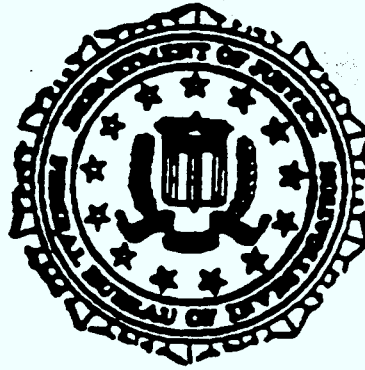




FILE DESCRIPTION

SUBJECT "I WAS A COMMUNIST SPY FOR THE FBI" RADIO SHOW

FILE NO. 94-44842

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 5, 1952

FROM : *gmm* SAC, DallasSUBJECT: RADIO PROGRAM "I WAS A COMMUNIST
SPY FOR THE FBI"

4 [redacted] an officer of the Onyx Refining Company, has advised SA [redacted] Resident Agent at Abilene, Texas, that his company and an affiliated company, the Brooks Oil Company, both of Abilene, have purchased the radio program "I was a Communist Spy for the FBI". [redacted] stated this is a one-half hour program which will be broadcast over Station KWAC, Abilene, at 2:00 PM each Sunday for 52 weeks. *b7c*

[redacted] also advised that there is a one and one-half minute break at the middle of the program, and he stated he was inviting comments by civic leaders concerning the spread of Communism, which comments were to be made during this break. *b7c*

[redacted] stated he understood the FBI does not have anything to do with the program, but he requested information as to whether Agent [redacted] could make comments concerning Communism during one of the breaks in the program. He was advised that no such comments could be made. *b7c*

This is furnished for the Bureau's information.

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, San Francisco (80-19-419A)

SUBJECT: RADIO PROGRAM
I WAS A COMMUNIST SPY FOR THE FBI"

DATE: April 29, 1952

Mr. Tolson _____

Mr. Ladd _____

Mr. Nichols _____

Mr. Belmont _____

Mr. Clegg _____

Mr. Glavin _____

Mr. Harbo _____

Mr. Rosen _____

Mr. Tracy _____

Mr. Laughlin _____

Mr. Mohr _____

Tele. Room _____

Mr. Holloman _____

Miss Gandy _____

Re SAC Letter No. 13, Series 1952, dated 2/1/52. *15-1*

On 4/28/52 [redacted] Radio Station KGO, American Broadcasting System, San Francisco, telephonically advised that beginning Wednesday evenings at 8:30 PM, May 7, 1952, KGO would broadcast a thirty minute program of "I Was A Communist Spy For The FBI." These broadcasts will involve a twenty-six week series. The time has been purchased by the Rainier Brewing Company for San Francisco and Los Angeles. [redacted] understands Golden State Company, Ltd., a milk and ice cream concern, is sponsoring the same program for twelve other radio stations throughout California.

[redacted] extended an invitation to the San Francisco Office to attend a special preview of the initial broadcast at 10:00 AM, 4/29/52, to a local audience which would consist of representatives of the Mayor's Office, San Francisco; the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, American Legion representatives and similar organizations following which those present would be given an opportunity, if they so desired, to transcribe their views on the program and coming series.

[redacted] is very friendly and cooperative with the San Francisco Office. He was informed, however, that we could not accept his invitation to participate in the program since the FBI has had no connection whatsoever with the proposed radio program, the motion picture or book on this matter involving MATTHEW CVETIC; furthermore, that the Bureau does not intend to have anything to do with the radio program.

At the same time it was determined that the local representative of the FREDERICK W. ZIV Company had sold the sponsorship idea to the Rainier Brewing Company. The ZIV representative, however, did not indicate or even infer to [redacted] that the FBI had endorsed or approved the radio show.

The above is for the Bureau's information. Copies of this communication are being made available to the Los Angeles and San Diego Offices for the same purpose in view of the proposed broadcasts throughout California.

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