 OF 1**

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, El Paso

DATE: July 21, 1949

SUBJECT: STERLING BLACK - MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

This is to record the fact that STERLING BLACK, the youngest son of U.S. Supreme Justice HUGO BLACK, is presently residing at Los Alamos, N.M., where he has recently accepted employment with the Legal Division of the Atomic Energy Commission, Los Alamos, N.M. According to WILL HARRISON of the Santa Fe New Mexican, STERLING BLACK recently received his law degree from Columbia Law School, New York, New York.

The above information is being furnished to the Bureau for any purpose it might serve.

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**HUGO LAFAYETTE BLACK**

**DOCUMENT - 2**

**DATE - 6/30/51**

**COMMUNICATION - Knoxville letter to FBIHQ**

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DIRECTOR, FBI

6/30/51

SAC, KNOXVILLE

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JUSTICE HUGO BLACK  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

[REDACTED] who is a confidential plant informant of this office, advised on 3/23/51 that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had been afforded a polygraph examination and had admitted prior membership in the Ku Klux Klan in 1928.

This matter was not reported to this office by AEC Security and subsequently, a review of [REDACTED] file was made by an agent of this office, and the file was found to contain a letter from [REDACTED]

This letter contained a statement to the effect that, in explaining his reaction to the question of having withheld information from [REDACTED] Stated that he was a member of the Ku Klux Klan in 1928 (Junior Organization); that he was a neighbor of HUGO BLACK in Alabama at that time; but that he is not now a member of the Klan, having gotten out when BLACK did. It is noted that [REDACTED] lists a present address of [REDACTED] and states he has resided there since July, 1943. From January, 1941, to July, 1943, he resided at [REDACTED] and from 1936 to 1941, he resided at [REDACTED]

The above information is being submitted to the Bureau under instant caption for the confidential information of the Bureau, in view of the information furnished by [REDACTED] under polygraph examination to the effect that JUSTICE HUGO BLACK was formerly a member of the Ku Klux Klan in Alabama.

A copy of this letter is being furnished to Birmingham in order that the AEA - A investigation of [REDACTED] may be reopened for further investigation to establish [REDACTED] prior membership in the Ku Klux Klan.

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**HUGO LAFAYETTE BLACK**

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**COMMUNICATION - Mr. Rosen to Mr. Ladd memo**

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: March 12, 1952

FROM : Mr. Rosen

SUBJECT: HUGO BLACK  
UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT JUSTICE  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Nichols	✓
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[REDACTED] is presently being developed as a Bureau informant particularly in regard to Ku Klux Klan activities. [REDACTED] has been active in Klan activities as far back as the 1920's and has furnished considerable information concerning individuals active in the Klan.

[REDACTED] has stated that he had been a close boyhood friend and schoolmate of U. S. Supreme Court Justice, Hugo Black, who was also raised in Clay County, Alabama. [REDACTED] stated that he was present when Black was sworn into the Klan as a member of the Robert E. Lee Klavern in the 1920's.

Efforts are being made to utilize [REDACTED] as an informant in connection with the investigation regarding the death of Harry T. Moore, at Mims, Florida.

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**HUGO LAFAYETTE BLACK**

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**HUGO LAFAYETTE BLACK**

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**HUGO LAFAYETTE BLACK**

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**COMMUNICATION - A. Rosen to Mr. L. V. Boardman memo**

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TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: 6/11/57

FROM : A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: JUSTICE HUGO BLACK  
U. S. SUPREME COURT  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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 Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

With reference to the attached radio message from the Los Angeles Office referring to information furnished by an informant concerning Justice Black, this matter was discussed with SAC J. F. Malone in Los Angeles. He was instructed to immediately take steps to determine the background of the individual who furnished the information, to interview the individual, get a signed statement from him and pin him down because this story sounds highly improbable. Nevertheless, we must check it out to see if there is any possible Federal violation; consequently, he is to take the necessary steps to pin the informant down and also verify his credibility.

He is to furnish the results of his inquiry to the Bureau for further consideration.

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**HUGO LAFAYETTE BLACK**

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**COMMUNICATION - Radiogram from SAC, Los Angeles to Director**

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 Nichols ✓  
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 Parsons ✓  
 Rosen ✓  
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 Tele. Room ✓  
 Holloman ✓  
 Gandy ✓

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URGENT 6-11-57

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES 110405

JUSTICE HUGO BLACK, U.S. SUPREME COURT, INFORMATION CONCERNING. [REDACTED] WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS A PRIVATE DETECTIVE FROM MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, PHONED THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE JUNE 9, 1957 AND STATED THAT HE WAS RESIDING AT THE HAYWARD HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, AND HAD JUST ARRIVED THIS WEEK FROM FLORIDA WHERE HE WAS A FRIEND OF A JUDGE WHOM HE DECLINED TO IDENTIFY. THIS JUDGE WAS IN LOS ANGELES 2 MONTHS AGO AND WAS QUOTE 'ROLLED' UNQUOTE FOR APPROXIMATELY \$2,000 AFTER HAVING A DATE ARRANGED THROUGH THE ANN O'NEIL SOCIAL CLUB. [REDACTED] SAID HE WAS HERE TO GET EVIDENCE ON THIS CLUB AND WOULD THEN REFER IT TO THE FBI. ON JUNE 10, 1957 [REDACTED] PHONED AGAIN AND STATED THAT HE HAD JOINED THE ANN O'NEIL SOCIAL CLUB USING A PHONY CHECK TO OBTAIN EVIDENCE. [REDACTED] CONTINUED TO DECLINE TO IDENTIFY THE JUDGE BUT LATER IDENTIFIED HIS CLIENT AS JUSTICE BLACK. HE RELATED THAT ACTUALLY BLACK APPROXIMATELY 10 DAYS AGO CAME TO LOS ANGELES ON PRIVATE BUSINESS AND ON THE PLANE MET A GIRL WHO IDENTIFIED HERSELF AS A DAUGHTER OF A JUDGE AND WHO STATED THAT SHE WAS EMPLOYED BY THE ANN O'NEIL SOCIAL CLUB, A GROUP THAT ARRANGED PARTIES AND DATES. UPON ARRIVAL IN LOS ANGELES THIS GIRL INVITED BLACK TO VISIT HER RESIDENCE LOCATED IN THE 6600 BLOCK ON MARYLAND DRIVE WHERE SHE INTRODUCED BLACK TO A SISTER. THEY HAD SEVERAL DRINKS AND THEN HAD DINNER AT THE PRIME RIB RESTAURANT ON LA CIENEGA BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES, THEN RETURNED TO THE RESIDENCE WHERE THEY HAD MORE DRINKS. BLACK ALLEGEDLY CLAIMING THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER HE WAS DRUGGED OR GOT DRUNK BUT PASSED OUT AND WHEN HE CAME TO HE WAS MISSING \$2,800 AND A DIAMOND RING VALUED AT \$9,000 WHICH BLACK HAD PURCHASED FOR \$3,700 AT A PUBLIC SALE AND WHICH HE HAD INSURED THROUGH LLOYDS OF LONDON AT HARRISBURG, PA., FOR \$5,500.

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PAGE TWO:

BLACK WAS WORRIED ABOUT THE RING AS IT COULD BE TRACED TO HIM AND WOULD PROVE EMBARRASSING SO HE TELEPHONED [REDACTED] IN MIAMI BEACH WHO LATER MET BLACK IN JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, AND FURNISHED DETAILS. [REDACTED] CLAIMED TO HAVE DONE QUOTE OFF THE RECORD UNQUOTE INVESTIGATIONS FOR BLACK IN 1948. HE FURTHER STATED THAT BLACK RESIDED IN SUITLAND, MARYLAND, AND WAS THE FATHER-IN-LAW OF AN ATTORNEY AND FRIEND OF [REDACTED] IN MIAMI BEACH, [REDACTED] FURTHER CLAIMED IN PAST TO HAVE FURNISHED INFO TO SA JOSEPH PIERRE OF THE MIAMI OFFICE. [REDACTED] SAID THROUGH PROCESS OF ELIMINATION HE LOCATED THE GIRL WHO HAD BEEN WITH JUDGE BLACK, [REDACTED] THROUGH THE SOCIAL CLUB AND TOOK HER AND HER 3 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER TO THE MOULIN ROUGE RESTAURANT IN HOLLYWOOD ON THE P.M. OF JUNE 9, 1957. WHILE THIS GIRL AND HER DAUGHTER WERE AWAY FROM THE TABLE HE LOCATED AND TOOK THE DIAMOND RING FROM HER PURSE WHICH RING HE MAILED SPECIAL DELIVERY ON JUNE 10, 1957, TO A BONDSMAN BY THE NAME OF GOLDSTEIN ON NORTHEAST 2ND STREET, WASHINGTON, D.C. TO BE RETURNED TO THE JUSTICE. HE SAID THAT THIS BONDSMAN WAS THE SAME ONE WHO HAD BONDED JUDY KAPLAN. [REDACTED] CLAIMED THAT WHILE AT THE MOULIN ROUGE HE PURPOSELY ATTEMPTED TO PAY HIS BILL WITH A POSTDATED PHONY CHECK SO THAT THE POLICE COULD BE CALLED AND THE GIRL IDENTIFIED. HOWEVER THE GIRL RAN OUT AND LATER ON THE EARLY A.M. OF JUNE 10, 1957, MET HIM AT THE HAYWARD HOTEL WITH HER DAUGHTER AND [REDACTED] CLAIMED HE TOOK THE TWO TO THEIR HOTEL AND THERE OBSERVED THAT THEIR BAGS WERE PACKED. CONSEQUENTLY HE CALLED A LOCAL PRIVATE DETECTIVE AND HAD LEARNED THROUGH THE LATTER THAT ANN O'NEIL HAD ARRANGED FOR [REDACTED] AND DAUGHTER TO GO TO LAS VEGAS ON THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD ON JUNE 10, AT 3:30 P.M. [REDACTED] CLAIMED THAT HE WAS STANDING BY EXPECTING TO BE ARRESTED ON THE PHONY CHECK CHARGES AND THAT HE EXPECTED TO ATTEMPT TO EXPOSE THE ANN O'NEIL SOCIAL CLUB AS A CALL HOUSE AND WOULD SUBPOENA [REDACTED] AND EXPOSE HER AS A CALL GIRL. [REDACTED] SAID AS A RESULT

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PAGE THREE:

OF THE POLICE INCIDENT AT THE MOULIN ROUGE HE HAD BEEN CALLED BY SEVERAL ATTORNEYS AT HIS HOTEL WHO WERE REFERRED TO HIM BY THE ANN O'NEIL SOCIAL CLUB, ONE OF WHOM SAID HE WAS REPRESENTING JERRY GEISLER, A PROMINENT HOLLYWOOD ATTORNEY. [REDACTED] SAID LATER ON JUNE 10, 1957, HE HAD JUST RECEIVED A CALL FROM ANN O'NEIL WHO ADVISED HIM THAT IF HE DID NOT BRING HER \$500 AT 8:00 P.M. TONIGHT THAT SHE WAS GOING TO SIGN A COMPLAINT AGAINST HIM WHICH COULD RESULT IN HIS GETTING UP TO 5 YEARS IN JAIL. [REDACTED] SAID THAT WHILE HE HAD CONSULTED AN ATTORNEY WHOM HE DID NOT IDENTIFY HE DID NOT INTEND TO DO ANYTHING AND EXPECTED TO BE ARRESTED MOMENTARILY. [REDACTED] WAS VERY RELUCTANT TO IDENTIFY JUDGE BLACK AND REQUESTED EXTREME CONFIDENCE. HE CLAIMED HE HAD BEEN INVESTIGATING THE ANN O'NEIL SOCIAL CLUB FOR 8 MONTHS AT THE REQUEST OF A LAWYERS ASSOCIATION IN MIAMI BEACH AND THAT THE BLACK EPISODE WAS INCIDENTAL. NO INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED, AND THE VERACITY OF [REDACTED] CLAIMS HAS NOT BEEN VERIFIED, ALL INFO HAVING BEEN FURNISHED TELEPHONICALLY. [REDACTED] REGISTRATION AT HAYWARD HOTEL VERIFIED AS [REDACTED] BY UNIDENTIFIED PHONE CALL. ANN O'NEIL SOCIAL CLUB HAS A PHONE LISTING AT 155 NORTH VERMONT AVENUE, LOS ANGELES. NO IDENTIFYING DATA LOS ANGELES INDICES ON [REDACTED] OR ANN O'NEIL SOCIAL CLUB TO DATE. BUREAU WILL BE FURNISHED FURTHER INFORMATION WHEN RECEIVED. NO INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED. *W.H.*

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HUGO LAFAYETTE BLACK

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Page 3; Paragraph 4 - One deletion for (b) (7) (C) to protect the privacy of an FBI Agent.

Page 3; Paragraph 5 - One deletion for (b) (7) (C) to protect the privacy of an FBI Agent.



Page 4 - Seven deletions for (b) (7) (C); five to protect the privacy of an individual and two to protect the privacy of FBI Agents.

Page 5; Paragraph 1 - One deletion for (b) (7) (C) to protect the privacy of an individual.

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Page 5; Paragraph 3 - Two deletions for (b) (7) (C) to protect the privacy of two individuals.

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Page 6; Paragraph 1 - Five deletions for (b) (7) (C) to protect the privacy of three individuals, one an FBI Agent. Two of those deletions are also for exemption (b) (7) (D) to protect the identity of one individual supplying information on the other.

Page 6; Paragraph 2 - Two deletions for (b) (7) (C) to protect the privacy of two individuals, one an FBI Agent.

Page 6; Paragraph 3 - One deletion for (b) (7) (C) to protect the privacy of an FBI Agent.

Page 6; Paragraph 4 - Six deletions for (b) (7) (C), four to protect the privacy of one individual and two to protect the privacy of two FBI Agents.

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Page 6; Paragraph 7 - One deletion for (b) (7) (C) to protect the privacy of an individual.

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Page 7; Paragraph 3 - Seven deletions for (b) (7) (C) to protect the privacy of three individuals. One of those deletions are also for (b) (7) (D) to protect the identity of an individual supplying information.

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Date: 6/14/57

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Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-4401) **PERSONAL ATTENTION:**  
**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**

RE: JUSTICE HUGO BLACK **ALEX ROSEN**  
U. S. SUPREME COURT;  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re: Los Angeles radiogram 6/10/57; Los Angeles teletypes 6/11/57; Bureau teletype to Los Angeles 6/12/57 and telephone call to Los Angeles from Assistant Director ALEX ROSEN 6/11/57.

On the afternoon of 6/11/57 [REDACTED] was interviewed by agents of the FBI in his hotel room. It was noted that [REDACTED] would not answer telephone call to his room and the key to the room was in the box indicating that he was not in his room; however, when [REDACTED] Hotel Hayward, 206 West 6th Street, Los Angeles unlocked the door to Room 524, it was noted that [REDACTED] was lying on the bed partially undressed. [REDACTED] claimed that he had been asleep. [REDACTED] was interrogated in his room for approximately 3 hours. He produced identification cards which disclosed that he had been employed in the Miami Beach area at the Vanderbilt Hotel as of 6/26/53 and at the Sea Isle Hotel, 5/16/55, these identification cards having been issued by the Miami Police Department, on the above-respective dates. He also had Chauffeur's License [REDACTED] showing an expiration date of 10/1/55 in the name of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] also had business card bearing the name of [REDACTED] Miami Police Dept., Miami Beach. He also possessed a State of New Jersey automobile Driver's License [REDACTED] issued 2/9/54 in the name of [REDACTED]

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Mr. Rosen

JUN 14 1957

Approved: John E. Malone  
Special Agent in Charge

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█████ gave several conflicting stories about his occupation but finally admitted that he had been a chef or fry cook all of his adult life and that was his primary occupation, although he had worked part-time under cover as a private detective, claiming affiliation with the Dade County Investigators, a private agency operated by ██████ in Miami Beach where her husband, ██████ is employed by Dade County in their crime laboratory.

█████ had other documents in his possession disclosing that he had been a member of the Southern California Cooks Association, Local 468 at 720 South Lake Street, Los Angeles and that he had also been employed in restaurants in the Los Angeles area.

█████ did not appear to be intoxicated, although it was noted that a partially filled glass which appeared to contain possible intoxicating beverages was sitting on the dresser. ██████ claimed that he had two drinks earlier in the day in a bar in the hotel. It was also observed that ██████ had an empty one-half gallon wine bottle and an empty quart vodka bottle in his room. Also observed were two empty bottles bearing labels disclosing that they had contained a cough syrup which contained the ingredient of codein.

Also observed in the room were numerous loose photographs of nude and semi-nude women, numerous magazines dealing with nude women, photographic magazines and it appeared that ██████ was considering going into the business of photographing nude models. Also observed were several racing forms and pari-mutual tickets.

█████ when first questioned, stuck to the original story that he had furnished the Los Angeles Office by telephone on 6/9 & 10/57, however, finally admitted that all of the information concerning Justice BLACK which he had furnished was entirely false and claimed that he had furnished same in order to conceal the identity of the real judge involved, which he maintained was a Federal judge who lived at Miami, Florida. He repeatedly refused to disclose his identity without consulting his attorney. ██████ agreed to sign a statement to the effect that the story that he had told concerning Justice HUGO BLACK was absolutely untrue but declined to sign a statement stating that the information he had furnished regarding BLACK did not apply to a Federal judge.

The following signed statement was taken from [REDACTED] in which two corrections were made. [REDACTED] first claimed that he had been representing a lawyers association in Miami Beach but then claimed that it was not an association but a private individual. He also maintained that he was not sure that he had ever worked for Justice HUGO BLACK but was unable to elaborate on this statement and wanted to insert the phrase that he had never worked for BLACK to his knowledge. When asked to write in his own handwriting at the end of this statement that he had read the above pages and that the statement was true and correct, [REDACTED] said that he could not write but could print as indicated on the statement. [REDACTED] also claimed that he had not had any formal education beyond the second grade.

"Los Angeles, Calif.  
June 11th 1957

[REDACTED] make the following voluntary statement to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). I have been advised that I do not have to give this statement and that I have a right to call an attorney and that this statement could be used against me in a court of law.

"I was born November 12, 1922 at St. Louis, Missouri, I am a cook by occupation, but am currently unemployed.

"On June 10th, 1957 I called the Los Angeles FBI office by phone and advised agent [REDACTED] that I was a private detective from Miami Beach, Florida and was in Los Angeles representing a pvt indivul in Miami Beach, and trying to make a case against the Ann O'Neil Social Club, 155 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles. Certain female employees of the social club were reported to me by my clients to have "rolled them" for money and I intended to attempt to expose their club as a "call house of prostitution."

"I told agent [REDACTED], over the phone, that Justice HUGO BLACK, of the United States Supreme Court, Washington, D. C., was one of my clients, that I had done investigative work for him in 1948 and that Justice BLACK had come to the Los Angeles area by plane about 10 days ago, had met a girl on this plane who was employed at Ann O'Neil's

Social Club. Furthermore Justice BLACK had dated this girl while in Los Angeles on private business and had got drunk or was drugged and was "rolled" for \$2800.00 and a diamond ring insured for \$5500.00.

"I wish to state at this time on June 11th, 1957, that the above story I told about Justice HUGO BLACK is absolutely untrue, and I do not know Justice HUGO BLACK and I have never worked for him to my knowledge but used his name to cover for another Federal Judge in Florida to who the above story concerning Justice BLACK actually applies. I decline to identify this judge until I discuss the matter with my attorney.

"The statment of 2 pages is true.

"Witnessed:

/s/ [REDACTED] Special Agent, 6/11/57,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation, Los Angeles  
[REDACTED] Special Agent, Federal Bureau  
of Investigation, Los Angeles, Calif. -  
June 11th, 1957."

[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether he had ever been arrested and he stated that he had been arrested by the FBI in Michigan in about 1947 and had been kept in jail for about 17 days and then released, explaining that he had rented a van from a rental firm and had a contract to this effect but had taken the van from Washington, D. C. to Michigan and when the judge found out the true facts he dismissed the case. He denied any arrests in the Los Angeles area. He stated that he had been questioned by the police in Miami and Jacksonville for invasion of private property in connection with his detective work but had not been booked. He did not furnish any further details.

Concerning whether or not [REDACTED] had been in a mental institution or any institution, [REDACTED] stated that he was in the Army Air Force during World War II stationed at Andrews Field as a gunner. He furnished his serial number from memory as [REDACTED]. He entered in 1943 and was discharged in February of 1946. He claimed that he developed an enlarged heart while in the service and spent 28 months at the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D. C. recovering during which time he was stationed in the Forrest Glen section of the hospital.

[REDACTED] had two small printing devices in his room which he stated he used in printing menus and also he had done some work as an automobile salesman in Miami Beach for Leo Adeeb Chevrolet Company and also for Rhoades Erskine Chevrolet, Beverly Hills, California. He claimed to have been in the Los Angeles area about 7 or 8 months.

[REDACTED] said that he had been contacted by an agent of the FBI in Miami by the name of [REDACTED] and that he had furnished him information.

Among the numerous names and addresses which [REDACTED] had among his personal effects, the majority of which he described as automobile sales prospects, was the name of [REDACTED]

On 6/12/57, the Miami Office was requested by phone to confirm [REDACTED] connections with [REDACTED] and also verify employment with the Sea Isle Hotel and the Dade County Investigators. Also to contact SA [REDACTED]

Later on 6/12/57, SA [REDACTED] phoned and advised that he had interviewed [REDACTED] on 9/30/55 re an ITSMV case. [REDACTED], then employed as a car salesman at Miami Beach, was helpful to the FBI and the police department in furnishing information and was not involved himself. [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that he was acquainted with [REDACTED] and described [REDACTED] as unreliable, stating that [REDACTED] had been arrested numerous times by the Miami Beach Police Department on drunk charges and released. [REDACTED] was employed as a cook [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] stated that he did not know [REDACTED] and did not recognize a photograph of [REDACTED] claiming that he had received a call from [REDACTED] 6/10/57 and [REDACTED] gave a fantastic story about being in trouble in Los Angeles. [REDACTED] stated he had appeared before a Los Angeles judge on Monday and that the judge had appointed [REDACTED] of Miami Beach to come to Los Angeles and team up with prominent Los Angeles attorney JERRY GEISLER to help defend [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is of opinion [REDACTED] appeared to be drunk and incoherent and wanted [REDACTED] to come to Los Angeles to help him. [REDACTED] finally hung up on [REDACTED] and said that the latter did not mention anything about a judge being in trouble.

██████████ said that ██████████ owner of Dade County Investigators, stated that ██████████ never employed by or known to this company which ██████████ had owned for the past four months, for whom ██████████ had previously worked four years and had access to all files and records.

██████████ advised that the Miami Police Dept., Identification Records disclosed that ██████████ was born 11/12/22, Russellville, Arkansas.

There are no Federal judges who sit at Miami Beach according to ██████████ however, some may live there as it is two miles from Miami where Federal Court sits.

██████████ was interviewed at his hotel room by Supervisors ██████████ and ██████████ at 10:00 p.m. on 6/11/57. ██████████ was confronted with the inconsistencies developed by the Miami Office. ██████████ had a hostile attitude and refused to admit that any information he had given, except that about Justice BLACK, was false. He was questioned re his motives about furnishing false information to the FBI and he refused to comment. ██████████ appeared to be of low mentality and not to be rational on many points.

██████████ was advised in clear and certain terms that furnishing false information to the FBI could not be tolerated.

The hotel management advised that ██████████ who had been at the Hayward Hotel since 5/20/57, had been paying his bills but had been in a room without a bath at \$15 a week rental and made numerous telephone calls. The log revealed calls to both the Los Angeles Police Dept., and the aforementioned call to ██████████ ██████████ had been observed to leave the hotel about 4:30 or 4:45 a.m., by the night clerk, each morning; the time of his return had not been established.

On 6/12/57, hotel management advised that ██████████ left the hotel at 11:00 a.m. on this date and in view of the fact that he owed a \$15 bill, including phone calls, they had locked him out of the room. As of 6/14/57, he had not returned and the hotel had rerented the room and was holding his personal effects which had little practical value.



The records of the Beverly Hills Police Dept., 6/13/57 disclosed that [REDACTED] was arrested 4/30/57 when observed drunk on the street. He claimed last employed as a chef by [REDACTED]. He listed his father as [REDACTED]. He had \$8.68 when arrested, was unable to pay the \$15 fine and served three days in jail.

[REDACTED]  
Ann O'Neil Social Club, 155 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, advised 6/13/57 that her club had been victimized for services in the amount of \$25 on 6/9/57. She said that she was not present when [REDACTED] came in and that he had been handled by a part-time employee, [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] was not too intelligent on business manners and accepted a check which was not made out properly. She added that [REDACTED] had arranged for [REDACTED] a date with a girl named [REDACTED], who was not a regular member of her club but who happened to call in at this time and who was known to another social club. [REDACTED] was reported to have a small daughter who was taken with her and [REDACTED] when the group went to the Moulin Rouge Night Club in Hollywood on Sunday evening, 6/9/57. [REDACTED] called the club (ANN O'NEIL's) and advised that [REDACTED] had run up a \$40 check at the Moulin Rouge and had tried to give a check in payment and that she had been abandoned when the police were called and was forced to take a taxi to her hotel. [REDACTED] stated that she had attempted to get in touch with [REDACTED] but that she was reported to have gone to Las Vegas within the past few days. [REDACTED] made a telephone call but was unable to secure a forwarding address on [REDACTED] at this point.

[REDACTED] stated that she had been busy when [REDACTED] came into the social club on 6/9/57 but that he was neatly dressed and appeared to be sober, although he acted a little odd. She said that she had never taken a check before and she did not examine the one [REDACTED] gave her too closely and later found out that it had the incorrect date of May, 1957 on it and it was made payable to cash and drawn on the Wilshire and Mariposa Branch, Bank of America, Los Angeles in the amount of \$25. She said that she had originally given [REDACTED] the telephone number of one [REDACTED] who had called in while he was there but that [REDACTED] had not showed up at [REDACTED] hotel.

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as scheduled for 6:00 p.m., 6/9 /57 and that [REDACTED] had called back and that [REDACTED] who had just called in, was referred to him. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] claimed to have been an attorney visiting here from Dallas, Texas.

[REDACTED] Managing Director of the Moulin Rouge, 6230 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood, stated that his firm had been victimized in the amount of \$40.87 by [REDACTED] on the evening of 6/9 /57. He said [REDACTED] appeared to be in the company of a young girl who had a small child and they appeared to be a family. [REDACTED] asked if it would be permissible to write a check for the dinner and was assured by [REDACTED] Security Officer that it would be providing he had local credentials and it was on a local bank, although no credentials were exhibited at this point. [REDACTED] and his party proceeded to run up a bill in the above amount and then he offered a check for \$60 which [REDACTED] refused to accept. Then a check was made for the exact amount of \$40.87 drawn on the Bank of America, Wilshire and Mariposa Branch which [REDACTED] signed. [REDACTED] told a story about him being a private detective from Miami Beach and was here working on a case which involved a client being rolled by a girl working out of the Ann O'Neil Social Club. This story explained his lack of local identification data. The check was no good.

On 6/12/57, the facts of this case were discussed with AUSA LLOYD F. DUNN who advised that the original allegation had concerned a Justice of the Supreme Court, although BLACK's name was not mentioned and that later the allegation concerned an unidentified Federal judge. DUNN stated that in his opinion the facts would not warrant any prosecutive action under Section 1001, Title 18 as the false information was not of a sufficient material fact to bring about a successful prosecution in this area. He pointed out that Federal judges, in order to be impeached, usually had to be accused of a serious crime and that in a more prosecutive-minded area than Los Angeles, prosecution might be warranted but that he felt the case would be weak for the Southern California District, particularly in view of the apparent questionable mental status of [REDACTED]

Per request in Bureau teletype of 6/12/57, continued attempts will be made to locate [REDACTED] and interview him UACB.

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The Moulin Rouge Restaurant and the Hollywood Police Department are currently considering filing a check charge against [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has no arrest record at the Los Angeles Police Department or the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office.

**HUGO LAFAYETTE BLACK**

**DOCUMENT - 10**

**DATE - 6/18/57**

**COMMUNICATION - Airtel to SACs, Los Angeles and Miami  
from Director**

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PERSONAL ATTENTION

EX-117 62-90518-5  
SACS, LOS ANGELES (62-4401)  
MIAMI

JUSTICE HUGO BLACK  
U. S. SUPREME COURT  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reurairtel 6/14/57.

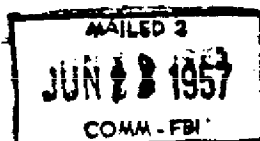
Page 2 of reairtel reflects that [redacted] refused to disclose the identity of the Federal judge in Miami that he was referring to without consulting his attorney. When [redacted] is again interviewed, you should endeavor to ascertain the identity of his attorney and continue your efforts to have [redacted] identify the Federal judge in Miami. All statements from [redacted] should be reduced to writing and interested offices advised of his allegations.

It is noted that reairtel sets forth considerable information of interest to the Miami Division; however, no copy was designated for that office. You should immediately furnish Miami a copy of reairtel.

Keep Bureau advised of pertinent developments.

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**HUGO LAFAYETTE BLACK**

**DOCUMENT - 11**

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URGENT

SAC, LOS ANGELES

JUSTICE HUGO BLACK, UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT, INFORMATION  
CONCERNING. REURRADS JUNE ELEVEN AND TWELVE LAST. REINTERVIEW  
[REDACTED] AND PIN HIM DOWN RE ALLEGATION INFORMATION APPLIES TO  
"A FEDERAL JUDGE IN MIAMI." DETERMINE IDENTITY OF JUDGE.  
IDENT RECORD BEING FURNISHED AMSD. SHOWS ARREST AS DRUNK,  
BEVERLY HILLS PD APRIL THIRTY, FIFTYSEVEN, SENTENCED THREE  
DAYS AND FIFTEEN DOLLARS FINE. [REDACTED] HAS FURNISHED FALSE  
INFORMATION. DIRECT EFFORTS TOWARD POSSIBLE PROSECUTION  
UNDER TITLE EIGHTEEN, SECTION ONE THOUSAND AND ONE. KEEP  
BUREAU ADVISED.

HOOVER

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NOTE:

Los Angeles radiogram 6-12-57, reported no further investigation  
being conducted. [REDACTED] fabricated a story about Justice Black  
being "rolled" in Los Angeles. When confronted alleged the story  
applied to a "Federal Judge in Miami." Teletype necessary to have  
matter promptly resolved.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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**HUGO LAFAYETTE BLACK**

**DOCUMENT - 12**

**DATE - 6/11/57**

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☒ **Radio**

☐ **Teletype**

**URGENT 6-11-57**

**TO DIRECTOR**

**FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES 120225**

**ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ROSEN...**

**JUSTICE HUGO BLACK, U.S. SUPREME COURT, INFORMATION CONCERNING. [REDACTED] INTERVIEWED TODAY AND AFTER EXTENSIVE QUESTIONING IN SIGNED STATEMENT ADMITTED ALL INFORMATION FURNISHED CONCERNING BLACK COMPLETELY FALSE. STATED HOWEVER INFORMATION APPLIES TO A FEDERAL JUDGE FROM MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, WHOM HE REFUSES TO IDENTIFY. MIAMI REQUESTED TELEPHONICALLY TO CHECK OUT IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND OF [REDACTED] ON RECEIPT INFORMATION FROM MIAMI, BUREAU WILL BE FURTHER ADVISED.**

**RECEIVED: 6-11-57 11:32 PM RADIO**

**6-12-57 12:03 AM CODING UNIT RB**

**CC: MR. ROSEN  
 AND THE DIRECTOR  
 INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION**

**RECORDED-110**

**Mr. Rosen**

**JUN 27 1957**

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who stated he was private detective from Miami Beach, Fla., telephoned Los Angeles Office 6/10/57, saying he was friend of Justice Black, US Supreme Court, and that Black had recently been "rolled" of about \$2,000.00 in Los Angeles after having a date arranged through the Ann O'Neil Social Club. [redacted] claimed he was investigating the club to get evidence on it to turn over to FBI. He indicated his client was Justice Black.

Investigative Division instructed Los Angeles to determine background of [redacted] obtain signed statement; pin down any possible violation within our jurisdiction; and verify credibility of [redacted]

[redacted] has now admitted story is false insofar as it related to Black but states Miami Beach Federal Judge was victim of "rolling." [redacted] declines to identify this judge. Investigation at Miami Beach reflects [redacted] has made numerous false statements regarding his background.

Identification Division is furnishing criminal record of [redacted] to Los Angeles. Los Angeles is being instructed to again interview [redacted] and pin him down re "Miami Federal Judge" to whom his story allegedly applies. Also, point out to [redacted] that he can be prosecuted for furnishing false information to FBI.

Since [redacted] is unreliable and fabricated the information re Justice Black, no dissemination of this information is being made to the Department.

**HUGO LAFAYETTE BLACK**

**DOCUMENT - 13**

**DATE - 6/12/57**

**COMMUNICATION - Radiogram from Los Angeles to Director**

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☒ **Radio**☐ **Teletype**6 *Per [Signature]***URGENT 6-12-57****TO DIRECTOR****FROM SAC LOS ANGELES 120725**

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ATTENTION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ROSEN...  
JUSTICE HUGO BLACK, U. S. SUPREME COURT, INFO CONCERNING. *DELETED*  
MIAMI DETERMINED NUMEROUS STATEMENTS OF [REDACTED]  
UNTRUE. NOT EMPLOYED DADE COUNTY INVESTIGATORS, MIAMI BEACH,  
FOR 10 YEARS AS CLAIMED; NOT KNOWN TO [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] KNOWN TO [REDACTED], MIAMI BEACH PD,  
AS BEING UNRELIABLE. ARRESTED SEVERAL TIMES MIAMI BEACH PD  
FOR DRUNK, NUMBER [REDACTED] FBI NUMBER [REDACTED] REIN-  
TERVIEWED ON BASIS MIAMI INVESTIGATION AND REFUSED TO ADMIT  
ABOVE DISCREPANCIES. REFUSED TO GIVE REASON FOR FALSE INFOR-  
MATION RE JUSTICE BLACK, OR TO ELABORATE FURTHER. DETAILED  
AIRTEL AND COPY SIGNED STATEMENT BEING FORWARDED 12TH INSTANT.  
DUE TO NUMEROUS FALSEHOODS OF [REDACTED] TO DATE NO FURTHER INVESTI-  
GATION BEING CONDUCTED. BUREAU REQUESTED TO CHECK IDENTIFICATION  
RECORDS.

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CO: MR. ROSEN  
AND SUPERVISOR  
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

**Called Ident****M****By****Mr. Rosen****Mr. Trotter**

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**HUGO LAFAYETTE BLACK**

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Date: JUNE 21, 1957

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Via **AIRTEL****AIR MAIL**

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-4401)  
SUBJECT: JUSTICE HUGO BLACK  
U. S. SUPREME COURT  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

PERSONAL ATTENTION  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR  
AL ROSEN

ReBuairtel dated 6/18/57, Los Angeles airtel to Miami dated 6/19/57, and Los Angeles radiogram to Bureau dated 6/21/57.

On 6/19/57, [REDACTED] Hotel Hayward, Los Angeles, advised that [REDACTED] had not returned for his personal belongings and the hotel was still holding them for payment of hotel room rent. He had no idea where [REDACTED] might be located.

On basis of statements previously made by [REDACTED] that he had formerly been employed as a cook at an unidentified restaurant near the bus depot in downtown Los Angeles, inquiry of cafes in vicinity of bus depot disclosed from [REDACTED] on 6/20/57, [REDACTED] Los Angeles, that [REDACTED] had been employed as a cook [REDACTED] for a period of three weeks and terminated on 6/8/57. [REDACTED] said that on 6/19/57, [REDACTED] appeared at the cafe seeking work and left an address of Room 32, Floyd Hotel, Los Angeles, telephone MADison 9-0896. [REDACTED] had been referred to a possible job at the [REDACTED] Los Angeles, by one of the cooks [REDACTED] according to [REDACTED]

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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Inquiry on 6/20/57, at [REDACTED] disclosed [REDACTED] unknown and had not applied for a job.

[REDACTED] Floyd Hotel, 549 S. Wall St., Los Angeles, stated [REDACTED] had originally registered at this hotel on 5/4/57, and left on 5/20/57. He returned on 6/15/57, and was currently occupying Room 32 and his rent was paid until 6/22/57. [REDACTED] said that he observed [REDACTED] sitting around the lobby late at night and thinks he probably slept in the lobby two nights before he registered on 6/15/57. [REDACTED] according to [REDACTED] stated that he was expecting a telegram and was using the hotel as his address.

[REDACTED] said that during his former stay at the hotel he recalled [REDACTED] making extensive telephone calls to the Los Angeles Police Dept., Los Angeles, attempting to learn why the Los Angeles Police Dept. was holding some acquaintance of his [REDACTED] on a check charge.

[REDACTED] was not in his room at approximately 2:00 p.m. on 6/20/57, but appeared at the hotel at approximately 8:55 p.m. He stated he had been working since 9:00 a.m., 6/20/57, at [REDACTED] Los Angeles, as a fry cook. [REDACTED] said he fully expected to be arrested for furnishing false information to the FBI. He stated that he did not want to talk in his room and said that he would be willing to accompany agents to the Los Angeles FBI Office.

[REDACTED] was interviewed at approximately 9:05 p.m. at the Los Angeles Office. He was advised that he should either furnish the identity of the Federal judge in Florida that he alleged was involved in this matter, or sign a written statement to the effect that no Federal judge was involved at any time. [REDACTED] said that he would sign a statement to the effect that no Federal judge had been involved at any time, but would make no further statement as to why he had furnished this false information to the FBI. He declined to discuss further phases of this matter.

[REDACTED] said that he had never actually consulted an attorney on this matter but intended to use an attorney whom he had known in the past, [REDACTED] He said that [REDACTED] lived in Beverly Hills, Calif., but had an office in Hollywood, Calif. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] still claimed that he had talked to prominent attorney JERRY GEISLER of Hollywood, Calif., over the phone and that GEISLER, or someone from the latter's office, had returned a call to the Hayward Hotel when [REDACTED] was out.

The following signed statement was secured from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
"Los Angeles, Calif.  
"June 20th 1957

[REDACTED] make the following voluntarily statement to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised that I do not have to make a statement and that I have a right to consult an attorney and that any statement I do make can be used against me in a Court of Law.

"I wish to state at this time that the previous statement I gave the Federal Bureau of Investigation on June 11th 1957 was to the effect, that even though the original information I furnished to the Federal Bureau of Investigation by telephone June 10th concerning Justice HUGO BLACK was absolutely untrue and false, I stated that this information actually applied to a Federal Judge in Florida. I wish to state further on this date June 20th 1957 that the whole story I furnished previously about a Federal Judge being involved is not true and never was true and actually no Federal Judge was involved at any time. I do not wish to make any explanation as to why I furnished this information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the first place.

"I have read the above statement of one and a 3rd pages and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

"Witnessed by

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Special Agent, F.B.I., Los Angeles  
June - 20th 1957

[REDACTED]  
Special Agent, FBI, Los Angeles  
June 20, 1957"

██████████ left the Los Angeles Office at 9:38 p.m.,  
6/20/57.

██████████ Attorney, advised on 6/19/57, that he was not representing ██████████ did not know him, had never heard of him, and voiced the opinion that ██████████ was probably using his name. He stated that it was possible ██████████ could have called his office and a call would have been returned to him by one of his assistants; however, it had not come to his attention. Furthermore, his switchboard operator was, as of this time, unable to identify ██████████

On 6/21/57, the subsequent developments in this matter were discussed with AUSA LLOYD DUNN, the latter stating that the additional facts did not alter his original opinion in the case and he declined prosecution.

At no time during the investigation to locate ██████████ or during the interviews with various persons was the name of Justice BLACK or any other Federal judge disclosed. All interviews were conducted under the pretext that this office was merely attempting to locate ██████████ and interview him under a matter of mutual importance to ██████████ and this Bureau. Likewise, AUSA DUNN was not advised of the identity of Justice BLACK.

██████████ was admonished during the interview for his furnishing false information and was advised that actions such as this could lead to prosecution in Federal Court. He was further advised that any such action as this in the future would certainly lead to prosecution and would be vigorously pursued by this Bureau. He stated that he was now aware of this and that he had learned his lesson and hoped that he would not be prosecuted for this violation. He was advised that prosecution was a matter for the USA, and that this Bureau could not, at the time of interview, advise him as to the decision of the USA.

No further action being taken by Los Angeles, UACB.

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# British Communist Paper Praises Justice Black

LONDON, June 22 (AP).—London's Communist Daily Worker praised United States Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black today in the newspaper's "profile of the week." The unsigned short biography of Justice Black said:

"Victims of McCarthy during America's dark years of prejudice and persecution have been consistently defended by Justice Hugo Lafayette Black."

"Unknown negroes, the tragically well-known Rosenbergs, aliens and deportees, radical professors, trade unionists and Communist leaders have heard the voice of Justice Black speak out for their rights as laid down by the American Constitution."

The paper quoted from a number of Justice Black's decisions and underlined that he "wanted all 14" Communists acquitted in the Supreme Court's decision this week to free five and send for retrial nine convicted California Communists.

"What sort of man is this," asked the Daily Worker, "who for 20 years on three Mondays

a month hands down judgments on appeals on every conceivable point of law, and whose dissenting opinions on behalf of the rights of man will remain longer in men's minds and more thumbed in the law books than many majority opinions?"

The Daily Worker said he was named Hugo after "the great French radical writer Victor Hugo whose book his mother was reading when he was born."

It said Justice Black joined the Ku Klux Klan "as a Southern lawyer seeking advancement in politics," and that opponents of Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal exploited his membership in the Klan from which he resigned.

"A lesser man would have been destroyed," said the Communist Party organ, "but Black calmly rode the storm and remained to write court opinions, which show him as the champion of every human right denied by the Klan."

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# Justice Black Is Reversing Sen. Black

By **MARSHALL McNEIL**  
Cripps-Howard Staff Writer

Hugo Black who, as Supreme Court Justice joined recently in criticizing methods of a House investigation, is the same Sen. Hugo Black who was widely condemned about 20 years ago for his conduct of a free-wheeling Senate quiz of lobbyists.

Indeed, one of Sen. Black's investigating operations got into court. A Federal bureau used to help him gather evidence was used by the local U. S. Court of Appeals to have violated the law.

And while the court did not criticize or attempt to interfere with the Black committee, it expressed the hope that evidence illegally gathered would not be used by it.

Old-timers here recalled the Black lobby investigation as a result of the Supreme Court's decision June 17 in the Watkins case. The high court upheld Mr. Watkins' right to refuse to "snitch" on associates who might have been communists. He was freed of contempt of Congress.



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The Congressional Record of 1936 shows Sen. Black spoke approvingly of the action of a much earlier Congress holding in contempt another man who refused to "snitch" on lobbying associates.

## PAPERS DEMANDED

The Black investigation of 1935 was aimed at lobbying by private utility companies against the holding bill. The Senator demanded from the two telegraph companies copies of messages they sent from Feb. 1, 1935, to Sept. 1, 1935.

The companies balked. So the committee went to the Federal Communications Commission for help.

The late William Randolph Hearst, newspaper publisher, sued, claiming his rights had been invaded. He accused the Black committee and the FCC of conspiring to under the First, Fourth and Fifth amendments.

The commission filed an "opposition," saying its examination of messages in the telegraph offices had been completed prior to the filing of the suit and that no further investigations were planned.

Mr. Hearst's allegations were not denied.

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The trial court upheld Mr. Hearst and the Appellate Court took jurisdiction, eventually holding that the commission acted illegally.

It said that "a dragnet seizure of private telegraph messages, as alleged in the bill, whether made by persons professing to act under the color of authority from the Government or by persons acting as individuals, is a trespass which a court of equity has power to enjoin."

The court conceded it had no authority to require the Black committee not to make use of the telegrams it got thru FCC, "even tho the method of obtaining them was an invasion of appellant's rights."

"If a court could say to the Congress that it could or could not use information in its possession," the court said, "the independence of the legislature would be destroyed and the constitutional separation of powers of Government invaded."

The court assumed in conclusion that the Senate would "not use its proceeds in disregard of appellant's rights."

In March, 1936, the Congressional Record shows, Sen. Black spoke in defense of the rights of senatorial investigating committees.

At another point, Sen. Black told the Senate:

"Here is the story behind the summoning of the telegrams: We have already established by evidence that two companies have been burning their records. . . . This committee also found, as other committees have found, that if it wanted to obtain evidence with reference to the thing it was charged with investigating, it must get it before those whom it was investigating had had a chance to destroy the evidence."

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# Justice Hugo Black's Batting Average on Reds

By GENE WORTSMAN

Scripps-Howard Staff Writer  
WASHINGTON, July 14—Justice Hugo Black has been accused of favoring the Communists in all 71 cases to come before him on the U. S. Supreme Court since 1943.



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Sen. James O. Eastland (D., Miss.), chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, expressed alarm over Black's performance as well as that of the court since Earl Warren became chief justice in 1954. Eastland said: "Seventy-one times (Black) voted to sustain the position advocated by the Communists, and not one vote or one case did he decide to the contrary."

"It is hard for me to believe that the government, or the states, the Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the congressional committees, the United States district courts, and United States circuit courts of appeal were always wrong when it comes to Communists."

**IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS**, Sen. Wayne Morse (D., Ore.), in a desk-banging demonstration, denounced Eastland's 2½-hour speech as "one of the most serious attacks on the judicial process under the Constitution of the United States I have ever heard."

Morse said it was a travesty upon the principles of logic to intimate that the jurists turned themselves into pro-Communist judges simply by their court decisions. Morse declared:

"Thank God for a Supreme Court which has the courage in hours of hysteria to hold true to the basic rights of



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freedom guaranteed each citizen by the Constitution."

**IN HIS SPEECH**, Eastland cited cases since 1943 and showed how each justice voted.

Justice William O. Douglas participated in 69 cases and sustained the Communist side on 66 occasions, said Eastland.

Justice Felix Frankfurter, third member of the court who has served continuously since 1943, participated in 72 cases and ruled with the Reds on 56 of them, against them on 16.

Eastland said 17 justices have served on the court since 1943 and participated in Communist cases.

Only two others—Frank Murphy and Wiley B. Rutledge—did as Black did and supported the Communists on each of the cases in which he took part.

But Murphy and Rutledge each sat in on only four decisions.

Former Justice Stanley F. Reed, who President Eisenhower first picked to head the Commission on Civil Rights, has the third best record per-

centagewise in opposing the Reds among the justices who participated in more than 20 cases.

Reed ruled against the Communists 40 times and for them on 14 occasions.

Ex-Justice Sherman Minton opposed the Reds 35 times, backed them 10 times.

And the late Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson ruled against then 23 times compared to nine decisions in their favor.

The present chief justice, Earl Warren, has sided with the Communists 36 times and opposed them only three times.

Other members of the present court show:

Harold H. Burton, 32 for and 37 against; Tom C. Clark, 18 for and 33 against; John M. Harlan, 20 for and 14 against; William J. Brennan, 18 for and 2 against; Charles Evans Whitaker, 4 for and 7 against.

Said Eastland:

"What concerns me, and is of vast concern to the American people is the pattern that has been developing and made clear by these facts and figures..."

Sen. Eastland cited cases to prove that—

"When delay is necessary to help the Communist cause, the court delays... When suppression would help the Communist cause, the court has suppressed... When preemption would help the Communist cause, the court has preempted... When invention would help the Communist cause, the court has invented... When misstatement would help the Communist cause, the court has misstated."

"...Always it has been the Communist cause which has benefited from the Supreme Court."

The other three former court members voted:

Robert H. Jackson, 11 for and 20 against; Marian Fiske Star twice against; and Owen Roberts, twice against.

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# 20 Years as a Justice

By GENE WORTSMAN

Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

**A** SUPREME COURT JUSTICE, once a member of the Ku Klux Klan, was nominated to the court 20 years ago today by President Roosevelt.

There are those who say the resurgence of the Klan in recent years in the South stems partly from the decisions of Hugo L. Black, now 71.

If Justice Black is aware of this criticism, he shows no signs of it.

Neither does he indicate awareness of the significant changes which have come over him during his 20 years as an Associate Justice.

**A** native of Clay County, Alabama, Mr. Black's nomination from the U. S. Senate to the bench kicked off a storm of protest back in 1937.

For one thing, he was a member of the Congress which voted pay raises to the justices. Some critics claimed it would violate the U. S. Constitution for him then to accept appointment to that bench. Mr. Black was a pro-labor Senator.

His nomination caused Republic Steel Corp. to hire a private detective to turn up something about Mr. Black which might bar his appointment.

This officer found that Mr. Black had belonged to the KKK.

Yet within five days of his nomination, Mr. Black was confirmed by the Senate, 63-16.

He personally took no part in the controversy about his KKK membership until Oct. 1, 1937, three days before he joined the bench.

In a nationwide radio broadcast, Mr. Black admitted he had been a Klansman but said he later resigned and had never used or kept an unsolicited membership card given him after nomination to the Senate.

**BECAUSE** of his part in the Supreme Court school desegregation ruling of 1954, his critics say Justice Black contributed to the rebirth of the Klan in the South.

Opponents attack him on other fronts, too.

On Feb. 28, 1937, for instance, he condemned the Supreme Court for rewriting the U. S. Constitution. He said the court philosophy was that the Constitution is what the court majority says it is.



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"I . . . believe it is time to stop these judicial usurpations," he declared.

Yet today Justice Black is accused of participating in this same procedure as a member of the court.

Justice Black doesn't let denunciations bother him.

**AT** 71, he could retire at full salary of \$35,000 a year, but has shown no inclination to do so. He enjoys visits with his children and grandchildren.

His backers have been satisfied with his service on the bench. They know he has been praised for his courage, damned for his policies, and noted for his independence of spirit. His opinions have been among the most important in the past 20 years.

Among them were those to uphold the Government's right to intern West Coast Japanese-Americans during World War II; to stop union leader James C. Petrillo from forcing radio stations to hire extra musicians, and to outlaw use of public school buildings for religious instruction.

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# Justice Black, Secretary Married in Alexandria

By Phil Casey  
Staff Reporter

Supreme Court Justice Hugo L. Black and his secretary, married at his Alexandria home in a ceremony that came as a surprise to many of their friends and associates, held a brief, good-natured reception yesterday—for some persistent photographers.

Strolling through the picturesque garden behind his colonial home at 619 S. Lee st., the 71-year-old Justice posed grinning with his bride, the former Elizabeth Seay DeMeritte, 49, his secretary for more than two years.

They were married at 5 p. m. Wednesday by the Rev. A. Powell Davies of All Souls Church (Unitarian) in Washington, after Justice Black quickly obtained a marriage license at the Alexandria Courthouse.

## 2d Marriage for both

It was the second marriage for both. Justice Black's first wife died in 1931. They had been married 30 years. The new Mrs. Black was divorced some years ago from Fred E. DeMeritte of Fairfield, Ala.

Present at the ceremony were Hugo Black Jr., a Birmingham, Ala., attorney; Martha Josephine Black, the Justice's daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. DeMeritte of Silver Spring, son and daughter-in-law of the bride, and Jane E. Seay, mother of the bride.

The bride worked for 15 years in United States District Court in Birmingham. She said she came to Washington after Hugo Black Jr. told her his father needed a secretary.

Explaining that they had no plans for a wedding trip, the Justice, senior member of the Supreme Court bench in point of service, said he would be on hand Oct. 7 for the beginning of the term. He was appointed in 1937.

## Duties Expanded

A photographer asked who would be boss in the Black household. "Well, she's been running the office, anyway," Justice Black said, "and I thought she might as well run the house." He instructed his wife, a handsome, black-haired and dark-eyed woman: "Smile, like you do when I give orders in the office."

Answering another question, he said, "Well, she says she can cook, but that hasn't been established yet." Mrs. Black settled the issue:

"Justice Black has the most wonderful cook," she said. "I'll rest on her laurels."

Mrs. Black wore a two-toned gray dress and gray shoes, with flowers at her shoulder.

The silver-haired Justice, clad in a gray suit, black shoes, white shirt and dark tie, sang a little tune as he and his bride strolled through the garden at the photographers' behest.

"As your feet go tap, tap, tapping, and your fingers gaily snapping," he sang.

"Shakespeare?" asked a photographer.

"No, that's a jingle from my school days in Clay County, Ala," Justice Black said.

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## Justice Black Is Married

By Bob Burchette, Staff Photographer

Supreme Court Justice Hugo L. Black yesterday married his secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Seay Demeritte, in a quiet

Alexandria ceremony. He is 71. She is 49. Justice Black's first wife died in 1951. Story on Page A12.

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ALEXANDRIA, VA.--SUPREME COURT JUSTICE BLACK WAS MARRIED TO HIS SECRETARY LAST NIGHT IN A PRIVATE CEREMONY AT HIS HOME HERE. THE 71-YEAR-OLD JURIST AND HIS BRIDE--THE FORMER MRS. ELIZABETH S. DEMERITTE--KEPT THE WEDDING QUIET AND NEWS OF THE CEREMONY LEAKED OUT ONLY TODAY. THE BRIDE HAS SERVED AS BLACK'S SECRETARY FOR ABOUT 18 MONTHS.

THE WEDDING WAS WITNESSED ONLY BY MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY. MRS. BLACK IS THE DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. JAMES E. SEAY, FORMERLY OF BIRMINGHAM, ALA. SEAY WAS A BIRMINGHAM SURGEON. THE MARRIAGE WAS BLACK'S SECOND. HIS FIRST WIFE, JOSEPHINE FOSTER, DIED IN 1951. BLACK HAS THREE CHILDREN.

MRS. BLACK HAS TWO CHILDREN BY AN EARLIER MARRIAGE. BLACK, A FORMER ALABAMA SENATOR, WAS APPOINTED TO THE SUPREME COURT BY PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT IN 1937. HE IS ONE OF THREE ROOSEVELT APPOINTEES STILL SITTING ON THE HIGH BENCH.

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# Justice Black Warns of "Government by Intimidation"

**FOLLOWING** are excerpts from the dissenting opinion to the U. S. Supreme Court 5 to 4 decision affirming the contempt convictions of Frank Wilkinson and Carl Braden, who had been active in the movement seeking to abolish the House Un-American Activities committee.

The dissenting opinion was written by Justice Hugo L. Black and was concurred in by Chief Justice Earl Warren and Justice William O. Douglas.

In my view, the majority by its decision today places the stamp of constitutional approval upon a practice as clearly inconsistent with the Constitution, and indeed with every ideal of individual freedom for which this country has so long stood, as any that has ever come before this court.

I think it clear that this case involves nothing more nor less than an attempt by the Un-American Activities Committee to use the contempt power of the House of Representatives as a weapon against those who dare to criticize it.

The clear thrust of the majority decision's sweeping abdication of judicial power is that the committee may continue to harass its opponents with absolute impunity so long as the "protections" of Barenblatt (the Su-

preme Court decision in the Lloyd Barenblatt case) are observed.

The first such "protection" relates to the question of whom the committee may call before it. Is there any limitation upon the power of the committee to subpoena and compel testimony from anyone who attacks it?

On this point, the majority, relying upon the fact that at a previous hearing the committee was told by a paid informant that petitioner (Wilkinson) was a Communist and upon statements by the committee's counsel to the effect that the committee had information that petitioner had been sent to Atlanta by the Communist party, says simply: "It is to be emphasized that the petitioner was not summoned to appear as the result of an indiscriminate dragnet procedure, lacking in probable cause for belief that he possessed information which might be helpful to the subcommittee."

Significantly, the majority does not say just how much its "emphasis" on this point is worth, if anything.

Thus, for all that appears, in the majority opinion, there is no assurance that the committee will be required to produce any information at all as a prerequisite to the exercise of its subpoena and contempt powers.

Assuming for the sake of argument, however, that such a requirement will be imposed, it then becomes relevant to inquire as to just how much this requirement will mean in terms of genuine protection for those who in good faith wish to criticize the committee.

That inquiry is, to my mind, satisfactorily settled by a look at the facts on this case. So far as appears from this record, the only information the committee had with regard to petitioner was the testimony of a paid informant at a previous committee hearing. The only evidence to the effect that petitioner was in fact a member of the Com-

munist party that emerges from that testimony is a flat conclusory statement by the informant that it was so. No testimony as to particular happenings could rationally be based was given at that hearing.

When this fact is considered in conjunction with the fact that petitioner was not accorded the opportunity to cross-examine the informant of the protection of the statute permitting inspection of statements given to the FBI by paid informants, it seems obvious to me that such testimony is almost totally worthless for the purpose of establishing probable cause.

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In the atmosphere existing in this country today, the charge that someone is a Communist is so common that hardly anyone active in public life escapes it. Every member of this court has, on one occasion or another, been so designated. And a vast majority of the members of the other two branches of Government have fared no better.

If the mere fact that someone has been called a Communist is to be permitted to satisfy a requirement of probable cause, I think it plain that such a requirement is wholly without value. To impose it would only give apparent respectability to a practice which is inherently in conflict with our concepts of justice and due process.

The other such "protection" afforded to critics of the un-American Activities Committee under these decisions is included in the majority's so-called balancing test. Under that test, we are told, this court will permit only those abridgements of personal beliefs and associations by committee inquiry that the court believes so important in terms of the need of the committee for information that such need outweighs the First Amendment rights of the witness and the public.

For my part, I need look no farther than this very case to

see how little protection this high-sounding slogan really affords. For in this case the majority is holding that the interest of the committee in the information sought outweighs that of the witness and the public in free discussion while, at the same time, it disclaims any power to determine whether the committee is in fact interested in the information at all.

The truth of the matter is that the balancing test, at least, as applied to date, means that the committee may engage in any inquiry a majority of this court happens to think could possibly be for a legitimate purpose whether that "purpose" be the true reason for the inquiry or not.

Thus, in my view, the conclusion is inescapable that the only real limitation upon the committee's power to harass its opponents is the committee's own self-restraint, a characteristic which probably has not been predominant in the committee's work over the past few years.

The result of all this is that from now on anyone who takes a public position contrary to that being urged by the House Un-American Activities Committee should realize that he

runs the risk of being subpoenaed to appear at a hearing in some far-off place, of being questioned with regard to every minute detail of his past life, of being asked to repeat all the gossip he may have heard about any of his friends and acquaintances, of being accused by the committee of membership in the Communist party, of being held up to the public as a subversive and a traitor, of being jailed for contempt if he refuses to cooperate with the committee in its probe of his mind and associations, and of being branded by his neighbors, employer and erstwhile friends as a menace to society regardless of the outcome of that hearing.

With such a powerful weapon in its hands, it seems quite likely that the committee will weather all criticism, even though justifiable, that may be directed toward it. For there are not many people in our society who will have the courage to speak out against such a formidable opponent.

If the present trend continues, this already small number will necessarily dwindle as their ranks are thinned by the jails. Government by consent will disappear to be replaced by government by intimidation because some people are afraid that this country cannot survive unless Congress has the power to set aside the freedom of the First Amendment at will.

I can only reiterate my firm conviction that these people are tragically wrong. This country was not built by men who were afraid and it cannot be preserved by such men. Our Constitution, in unequivocal terms, gives the right to each of us to say what we think without fear of the power of the Government. That principle has served us so well for so long that I cannot believe it necessary to allow any governmental group to reject it in order to preserve its own existence. Least of all do I believe that such a privilege should be accorded the House Un-American Activities Committee.



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**DATE - 3/21/61**

**COMMUNICATION - N. P. Callahan memo to the Director**

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# Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: MARCH 21, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages A1808-A1810. Congressman Scherer, (R) Ohio, extended his remarks to include an article written by Forrest Davis, Washington columnist for the Cincinnati Enquirer, entitled "Supreme Court and Congress Uphold HUAC." Mr. Davis stated: "If one strings along with Alan Barth, Supreme Court Justice Hugo L. Black, Congressman James A. Roosevelt (Democrat, California), Carl Braden, and Frank Wilkinson, the House Un-American Activities Committee is a sorry and dangerous institution. Mr. Barth is an editorialist on the Washington Post who lectures around the country against the HUAC and once wrote a book expressing similar misgivings about the FBI's smelling out of Soviet spies and domestic seditionists."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for MARCH 20 1961 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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ADD 1 KEFAUVER-COURT, WASHINGTON (UPI-59)  
 THE WHITE HOUSE SAID IT HAS RECEIVED NO NOTIFICATION FROM JUSTICE  
 BLACK THAT HE INTENDS TO RETIRE.  
 PRESS SECRETARY PIERRE SALINGER, ASKED ABOUT THE KEFAUVER-  
 BLACK REPORT, SAID "IF JUSTICE BLACK INTENDS TO RESIGN, HE HAS NOT  
 INFORMED US OF HIS INTENTION YET."  
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**DATE - 8/1/65**

**COMMUNICATION - Director to SAC, Tampa Airtel**

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1 - Mr. Gale  
1 - Mr. Eddy  
1 - Mr. Brant

To: SAC, Tampa

From: Director, FBI

[REDACTED]  
Clearwater, Florida  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Captioned individual telephonically contacted the Bureau during the evening of 7/31/65 and advised there is a "conscription" going on by telephone. She related family members and friends have been advised to call Clearwater telephone number 446-9197 and upon doing so receive a recorded message which is damaging to former Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg and Justices Warren and Black.

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Tampa should promptly contact [REDACTED] for any additional information, determine full circumstances; and if facts constitute a violation under our jurisdiction, furnish results to the Bureau under appropriate caption.

NOTE: Call received by Supervisor Dan A. Brant, 10:00 p.m., 7/31/65. Bureau indices reflect a [REDACTED] shown in 1958 as the mother of [REDACTED] a member of the U.S. Marine Corps, who was questioned in connection with membership in cited groups including the KKK.

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**DATE - 3/2/61 (incoming letter) - 3/10/61 (our outgoing letter)**

**COMMUNICATION - Letter to Director enclosing a letter written  
to Justice Black by a third party**

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James D. Thompson

Mrs. James D. Thompson  
11140 Northwest 59th Avenue  
Hialeah, Florida

Dear Mrs. Thompson:

The letter dated March 2, 1961, from you and Mr. Thompson, has been received, and I want to thank you for your interest in sending me a copy of your letter to the Honorable Hugo Black.

In view of the concern you expressed relative to subversive forces in our country today, I am enclosing material on the subject of communism available for general distribution by the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

MAILED 27  
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COMM-FBI

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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What You Can Do To Fight Communism  
How To Beat Communism  
Press Release 12-22-60  
Director's Speech 10-18-60  
Series from Christianity Today  
Expose of Soviet Espionage  
Communist Target--Youth

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11140 N. W. 59th Avenue  
Hialeah, Florida  
March 2, 1961

Mr. John Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a carbon copy of a letter which we have written to Justice  
Hugo Black of the United States Supreme Court.

We would be happy to learn of any action taken.

Sincerely,

*Mr. & Mrs. James D. Thompson*  
Mr. and Mrs. James D. Thompson

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11140 N. W. 59th Avenue  
Hialeah, Florida  
March 2, 1961

Justice Hugo Black  
Supreme Court Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Our country is in grave danger. We know this and you know this. A good many of the American people are aware of it, but they don't know what to do about it. This danger exists, predominately, here in our own country, through the subversive activities of the communist party.

Our legislators do not seem to be able to enact laws which will hold up under the scrutiny of the Supreme Court. Each decision to convict known communist leaders of contempt of Congress is reversed by your group. Until two days ago when the conviction of Frank Wilkinson and Carl Braden was upheld, these persons were going free to continue their subversive activities. Since you were numbered among those in favor of reversing this court decision, we assume that you feel that the present laws are not sufficient to convict these persons of any felony.

Perhaps the answer to our problem could be this: As members of the highest court in the land you are the ultimate in interpretation of our laws. Could not you and the other Supreme Court justices tell us, the people, or at least our representatives in Congress what kind of law we must enact which will stick—which will not be reversed by an appeal; and at the same time will not "sacrifice individual freedom of religion, speech, press, assembly and petition to governmental control"? We must have some action to stop communist activity within our country.

The American people are apathetic only because they feel that their hands are tied. If you could help prove to them that there is still hope for our government, through control of these persons who are working to control us, you would find that the people will come through as they always have in times of emergency.

Mr. Justice, we are loyal American citizens who believe in God and country. We know that God will care for us and everyone else who trusts in Him. But our concern is for the here and now as well as the hereafter. We pray that God will guide you in your decisions, so that we may preserve the United States of America as the "land of the free".

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Thompson

cc: Francis Walters  
John Edgar Hoover

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**DATE - 8/25/65**

**COMMUNICATION - Letter to Mrs. Hugo Black from Director**

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August 25, 1965

BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Mrs. Hugo L. Black  
619 South Lee Street  
Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Black:

I was delighted to see you and  
your grandsons this morning and hope we will  
have an opportunity to visit again soon. As  
mementos of the occasion, enclosed are copies  
of the photograph made in my office which I  
thought you might like to have.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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**DATE - 8/25/65**

**COMMUNICATION - M. A. Jones to Mr. DeLoach memo**

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 8-25-65

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: MRS. HUGO L. BLACK  
MEET WITH THE DIRECTOR

Mrs. Hugo L. Black, wife of U. S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Black, accompanied by her two grandsons, Dean DeMeritte, age 6, and James W. Black, age 7, were introduced to the Director at 10:30 a. m. today by SA Donald R. Morris, Crime Records Division.

During a very cordial interview, the Director personally explained many of the mementos and statuary that grace his office. Mr. Hoover offered Mrs. Black's grandsons their choice of model missiles from the Director's collection in his outer office. Dean chose a Gemini model and James selected a Thor model, and both boys were obviously completely thrilled with these gifts.

A photograph was taken by the Bureau photographer, and the Director stated that three copies would be sent to Mrs. Black. This is being handled separately. Mrs. Black took candid snapshots of the Director talking with her grandsons.

After visiting the Director, the group was conducted on a very special tour of Bureau Headquarters, and Mrs. Black expressed many times her admiration for the work of the Director and the FBI. She asked that her sincere appreciation be extended to Mr. Hoover for the many courtesies shown them.

## RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Tour Room  
1 - Miss Holmes  
1 - Miss Gandy

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**DOCUMENT - 32**

**DATE - 9/1/65 (outgoing letter) - 8/25/65 (incoming letter)**

**COMMUNICATION - Incoming letter from Mrs. Hugo Black  
and our reply to that letter**

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Mrs. Hugo L. Black  
619 South Lee Street  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

aka, Elizabeth Black

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Dear Mrs. Black:

I received your letter of August 25th and want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing as well as for the kind sentiments extended in behalf of Justice Black. I am certainly glad to know of your pleasure with the pictures and that of your grandsons with the models of the Thor and Gemini space craft.

You may be assured the complimentary comments you expressed mean a great deal to me, and I will indeed convey your remarks to Special Agent Morris.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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- 1 - Tour Room - Enclosure
- 1 - M. A. Jones - Enclosure  
Attention Special Agent Donald R. Morris
- 1 - Personnel File of Special Agent Donald R. Morris - Enclosure

NOTE: Mrs. Black is the wife of Supreme Court Justice Black. She and her two grandsons toured the Bureau and met the Director on 8-25-65.

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Mr. Sullivan	
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Miss Gandy	

August 25, 1965

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Dean, Jimmy, and I are at a loss for words to thank you for our fabulous day at the F.B.I - The crowning thrill in a day of treats, surprises, and learning came a few minutes ago when the three autographed pictures arrived by special messenger - We do appreciate everything so much -

The models of the Thor and Gemini space craft you gave them will always be treasured by the boys. If they can keep their hands off long enough, I'm sure they will be proudly showing the models to their own grandchildren some day - I have impressed them with the importance of taking good care of these treasures because of the eminence of the gentleman who presented them. They will learn more and more as they grow older of the vital role the gentleman has played in American history.

Please thank Special Agent Morris for us. The boys fell in love with him; he was so patient and interesting in his presentation.

My husband sends his best -

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Black

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August 25, 1965

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Dean, Jimmy, and I are at a loss for words to thank you for our fabulous day at the F.B.I. - The crowning thrill in a day of treats, surprises, and learning came a few minutes ago when the three autographed pictures arrived by special messenger - We do appreciate everything so much -

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Please thank Special Agent Morris for us. The boys fell in love with him; he was so patient and interesting in his presentation -  
My husband sends his best -

Sincerely, Elizabeth Black

**HUGO LAFAYETTE BLACK**

**DOCUMENT - 33**

**DATE - 10/25/65**

**COMMUNICATION - Memo from F. J. Baungardner to W. C. Sullivan**

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: October 25, 1965

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Sullivan

SUBJECT: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES  
KLAN INVESTIGATIONS  
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

1 - Mr. Baumgardner  
1 - Mr. Rosack

Information has been furnished by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in the event the Committee forces him to submit Klan membership records, such records will show that former President Harry S. Truman and Chief Justice Earl Warren had been members of the Klan.

[REDACTED] the Klan robe worn by Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black during the period of his Klan membership be sent [REDACTED] for formal presentation to the Smithsonian Institution.

Bureau files indicate that according to "The Man from Independence," by Jonathan Daniels, former President Truman paid a \$10 membership fee to the Klan in 1924 when he was running for county judge. On this occasion Truman was asked to pledge that he would not hire Catholics. He replied that he would not make such a pledge and was reported to have taken his \$10 membership fee back. Truman is depicted in the book as having taken the initial action in an effort to garner votes. Truman on October 26, 1944, publicly denied the charge that he once was a klansman.

The September, 1941, issue of "Current Biography" indicates Justice Black was a member of the Robert E. Lee Klan Number 1, Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, from September 11, 1923, until July 9, 1925. This is based on a series of articles which had appeared in the Pittsburgh "Post-Gazette." Black reportedly resigned on the eve of his campaign for the democratic nomination for United States senator. He was reportedly welcomed back into the Klan and made a life member on September 2, 1926. Black has publicly admitted Klan membership.

There is no information in Bureau files to indicate that Chief Justice Warren was a member of any Klan group.

[REDACTED] Chief Justice Warren was the leader of a small, local Klan group for several years but could furnish no additional details.

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Enclosure sent 10-26-65

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Memorandum Baumgardner to Sullivan  
RE: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES  
KLAN INVESTIGATIONS  
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[REDACTED]

It is believed that the above information relating to Klan membership on the part of prominent individuals should be furnished to the Department. [REDACTED]

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter to the Attorney General with a copy for the Deputy Attorney General be approved and sent.

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OK  
[Signature]  
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**HUGO LAFAYETTE BLACK**

**DOCUMENT - 34**

**DATE - 11/1/65**

**COMMUNICATION - Letter from the Director to  
Mrs. Hugo L. Black**

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November 1, 1965

Mrs. Hugo L. Black  
619 South Lee Street  
Alexandria, Virginia

*Wash. D.C.*

*Hugo L. Black*

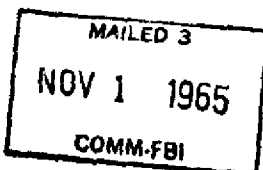
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Dear Mrs. Black:

Enclosed are three copies of the November, 1965, issue of "The Investigator," the employee publication of the FBI, which I thought your grandsons and you might like to have. It contains on page 14 the photograph which was taken in my office during your visit to FBI Headquarters.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover



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**HUGO LAFAYETTE BLACK**

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**COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mrs. Hugo Black to the Director**

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MRS. HUGO L. BLACK  
419 SOUTH LEE STREET  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

November 11, 1965

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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, FBI  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you very much for the three copies of the November, 1965, issue of "The Investigator," which you sent me, containing the pictures of my grandsons and myself made with you on the occasion of our August visit to the FBI.

I have forwarded a copy to each of the boys and I know they will be delighted to have them as another memento of their visit.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

*Elizabeth Black*

Elizabeth Black

*Mrs. Hugo L. Black*

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**HUGO LAFAYETTE BLACK**

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**DATE - 8/18/67**

**COMMUNICATION - Memo from J. E. Hoover regarding  
Justice Black**

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August 18, 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
MR. DE LOACH  
MR. BISHOP

Justice Hugo Black called and said about a year ago I gave his wife a thorough spooling about our exhibits down here and they now have his son and his wife and three children. He asked if I could arrange to get somebody with them so they would get something like Mrs. Black had before. I said I would arrange a special tour for them. He said they could come in at 10:30 this morning.

Justice Black stated he had told them they could go up to the Supreme Court and go from there in a taxi. He indicated he thought there was no place to park here and I told him there was not, that parking is banned on the Avenue.

I told Justice Black to have them come directly to my office in the building; that I will personally meet them and have a special tour for them.  
remarked

Justice Black again/how spoiled Mrs. Black was by her tour. I said I was delighted that she could come down and that we will take good care of this group, too.

Mr. Bishop has been instructed to have a Special Agent conduct this party on a special tour.

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Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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**HUGO LAFAYETTE BLACK**

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**DATE - 8/18/67**

**COMMUNICATION - Letter from J. E. H. to Hugo L. Black**

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August 18, 1967

BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Honorable Hugo L. Black  
Associate Justice of the  
Supreme Court of the United States  
Washington, D. C. 20543

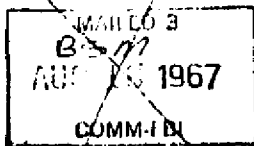
My dear Mr. Justice:

I wanted you to know how much I enjoyed  
seeing your son, his wife, children and Mr. Schulhofer  
in my office this morning. Enclosed is a copy of the  
photograph made at that time which I thought you might  
like to have. I am also enclosing one for Mr. Schulhofer.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Supreme Court of the United States  
Washington 25, D. C.

CHAMBERS OF  
JUSTICE HUGO L. BLACK

August 21, 1967

Mr. DeLoach	_____
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Mr. Casper	_____
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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

This letter is to express my sincere appreciation for your courtesies to my son, his family, and my clerk, Stephen Schulhofer on the occasion of their recent visit to your Department. Every one of them came home expressing pleasure at the opportunity you gave them.

With my kind regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

*Hugo L. Black*  
Hugo L. Black

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*Thanks also for the pictures which arrived after dictating above.*

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**COMMUNICATION - N. P. Callahan to the Director memo**

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 3-26-68

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Hugo Black

Pages 33264-33265. Senator Hansen, (R) Wyoming, commented on a speech delivered by Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Hugo Black, at Columbia University in New York pointing out that Black "has long had an outstanding reputation as a defender of individual constitutional rights." Mr. Hansen went on to state "All Americans have the right, under our Constitution, to write and speak their minds. Thus only can reason and fresh ideas determine policy. But this is very different from mass displays of force. Mass demonstrations, said Mr. Justice Black, can and should be legally regulated, so that they do not interfere with the rights of others. Street marching, though in support of an idea, is not speech. Words, Mr. President, not disruptive force, should sway a democratic government." Mr. Hansen requested to have printed in the Record a report from the Washington Sunday Star on Justice Black's lecture.

Page E2210. Congressman Evans, (D) Tennessee, stated "Justice Hugo Black of the U. S. Supreme Court, in a recent lecture at Columbia University, gave his views on the matter of judicial review and the scope of judicial discretion. Justice Black said that he subscribes in the doctrine of judicial review when constitutional questions are involved but he denounced the arrogation to the judiciary of lawmaking power constitutionally vested in the Congress." He included excerpts from the speech as published in the Washington Star.

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 3-25-68 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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**HUGO LAFAYETTE BLACK**

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (62-0)

SUBJECT: SUPREME COURT JUSTICE  
HUGO L. BLACK  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 7/17/68, Mr. PERRY HUBBARD, Attorney at Law, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, contacted the Tuscaloosa Resident Agency asking whether or not any protection could be afforded Justice BLACK on his visit to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 7/19/68, for the Alabama State Bar Association meeting.

It was tactfully explained to Mr. HUBBARD that the FBI does not afford protection to any person and that the appropriate people to contact in this matter would be the local and state law enforcement agencies.

No further action being taken by Birmingham in this matter unless information is received indicating possible harm to BLACK and in that case the Bureau and appropriate law enforcement agencies will be immediately notified.

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C. C. Bishop

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Approved: JHG  
Special Agent in Charge

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**HUGO LAFAYETTE BLACK**

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**DATE - 1/28/69**

**COMMUNICATION - Newsclip from "The Baltimore Sun"**

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# BLACK ACCUSES COURT ON POLICE

Warns Colleagues Against  
Hobbling Law Enforcement

By OSWALD JOHNSTON

(Washington Bureau of The Sun)

Washington, Jan. 27—Justice Hugo L. Black, generally reckoned in the forefront of the Supreme Court's recent controversial restructuring of the nation's criminal law, angrily accused his colleagues today of hobbling police with "obfuscatory language" and legal "technicalities."

"It seems to me it's time for us to sit up and take notice, where we are going and what for," the Court's 82-year-old senior member warned during a 20-minute lecture from the bench.

## Harlan For Majority

Justice Black's anger was provoked by a 5-to-3 ruling in which the Court reaffirmed a five-year-old holding that police requests for search warrants must be detailed. The court used the holding to upset the gambling conviction of a St. Louis man.

Justice John Marshall Harlan, generally regarded a conservative in criminal law decisions, spoke for the majority.

His opinion, based largely on the specific facts of the particular case before the Court, stressed that the decision broke no new ground, but rather put in practice a principle the court enunciated in 1954.

## No Probable Cause

Specifically, the Court ruled that a police application for a search warrant violates constitutional safeguards if it is based on nothing more specific than "casual rumor" in the underworld or an anonymous, undetailed tip.

Even the presence of an independent investigation, carried out in this case by FBI agents, is not enough to endow the warrant request with the "probable cause" the Fourth

Amendment requires. Justice  
Justice Abe Fortas, another

reputed libertarian, was also a dissenter. He specifically disassociated his remarks from Justice Black's angry attack on the majority, however, and followed Justice Harlan in basing his argument on the specific fact of the case.

In a third dissent, Justice Potter Stewart noted briefly that he agreed with Justices Black and Fortas that the search warrant in today's case should have been upheld.

## Reconsideration Urged

Justice Byron R. White, another conservative, said in a separate opinion that he joined the majority with misgivings, urging that the court's 1964 standard governing search warrants be reconsidered in a broader context.

Justice Harlan, nominally the main speaker in today's case, and Justice Fortas, the first dissenter to speak, both agreed in muted tones that "reasonable men may differ with complete reasonableness" in a case they likewise agreed was "troublesome and vexatious."

When Justice Black launched into his attack, at times reading from his dissent and at times elaborating on it extemporaneously, the other justices sat virtually motionless.

## "Massive Escalation"

He denounced the decision as "massive escalation" of the 1964 ruling on which it was based. At one point he provoked murmurs from his colleagues with a suggestion that the lower court judges reversed by today's decision should have been upheld, because "they too are lawyers and judges, and much closer to the practical, everyday affairs of life than we are."

The Supreme Court, sitting in Washington and "a thousand miles away," should not try to "supervise the evidence on which the magistrate reached his conclusion," Justice Black said.

He quoted with approval an Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals judge who complained, at an earlier stage of this case, of "increasingly technical burdens" placed upon police by "decisions that appear to relentlessly chip away at the ever narrowing area of effective police operation."

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## Conviction Set Aside

The ruling sets aside the gambling conviction, three-year prison sentence and \$5,000 fine given William Spinelli, of Oliveette, Mo.

He was convicted on the st. 19th evidence seized from a St. Louis apartment which FBI agents had spotted him visiting regularly.

The warrant granted to make the crucial search was based partly on that surveillance, partly on an anonymous and undetailed tip from an informer and partly on a declaration that Spinelli was "known" to the FBI "as a bookmaker, an associate of bookmakers, a gambler and an associate of gamblers."

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**HUGO LAFAYETTE BLACK**

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DAVID LAWRENCE

## Black Clarifies the Right of Protest

Associate Justice Hugo Black of the Supreme Court of the United States seemed at first glance to have broken a precedent when on Tuesday night he allowed himself to be interviewed on the CBS television network and discussed a number of constitutional questions. But, actually, he was doing what every justice has done in the past when they have lectured before college audiences of law students.

Because of their technical nature, such lectures have not gotten wide publicity. Black, in fact, merely delivered on television a law "lecture," and put it in simple language.

Perhaps the most important statement he made was his declaration that protestors or demonstrators do not have an inherent right to use streets or public places. He said that such a concept assumes that "the only way to protest anything is to go out and do it on the streets — that is not true." Then he added:

"It never has been true. We've had a government where people have been protesting against one another — having elections, having different religious meetings at different places, having different parties meeting at different places — all through history. I've never said that freedom of speech gives people the right to tramp up and down the streets by the thousands, either saying things that threaten others, with real literal language, or that threaten them because of the circum-

stances under which they do it. I've never said that.

"Bill Douglas (Associate Justice William Douglas) and I both expressed our view on that about 25 years ago, in which we said that the 1st Amendment protects speech, and protects writing, and protects assembly. But it doesn't have anything that protects a man's right to walk around and around and around my house if he wants to, fasten my people — my family — up in the house, make them afraid to go out of doors, afraid that something will happen."

Black was reluctant to express an opinion on the riots which occurred in Chicago during the week of the Democratic National Convention because cases might come before the Supreme Court involving those same disorders, and the court would have to pass upon them. But, speaking in general terms, he said:

"Now, the Constitution doesn't say that any man shall have a right to say anything he wishes, anywhere he wants to go. That's agreed, isn't it? ... It does not say that people shall have a right to assemble to express views on other people's property."

When asked if he meant "government property," Black answered: "Why, certainly — that's not theirs ... It belongs to the government as a whole."

During the last few years, there have been "demonstrations" in the Supreme Court

building and in other government buildings, including the Capitol itself. Black said:

"The government would be in a very bad fix, I think, if the Constitution provided that the Congress was without power to keep people from coming into the Library of Congress and spending the day there, demonstrating or singing, because they wanted to protest the government. I don't think they could. They've got a right to talk where they have a right to be under valid laws."

What Black has said may or may not percolate down through the militant groups who seem to feel that they have the right to demonstrate by using "sit-ins" and "lie-ins" and that they may use the streets or public parks at will to assemble or state their protest marches.

Evidently Black's idea is that no citizen has the right to misuse government or private property by interfering with the rights of others. This means that city governments hereafter probably will find themselves backed up by the courts if they deny permits to groups for marches or assemblies on the streets which are likely to result in violence. There are plenty of places for mass meetings — stadiums, auditoriums and convention halls — where the right of free speech can be fully exercised and protests loudly proclaimed without damaging the lives or property of other citizens in the community.

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**HUGO LAFAYETTE BLACK**

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**COMMUNICATION - Letter from Hoover to Mrs. Black and  
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April 17, 1970

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Elizabeth Black

Mrs. Hugo L. Black  
619 South Lee Street  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

D.C.

Dear Mrs. Black:

It was indeed thoughtful of you to write and comment as you did in your letter which I received on April 14th. I enjoyed seeing you and meeting your family and am pleased to learn that they and the young journalism students found their tour of our facilities interesting. It is encouraging to receive letters such as yours and you may be assured that my associates share my appreciation for your very generous remarks.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

1 - Mr. Bishop - Enclosure

Personal attention: Bring to the attention of Special Agent John W. O'Beirne.

1 - Tour Room - Enclosure

NOTE: Correspondent is the wife of Supreme Court Justice Black who took a special tour of the Bureau on April 2nd. She was accompanied by her niece and her husband and nine journalism students. Mrs. Black and her family and the accompanying students met the Director prior to taking the tour. On April 2nd she was furnished a photograph autographed to her and her family by the Director. SA O'Beirne is assigned to the Crime Records Division.

1 - Personnel file of SA John W. O'Beirne - Enclosure

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Mrs. Hugo L. Black  
 619 South Lee Street  
 Alexandria, Virginia 22314  
 April 7, 1970

*J. Adams*

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am very grateful to you for the splendid color photo of you, the Lippert's and myself. It came today and I assure you it will be a cherished photograph to us all and that it will serve to recall a most exciting experience of a morning at the F.B.I.

Mr. O'Bierne gave us an excellent tour, especially interesting to the nine young journalism students of Dr. Lippert, who accompanied the family on the tour.

Mrs. Lippert is my only niece, and I was especially anxious to make her trip a memorable one. Meeting you, and the tour of the F.B.I. was a highlight. I am indeed appreciative of your generosity of taking time off from your busy schedule to greet us and have pictures made.

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Sincerely,

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Elizabeth Black

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Mrs. Hugo L. Black  
619 South Lee Street  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

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Sincerely, Elizabeth Black

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**HUGO LAFAYETTE BLACK**

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
MR. DE LOACH  
MR. ROSEN  
MR. BISHOP

The President called. He stated he wanted to ask me if there is the death penalty for the hijackers. I told him there is, I think, a death penalty if there is bodily harm to an individual. The President said that is not enough and shouldn't there simply be the same thing that we have in the Lindbergh law -- death penalty for anybody who hijacks a plane. I told him I would be in favor of it, but as he knew, the Lindbergh law has been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court so we no longer have that. The President said, put it on this and let the Court declare it unconstitutional. I said I have felt so long that what we do so often in the Executive branch, is to try to read the mind of the Supreme Court and we ought to take some of these cases to the Supreme Court when they occur and let them take the responsibility.

The President said the thing now is -- if they do bodily harm -- but of course, this character is crazy, he understands, but nevertheless we should certainly ask for the death penalty. I said I would think so, and let his own attorney plead insanity and let a psychiatrist examine him and the court decide. The President said the whole thing of the death penalty is they would not be doing this if this hung over them and it takes the court a few years to declare it unconstitutional.

I said I have been strongly in favor of capital punishment and the President said he was with me. I told him the Solicitor General told me the other day that he received a call from the Chief Justice asking him to prepare a brief on capital punishment to be submitted to the full term of the court. I said the court has several cases involving capital punishment and I would imagine the court is going to be 5 - 6. The President said, "To knock it out completely?" I told him I would not be surprised unless we can get another vacancy to be filled by a real man. The President said if we get one, we will do it.

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**Memorandum for Messrs. Telson, DeLoach, Rosen, Bishop**

**June 8, 1970**

I said we have had the same problem in obscenity; the current court will not declare obscene even that which is raw obscenity. I said we made several raids in Washington and New York and got some of the most extreme obscene material ever seen and these will be tried locally. I said the Solicitor General is anxious to have one of those cases carried to the Supreme Court. The President commented they might reverse one of the other cases. I said cases have gone up before from Customs or the Post Office Department of the inspectors sending money and buying material themselves and the Court frowns on this as entrapment. I said these things we had were for sale in stores or being brought down to Washington from New York and I am urging prompt trial in the District Court and then it can be appealed to the Supreme Court. The President said to tell the people in Justice to get some publicity out on that; that the country is sick of that crap they see in the newstands. The President said he is no prude, but "my God," this stuff they are doing now -- that's what is getting kids on dope and everything else. The President continued that (Justice) Douglas had an article in one of those magazines. I said he did - a magazine that is pornographic. I said the attitude of (Justices) Douglas and Black is they won't look at a pornographic motion picture like "I Am Curious - Yellow." The President asked if he had Jerry Ford call me, would I fill him in on this; that he is a good man. I told him I would.

The President said on the capital punishment thing, he is for it, if I am asked, and he is going to tell (Egil) Krogh and the "legal eagles" to get hold of Justice and get something up; that the way he figures it, you should have capital punishment for anybody who hijacks a plane as that is no prank, and "if they commit bodily harm" that is not going to do the job. I agreed with him. The President continued that the way it is, if they do bodily harm, that is too late, and I commented the person is dead.

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but one fellow was tried in Florida and the Assistant United States Attorney

**Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson, DeLoach, Rosen, Bishop**

**June 6, 1970**

appealed to the Judge for leniency and the United States Attorney later went into court and repudiated the appeal of the Assistant United States Attorney, but we have some Assistant United States Attorneys who are not worth a damn, and my feeling is the only deterrent is tough law enforcement. The President said he could not agree more. I said like cases where policemen are killed in a shoot-out and they generally end up with life sentences and in Federal Court that means 4 to 5 years. The President said "or 7," and I said they are released for parole in 1/3 of the term. The President commented that when he sees that motion picture of ours, "The FBI Story," and they say they get life, it means 7 years.

The President said if I could stir up this thing on capital punishment and obscenity, he is for it and if I see they are not doing something, to let him know, as he is going to ride herd on these.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

**HUGO LAFAYETTE BLACK**

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**COMMUNICATION - Letter from Mack Parker with enclosure  
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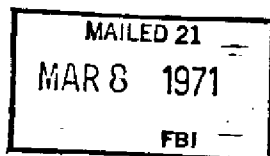
Mr. Mack Parker  
Route 4, Box 194  
Joplin, Missouri 64801

Dear Mr. Parker:

Thank you for your letter of March 1st and its enclosures. It was good of you to write and comment as you did and I appreciate your furnishing your views. My associates and I are pleased the activities of this Bureau meet with your approval and we hope our endeavors will continue to merit your support.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: We have had prior correspondence with Mr. Parker and we wrote him in November, 1970, expressing appreciation for his commendation of the Director. His enclosures included a newspaper clipping regarding Supreme Court Justice Hugo L. Black and a copy of the Ten Commandments.

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MR. MACK PARKER  
RT. 4 BOX 194  
JOPLIN, MO.  
64801

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I note by the press-that the wolves are after you in the same desire for their own EGO, for they have evaded the long and honorable general course of action, that raised the F.B.I to a very prominent place in the law enforcement world, and caused known hardened criminals to veer away from any Federal Law violation after you were appointed head of the F.B.I. I am sure that very few will believe the poison darts of your enemies, will have very little if any loss of the respect that the great public now hold of you and the F.B.I.

I am reminded of an article I read years ago about a man that was slandered in a news paper by his enemies, he contacted an aged judge who was retired and stated the slander that was directed at him. The elderly Judge hesitated few moments, and then gave a master piece of the results of the slander. This was the report. "I won't read the article, I will read the article, but won't pay any attention as to the slander. I will read the article and will note the slander-but will not talk about the slander. I will read the slander, and gossip about it. But don't pay any attention to them-For they have no influence." I doubt that even I will believe the slander directed against you by the wolves for your great law enforcement since-1924 is known and respected by untold millions of our people.

I pray that you will be at the helm of the F.B.I. as long as the Hon. Hugo L. Black who is past-85.

Sincerely

*Mack Parker*  
Mack Parker

P.S. Enclosed the article of Hugo L. Black, and the IX and X Commandments. That your enemies should study.

We had a battle here in Missouri to prevent the violation of the laws of privacy as expressed in the 10 Amendments or Bill Of Rights. By the Highway Patrol and other Officers, we obtained help from Officials in Washington, and the final act, the Attorney General came on TV and stated that. "He would see to the enforcement of the laws of privacy, and the net result, the Highway Patrol and other Officers have rarely violated this edict, they have been informed." That when a person is in his automobile-this is the same as in his home, and a Search Warrant is required before a search can be justly made, we are often not by the laws of our land, but by the whims of men.

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SOON TO BE 85 — Supreme Court Justice Hugo L. Black, who will celebrate his 85th birthday Saturday, relaxes in his office Thursday during an interview. — (AP Wirephoto.)

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**HUGO LAFAYETTE BLACK**

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**COMMUNICATION - D. J. Dalbey to Mr. Tolson memo**

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 6/25/71

FROM : D. J. Dalbey

SUBJECT: MRS. HUGO L. BLACK  
SPECIAL TOUR OF THE BUREAU

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Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

At 9:10 a.m., 6/25/71, Mrs. Hugo L. Black, wife of Associate Justice Black of the United States Supreme Court, telephoned the Director's Office and requested a tour of the Bureau for her two granddaughters (teenage children of Hugo L. Black, Jr., of Miami) Margaret and Libby Black, and said that she would accompany them.

Mrs. Black and her granddaughters were met in the Director's Office by Special Agent James L. Williamson of the Office of Legal Counsel and were afforded a special tour of the Bureau. Mrs. Black stated that while she has previously visited the Bureau, she looked forward to each opportunity to bring her relatives so that they can see firsthand the responsibilities and work of the Bureau. Mrs. Black was most complimentary concerning the Director and the courtesies extended to her.

## RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Dalbey
- 1 - Mr. Williamson

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**HUGO LAFAYETTE BLACK**

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**COMMUNICATION - Telephone record in Director's Office  
regarding Mrs. Black's call**

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
9:10AM June 25, 1971

Mrs. HUGO BLACK, wife of the  
Supreme Court Justice, telephoned  
and asked if she and her two Black  
granddaughters, MARGARET and  
LIBBY BLACK, can come to the  
Bureau this morning between D.C.  
9:45 and 10:00 a.m. and go on a Flag  
tour of the Bureau.

Hugo L. Black  
Mrs. Black was told that a very  
special tour of the Bureau would  
be arranged for her and her  
granddaughters and that arrangements  
would be made for her to park in the courtyard.

Hugo L. Black  
They will come to the Director's Reception Room at  
approximately 9:45 a.m.

There was no request to meet the Director.

1 - Miss Holmes  
1 - Tour Room

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Memo D.D.C.  
The Tolson  
6/25/71, J.L.W.:clh

MR. TOLSON \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. SULLIVAN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. MOHR \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. BRENNAN, C.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. CALLAHAN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. CASPER \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. CONRAD \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. DALBEY \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. FELT \_\_\_\_\_  
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MR. WALTERS \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. SOYARS \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. BEAVER \_\_\_\_\_  
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MRS. METCALF \_\_\_\_\_  
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**HUGO LAFAYETTE BLACK**

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**COMMUNICATION - Letter to Hugo L. Black from J. Edgar Hoover  
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September 7, 1971

Honorable Hugo L. Black  
Associate Justice of the  
United States Supreme Court  
United States Naval Hospital  
National Naval Medical Center  
Bethesda, Maryland 20014

My dear Mr. Justice:

I certainly was sorry to learn that it was  
necessary for you to enter the hospital and hope this note  
finds you resting comfortably. You have my best wishes  
for a quick and complete recovery.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles disclose cordial relations with Justice and Mrs. Black.  
Address per call to Bethesda Naval Hospital.

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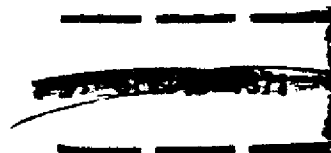
WASHINGTON--HUGO L. BLACK, APPOINTED TO THE SUPREME COURT BY PRESIDENT FRANKLIN DELANEY ROOSEVELT IN 1937, IS BEING TREATED FOR UNEXPECTED REASONS AT ST. LOUIS HOSPITAL.

BLACK, THE SENIOR JUSTICE OF THE NINE-MEMBER COURT IS SOME 70 YEARS OF AGE. HE HAS BEEN TROUBLED WITH SPINAL ARTERITIS AND PAIN IN HIS RIGHT LEG. ACCORDING TO FAMILY FRIENDS. THE CAUSE OF THE HOSPITALIZATION WAS NOT ANNOUNCED.

HUGO BLACK JR., THE JUSTICE'S SON RECENTLY FLEW FROM ST. LOUIS HOME "TO WORK ON SOME PAPERS" IN WASHINGTON, ACCORDING TO FAMILY FRIENDS.

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*Let to Black  
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