

b7c

- Q. Are you personally acquainted with former United States Marshal [redacted]
- A. I don't know him by name I may know him.
- Q. Did you ever pay, give or deliver or cause to be paid, given or delivered in any way, shape or manner money or any other thing of value to Charles F. DeWoody, [redacted] or [redacted]
- A. I answer the same as I did to your first and second questions.
- Q. Do you know [redacted]
- A. (This seemed to amuse Johnson greatly) Do I know [redacted] Lewinsohn - can I ever forget him.
- Q. Well he was your bondsmen was he not?
- A. Say I put up my own bonds.
- Q. You must have indemnified [redacted] then?
- A. I did.
- Q. Do you know [redacted]
- A. I should say I do.
- Q. Do you know [redacted]
- A. Yes.
- Q. Did you at any time or at any place offer or promise anything money or other thing of value to [redacted] or [redacted], or any other person for the purpose of having this money or other thing of value transmitted to any Federal official or employe of the United States Government at any time?
- A. That question cannot be answered until I see my attorney.

At the conclusion of the interview subject made the following remark to Division Superintendent Brennan:  
 "The kind of fellow I am, I want to forget it. Let bygones be bygones. what ever they got from me let them have it. I am not going to be the aggressor in this matter"

*Edward J. Brennan*  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
*[Signature]*

I, [redacted], Special Agent, Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, being duly sworn deposes and says that the foregoing is a true statement of questions propounded by EDWARD J. BRENNAN, Division Superintendent, Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Chicago, Illinois, to JOHN ARTHUR JOHNSON, better known as JACK JOHNSON and answers made by him in Will County Jail, Joliet, Illinois, 11:20 A.M., July 26, 1920.

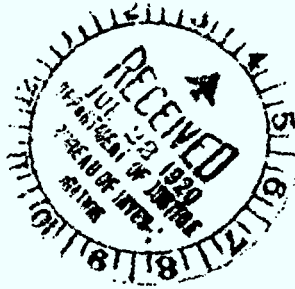
[redacted]

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
 this 26th day of July A. D. 1920.

[redacted]

Notary Public

JTS:OKH



July 22, 1920.

Connell,

Federal Building,

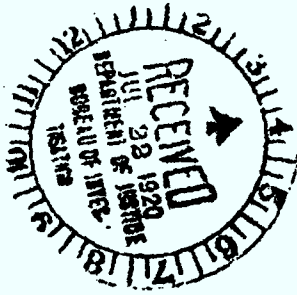
Los Angeles, Calif.

Have had no report Jack Johnson case. Am instructing Gershon wire one immediately. Want definitely date of departure for and arrival at Chicago. One.

BURKIS.

JTS:O.H

JUL 23 1920



July 22, 1920.

Gershon,

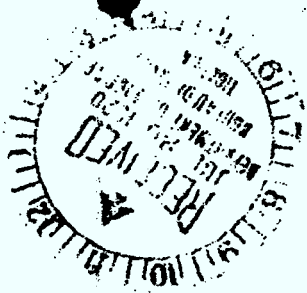
Federal Building,

San Diego, Calif.

Wire immediately report Jack Johnson stating definitely  
date of departure for and arrival at Chicago. One.

BURKE.

JTS:CMH



July 24, 1920.

Evans,

Federal Building,

Chicago, Ill.

Confidential. Jack Johnson due to reach Chicago tomorrow morning. Important you should closely question him concerning his relations with Federal officials, especially employees this Department, prior to jumping bail. One.

BURKE.

KS DAVE GERSHON

SAN DIEGO, CAL.

JULY 22, 1920

JULY 20, 1920

G. vs JOHN ARTHUR JOHNSON  
 alias JACK JOHNSON  
 (Colored Fugitive)

Fugitive from Justice

Tijuana, Mexico.

At San Diego, Calif.:

Final Report.

**b7c**

Referring to my report relative the above-entitled matter,  
 July 16th, 1920.

Was last night advised by United States Attorney Robert O'Connor, who had arrived from Los Angeles, that a representative of the fugitive JACK JOHNSON had stated in Los Angeles yesterday that he, JACK JOHNSON, would surrender himself at the Border at Tijuana sometime this morning, and that his representative had made arrangements with Sheriff [REDACTED] of Los Angeles County to proceed to Tijuana, Mexico, and bring JOHNSON to the Immigration office at the Border where he would be surrendered to the Federal authorities.

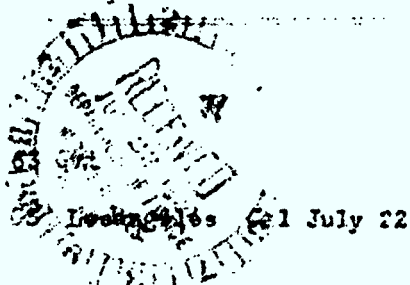
At the suggestion of United States Attorney O'Connor agent proceeded to the Border with Deputy United States Marshal [REDACTED] who held a fugitive warrant for JOHNSON, for the purpose of taking him into custody.

JOHNSON was brought to the Border at 10:30 A.M., by Sheriff [REDACTED] and Sheriff [REDACTED] then delivered him into the custody of Deputy United States Marshal [REDACTED] and agent. He was then brought to my office where he held a short conference with U. S. Attorney O'Connor, and was taken before U. S. Commissioner W. R. Andrews for arraignment on a fugitive complaint. JOHNSON waived a reading of the complaint and in default of \$10,000.00 bond fixed by the U.S. Commissioner was held to the District Court for removal to Chicago. JOHNSON was taken to Los Angeles by Deputy U. S. Marshal [REDACTED] in the automobile of Sheriff [REDACTED] leaving San Diego at 1:15 P.M. (Matter Concluded.)

Department of Justice.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

381 chjs 333p



b7c

Burke

Dept Justice Washington

One stop through arrangements with [redacted], Sheriff Los Angeles County, Jack Johnson surrendered Tuesday morning to Deputy Marshal [redacted] Brought before U. S. Commissioner San Diego then brought in automobile to Los Angeles Tuesday night brought before U. S. District Judge Demise Wednesday morning and ordered removed to Chicago Deputy [redacted] left ten o'clock this day with Johnson via Santa Fe Railway will arrive Chicago Sunday morning

Connell

contents proved to be  
from at PM 9:30 PM same  
date  
H.

KS

REPORT MADE BY: DAVE GERSHON  
PLACE HERE NAME: SAN DIEGO, CAL.  
DATE MADE: JULY 13, 1920  
FIELD OFFICE WHICH MADE: JULY 7-8/20

TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION  
U.S. vs JOHN ARTHUR JOHNSON  
alias JACK JOHNSON : Tijuana, : Fugitive from Justice.  
(Colored Pugilist) : Mexico . :

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.

At San Diego, Calif.:

Referring to my report relative to above case, June 21, 1920.

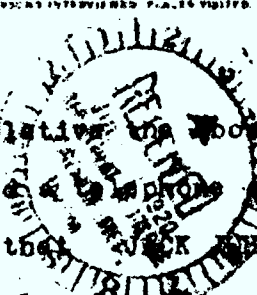
On July 7th agent received a telephone communication from the Los Angeles office advising that JACK JOHNSON had called Special Agent in Charge Connell, Los Angeles, on the telephone from Tijuana, Mexico, and requested that an agent from this office be sent down to interview him.

Agent proceeded to Tijuana, Mexico, and had a conference with JOHNSON, who stated that he was contemplating surrendering himself providing arrangements could be made to take him direct to Chicago without him having to stay in jail here awaiting Court proceedings; and further, providing that he would be taken to Chicago accompanied by his wife and without being handcuffed as in the case of ordinary criminals. I advised him that I was unable to make any arrangements with him but would take the matter up with the U. S. Marshal at Los Angeles.

While in Los Angeles on July 8th, on other matters, I took this matter up with U. S. Marshal [redacted] and he stated that he would not enter into any arrangement with JOHNSON or make him any concessions - that if he desired to surrender himself he would be treated the same as any other prisoner.

Upon my return to San Diego I endeavored to advise JOHNSON that no arrangements could be made regarding his delivering himself and found that he had left for Mexicali, Mexico, for the purpose of interviewing GOVERNOR CANTU relative his opening a saloon in Tijuana, Mexico.

While in Tijuana, Mexico, on July 7th agent was furnished



JUL 19 1920

b7c

a copy of a telegram sent by GOVERNOR CANTU in which he refused to grant permission for JOHNSON to fight in Tijuana, Mexico, on the Fourth of July. I believe that this action on the part of GOVERNOR CANTU was prompted by my stating to one of GOVERNOR CANTU'S confidential agents that it would not be policy to allow JOHNSON to fight at Tijuana, Mexico, at this time owing to his being a fugitive from this Country. The following is a copy of the telegram sent by GOVERNOR CANTU:

"  
 Mexicall July 2nd 1920  
 [REDACTED] and Co.  
 1222, yours of yesterday regarding reason given to  
 request not to permit boxing match negro Johnson.  
 This government taking into consideration reasons  
 given, does not grant permission for match. Greetings.

*b7c*

The Governor E. Cantu "

Investigation continued.

*Dave Gerson*

DAVE GERSON  
 Special Agent in Charge.



KS

REPORT MADE BY: DAVE GERSHON  
PLACE WHERE MADE: SAN DIEGO, CAL.  
DATE WHEN MADE: JULY 16, 1920  
PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: JULY 15, 1920

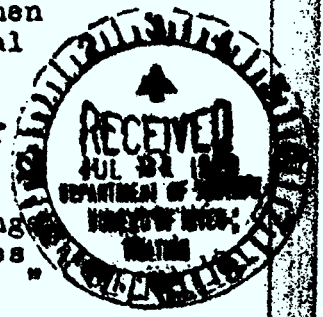
TITLE: U.S. vs JOHN ARTHUR JOHNSON Tijuana,  
alias JACK JOHNSON Mexico. Fugitive from Justice.  
(Colored Pugilist)

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE, COLLECTION, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.  
At San Diego, Calif.: JUL 16 1920

Referring to my report relative the above entitled matter,  
July 13th, 1920.

Agent today received the following wire from United States  
Attorney Robert O'Connor, Los Angeles, relative the above matter:

" As long as JACK JOHNSON is outside our  
jurisdiction no negotiations should be had  
with him or his representatives period When  
he surrenders to you or United States Marshal  
he should be lodged in County Jail and the  
United States Attorney at Chicago should be  
telegraphed for suggestions as to amount of  
bail and time of appearance providing  
JOHNSON wants to give bail period If he  
cannot give bail ordinary removal proceeding  
should be proceeded with before United States  
Commissioner there.



Upon receipt of the above wire Assistant U. S. Attorney  
T. F. Green, who is in San Diego at this time, stated that he had  
had a telephone conversation with Mr. O'Connor subsequent to the  
sending of the above wire and Mr. O'Connor instructed  
quest that I proceed to Tijuana, Mexico, and there advise JACK  
JOHNSON that no arrangements could be made with him nor any ne-  
gotiations conducted with him in Mexico relative his surrendering  
himself, and that should he surrender himself he would be treated  
in a civil manner the same as any other prisoner, and that no in-  
clination was entertained by the Officers here to treat him other-  
wise.

Agent, accompanied by Assistant U.S. Attorney T. F. Green,  
proceeded to Tijuana, Mexico, where agent found JACK JOHNSON  
and conveyed the above information to him. JOHNSON then stated

that he had sent a representative to Los Angeles to endeavor to negotiate for a bond for him, and that he contemplated surrendering himself on either Monday or Tuesday of next week, and stated that he would call me by telephone from Tijuana, Mexico, and advise me when he would cross the line to give himself up.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Green did not take part in the conference between agent and JOHNSON but remained in the Monte Carlo while agent proceeded to JOHNSON'S house where the conference took place.

Investigation continued.

*file*

REPORT MADE BY:

PLACE WHERE MADE:

DATE WHEN MADE:

PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:

[Redacted]

LOS Angeles

July 9-1940

July 7-9, 1940

TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION:

JACK JOHNSON  
(Fugitive)

Ria Juana, Mexico.

*b7c*

Fugitive from Justice

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.

At Los Angeles, Cal.:

At 1:00 P.M. while agent was in the office acting in the absence of S.A. Connell, special agent in charge who was home suffering from sunburn, a telephone message was received from JACK JOHNSON who stated he was talking from Ria Juana. He desired to speak with Mr. Connell, or an agent in charge, relative to having someone come to see him to talk over his surrendering to the United States authorities.

CARDED  
JUL 15 1940

Agent asked him what special matters he desired to be taken care of, and he stated he did not care to be placed under arrest or placed in jail upon giving himself up, but desired to be taken once to Chicago; he also stated he did not desire to be handcuffed on the trip as he would consider himself under arrest and did not care to have any indignities placed upon him. Agent informed JOHNSON that the matter was entirely beyond the jurisdiction of this department, that he was a fugitive from justice and that the U.S. Marshal's warrant was issued for him and if he crossed the line he would be apprehended by an official of the U.S. Marshal's office, and so far as this agent knew the procedure from thence would be strictly in accordance with the law.



Agent then called Agent Garshon at San Diego and reported to him what JOHNSON had said and suggested that Garshon go and have a further talk with JOHNSON. Garshon did so and his report will show the details.

On July 9th agent received information that JOHNSON intended to come across the line either Saturday night or Sunday.

JACK JOHNSON

-continued-

**b7C**

morning (the 9th or 10th), and called upon Marshal [redacted] and gave this information. The Marshal at that time stated that when JOHNSON came over he would be apprehended and would be given no worse nor better treatment than any other prisoner. So far as proceeding immediately to Chicago at the present time, the Marshal stated that this was impossible, as he had no deputy available, but that JOHNSON would be lodged in jail and would have to await his turn.

Agent then called on U.S. District Attorney O'Connor and asked if he had given, or intended to give, any special instructions in this case. Mr. O'Connor stated that JOHNSON was looked upon merely as a fugitive from justice and would receive the same consideration as any other prisoner and no favors would be shown.

C. L. GARD.

Manually submitted

[redacted]

REPORT MADE BY: S. A. Connell	PLACE WHERE MADE: Los Angeles	DATE WHEN MADE: June 16, 1920	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: June 12-1920
----------------------------------	----------------------------------	----------------------------------	----------------------------------------

TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION:  
 U.S. vs. JOHN ARTHUR JOHNSON : Tia Juana, : Fugitive from  
 alias JACK JOHNSON : Mexico : Justice

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.:

At Los Angeles, California:-

Refer to previous reports in the above entitled matter.

On June 12, 1920, I received the following letter:

"San Diego, California,  
June 11, 1920.

S. A. Connell, Esq.,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Los Angeles, California.

JACK JOHNSON (Colored)  
Fugitive-White Slave Matter

Dear Sir:-

While conferring with an Agent of the Cantu Government of Lower California today I was advised that JACK JOHNSON is not in very good standing with the Mexican Officials - he being caught in the act of engaging in crooked transactions - and my informant states that he is of the opinion that if I would personally request GOVERNOR CANTU to deliver JOHNSON to me he is satisfied that GOVERNOR CANTU, especially at this time, would comply with my request and deport JOHNSON so that I could take him into custody.

If you think this advisable I respectfully request that you give me authority to proceed to Mexicali, Mexico, for the purpose of conferring with GOVERNOR CANTU relative this matter.

Very truly yours,

Ed. Dave Gordon,  
Special Agent in Charge

After thinking over the matter, I did not believe it would be advisable to comply with the suggestion made in the last paragraph of the above letter which is that Special Agent Gordon proceed to Mexicali, Mex. for the purpose of conferring with GOVERNOR CANTU relative to having JOHNSON delivered to our agents at San Diego, California. The political situation in Lower California at the present time is unsettled, as a new Governor has been designated by the provisional President of Mexico, but for some reason, after his arrival at Mexicali, he again returned to Los Angeles, and from information I now have, is on

*Kull*  
 CARDED  
 JUN 23 1920



Re: JACK JOHNSON (Cont.)

his way to Mexico City to confer with President DE LA HUERTA.

I then sent the following telegram:

"Los Angeles, June 12, 1920.

Gershon,  
Dept. Justice,  
San Diego, Calif.

Do not think it advisable for you to request Cantu to deport Johnson suggest cooperate with Immigration authorities and if Johnson should cross Border immediately place under arrest. I have certified copy indictment here and warrant will be issued on same stop have confidential information arrangement was being made for negro employe of Sheriff Los Angeles County to take Johnson into custody and bring him to Chicago. Information not verified as yet suggest this matter be watched carefully.

Connell"

In the afternoon, after the above telegram had been dispatched and received by Special Agent Gershon at San Diego, he telephoned to me relative to the same and stated that he believed he could let it be known that subject was wanted by the United States authorities and that arrangements could be made whereby he, subject, could be sent across the border, and he could then be taken into custody, but I still insisted that I did not believe it advisable for Agent Gershon to make a personal request of GOVERNOR CANTU at Mexicali, to have him deport Johnson from Mexico to the United States.

I received information from a confidential informant who advised me that he had heard a rumor while at the County Jail that a negro employe of Sheriff [redacted] of Los Angeles County had been talking about going to El Juana for the purpose of securing JOHNSON and taking him to Chicago, Ill. and delivering him to the authorities there, this being to avoid incarcerating JOHNSON in any jail in this district prior to his removal to Chicago.

After securing permission from my informant, I called on U. S. Marshal [redacted] and asked him if any arrangement had

b7c

b7C

:- JACK JOHNSON: (Cont.) =

been made by him to permit a negro deputy or employee of the Los Angeles County Sheriff to take JOHNSON into custody, and he informed me that there was no such arrangement, and I then informed U. S. Marshal [redacted] that I would notify our agent at San Diego to co-operate with the Immigration authorities and if JOHNSON came across the Border that he should be immediately taken into custody. I further advised the Marshal that I had secured a certified copy of the indictment which had been returned against subject at Chicago, Ill.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUED.

REPORT MADE BY:

S. A. Connell

PLACE WHERE MADE:

Los Angeles

DATE WHEN MADE:

June 24, 1920

PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:

June 19-21, 1920

TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF CRIMINAL OFFENSE INVESTIGATED:

JOHN ARTHUR JOHNSON : Tia Juana, : Fugitive from  
 alias JACK JOHNSON : Mexico : Justice

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.

At Los Angeles,

reference is herewith made to my report for June 12th 1920 in the above captioned matter.

Special Agent Gershon of San Diego telephoned to Los Angeles long distance and stated that GOVERNOR CANTU had been re-appointed Governor of Lower California, and that GOVERNOR CANTU had sent one of his agents to interview Special Agent Gershon. This agent advised him, Gershon, that if he made a request of GOVERNOR CANTU to have JACK JOHNSON delivered to him, the request would, no doubt, be complied with.

I then advised Special Agent Gershon not to make such a request, as I had previously advised him not to do so (see my report for June 12, 1920, page 2, wherein I incorporated a telegram which was sent in reply to letter received from Special Agent Gershon.)

The decision I made in this matter relative to the deportation of JOHNSON from Mexico into the United States, was after consulting with the U. S. Attorney and other persons familiar with the Mexican situation, and I also consulted with Mr. John F. Strington, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, who had called at the office and was in the city for several days, and he approved of my stand in the matter.

In order to advise the Chief of the Bureau, I sent the following telegram:

Los Angeles, Calif. June 19, 1920.

Burke, Dept. Justice,  
 Washington

Special Agent Gershon telephoned to me that Governor Cantu had been reappointed Governor of Lower California and Cantu sent one of his agents to Gershon advising Gershon that if

RECEIVED  
 JUNE 24 1920

RECEIVED  
 JUNE 24 1920



Re:- JACK JOHNSON (Cont.)

he made request of Cantu for delivery of Jack Johnson request would be complied with stop. Have instructed Gershon not to make such request and previously advised him not to do so stop. Please wire me if you approve my stand this matter.

Connell

10:55AM

On June 21st I received the following reply:

"Washington, D.C. June 21, 1920

Connell

Federal Building,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

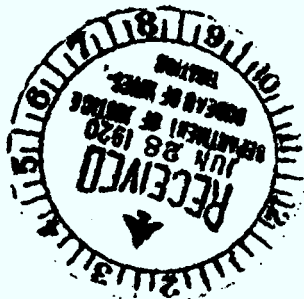
Replying to your telegram submit suggestion of Governor Cantu in re Jack Johnson to United States Attorney and be controlled by his decision. Gne.  
Burke, Chief"

On receipt of the above telegram, and after decoding, I immediately called on U. S. Attorney Robert O'Connor and consulted with him regarding the suggestion made to me by Special Agent Gershon, and he advised that he did not approve of it, and that we should not have JOHNSON deported from Mexico to the United States by making a personal request of Governor Cantu for subject's deportation, and that my decision in the matter was the proper one.

CONCLUDED.

*S. A. Connell*  
Special Agent in Charge...

JTS:OAH



June 21, 1920.

Connell,

Federal Building.

Los Angeles, Cal.

Liturgie. Submit suggestion of Governor Cantu in re  
Jack Johnson to United States Attorney and be controlled  
by his decision. One.

• BURKE, Chief.

67c

REPORT MADE BY:

PLACE WHERE MADE:

DATE WHEN MADE:

PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:

SAN DIEGO, CAL.

MAY 1, 1920

APR. 27, 1920

TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION:

U.S. vs JOHN ARTHUR JOHNSON - Mexico Fugitive from Justice  
 alias JACK JOHNSON - - - -

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS EVIDENCE COLLECTED. NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED. PLACES VISITED, ETC.

At San Diego, Calif.:

Referring to my report in this matter for April 5-6-7, 1920.

I received the following communication from Mr. Charles F. Clyne, United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois, under date of April 23rd, 1920, in answer to my communication:

" Replying to your favor of the 12th instant requesting information as to the status of the case in this district against JOHN A. JOHNSON alias JACK JOHNSON, as you are aware JOHNSON became a fugitive from justice after taking an appeal to the Circuit Court of Appeals from the judgment of the District Court and has remained out of the jurisdiction of this court ever since. The judgment in this district was a sentence of one year and one day in Leavenworth, Kansas, and a fine of \$1,000. Subsequently after JOHNSON became a fugitive the Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed this case and ordered the District Court to resentence JOHNSON on sexual intercourse counts and retrial on prostitution counts, which means in effect that he has to appear before Judge Carpenter, the trial judge, and be resented.

I do not desire to enter into any correspondence with the defendant. If he desires to give himself up the proper course for him to pursue is to appear before any United States Marshal and surrender himself. However, I have this to say, if he ever returns to the United States, I will at once proceed to have him arrested and brought to the jurisdiction of this Court. "

Will convey the above information to JOHNSON and ascertain whether or not he desires to give himself up.

Investigation continued.

APR 19 1920

April 19, 1920.

E. J. Brennan, Esq.,  
P. O. Box 455,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: JOHN ARTHUR JOHNSON  
(JACK JOHNSON,  
Violation of Section 2,  
White Slave Traffic Act)

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 15th inst. relative to the above named subject, with enclosure, same being a certified copy of indictment #5166 in the case of U. S. vs. JOHN ARTHUR JOHNSON, otherwise known as JACK JOHNSON.

If the subject is apprehended at San Diego, California, you will be immediately notified.

I will transmit the certified copy of indictment to the U. S. Attorney of this district in order that a warrant can be secured which will be served on JOHNSON should he cross the border from Tia Juana, Mexico, where he is now located.

Thanking you for your prompt attention to my request, I am,

SAC/ME  
CC: Wash.

Yours very truly,

S. A. Connell  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

April 19, 1920.

Hon. John Robert O'Connor,  
United States Attorney,  
Federal Building,  
Los Angeles, California.

Re:- JOHN ARTHUR JOHNSON  
(JACK JOHNSON)  
Violation of Section 2,  
White Slave Traffic Act

Dear Sir:-

I am transmitting herewith a certified copy of the indictment #5186, in the case entitled U. S. vs JOHN ARTHUR JOHNSON, otherwise known as JACK JOHNSON, charged with having violated Section 2 of the White Slave traffic Act.

This certified copy of the indictment was forwarded to me by Division Superintendent E. J. Brennan of the Chicago office of the Bureau of Investigation, same having been secured by him on request from me.

JOHNSON is now located at Tia Juana, Mex., and from information I have received from our agents located at San Diego, I believe that JOHNSON will surrender himself in the near future.

SAC/MSH  
Enclosure  
CC: Wash.

Yours very truly,

S. A. Connell  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

April 19, 1920

**[REDACTED]** Esq.,  
Special Agent,  
Department of Justice,  
San Diego, California.

Re:- JOHN ARTHUR JOHNSON<sup>0</sup>  
(JACK JOHNSON)  
Violation of Section 2,  
White Slave Traffic Act

Dear Sir:-

I have received this date from Division Superintendent E. J. Brennan of Chicago, Ill., a certified copy of the indictment against JOHN ARTHUR JOHNSON, otherwise known as JACK JOHNSON, charged with having violated Section 2, of the White Slave Traffic Act, subject now being a fugitive from Justice.

If subject should cross the border from Tia Juana to San Diego he should be apprehended and I will have a warrant issued and placed in the hands of a Deputy U. S. Marshal so that the same can be served on subject, and the Marshal will then arrange to transfer subject to the jurisdiction in which he is wanted.

SAC/ME  
CC: Wash.

Yours very truly,

S. A. Connell  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

*b7c*

Department of Justice,  
Bureau of Investigation.

Box 415  
Chicago, Illinois.  
April 15, 1920.

APR 17 1920  
m

S.A. CONNELL, Esquire,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Los Angeles, Cal.

Re: John Arthur Johnson  
Violation Sec. 2 White Slave Traffic Act.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your telegram of  
April 14th, relative to the above entitled subject.  
As per your request I am herewith enclosing certified  
copy of the indictment #5186 in the case entitled  
U.S. vs JOHN ARTHUR JOHNSON, otherwise known as  
JACK JOHNSON, charged with having violated Section 2,  
of the White Slave Traffic Act, for use of the U.S.  
attorney in your district.

Very truly yours,

*Edward J. Brennan*  
E. W. ED J. BRENNAN,  
DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT.

JRE\*VD

Department of Justice.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

B Los Angeles, California April 14, 1920.

Burke,

Department Justice,

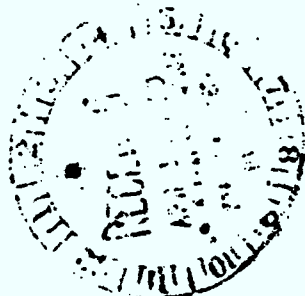
Washington, D.C.

One stop am suggesting to Chicago office to have certified copy of indictment in Jack Johnson matter forwarded Los Angeles in order to have warrant issued here to apprehend Johnson if he should cross border at Tia Juana warrant will be issued and turned over to U. S. Marshal for service.

Connell.



JTS-JHD



April 15, 1920.

Brennan,

Federal Bldg.,

Chicago, Ill.

If possible have certified copy indictment Jack Johnson  
requested by Connel, Los Angeles sent him. One.

Darks, Chief.

REPORT FORM NO. 1.

REPORT MADE BY:

W. M. Offley

PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE

2/16/14.

PLACE WHERE MADE:

New York City

DATE WHEN MADE

2/17/14.

TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION:

GENERAL GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION,  
Chicago, Ill.

b7C  
b3

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONAL EVIDENCE COLLECTED, PLACES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.:

[REDACTED] attorney for the Western Union  
Telegraph Co., responded to subpoena served upon that  
company, and produced before the Grand Jury two cable-  
grams as follows:

[REDACTED]

forwarded by Div. Supt. Bruff to this office. As it  
was requested by Bruff that the copy forwarded by him be

COPY OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO:

New York Office.  
Div. Supt. Bruff, Chicago, Ill.

File 4364

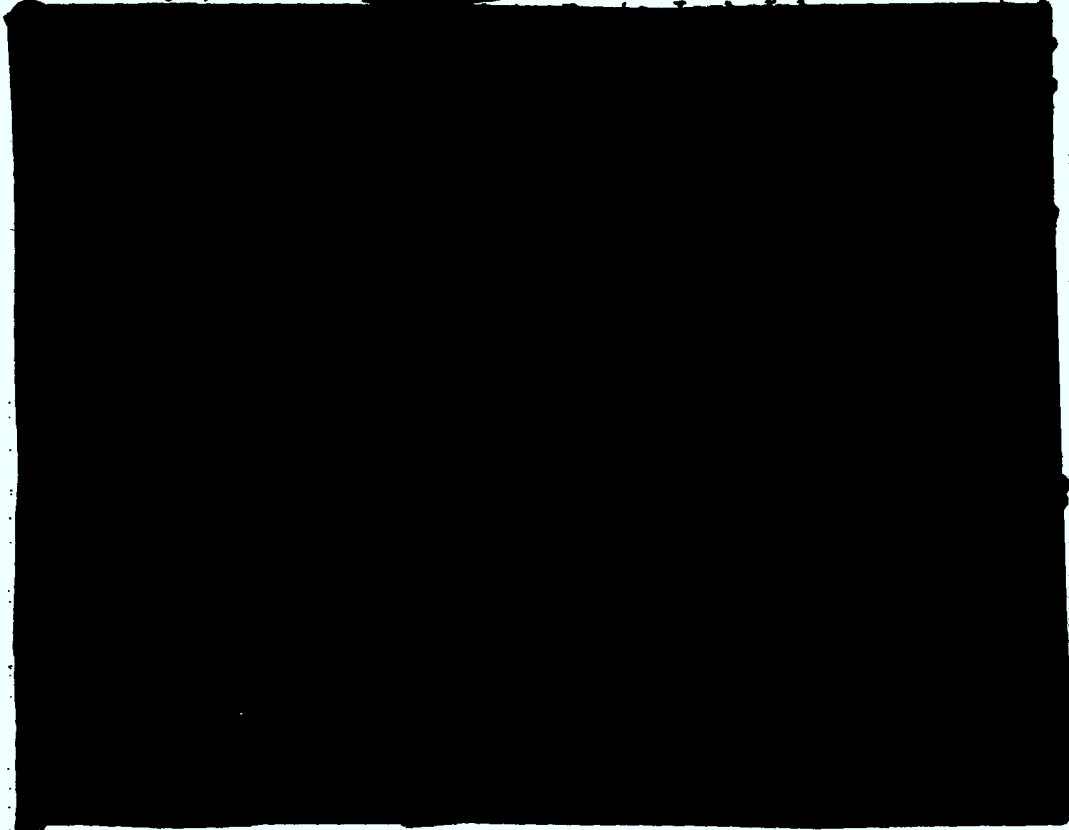
b7C  
b3

RE GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION (Chicago) Continued.  
WMC 2/16/14.

not exhibited to the officials of the Western Union,  
it was not shown [REDACTED]

Telegraphed Supt. Bruff as follows:

\*Western Union produces two cablegrams, one dated  
February 5th from [REDACTED] to New York Journal - quote -



Wrote Div. Supt. Bruff enclosing transcript of  
the testimony of [REDACTED] before the Grand Jury,  
copy of which letter is filed with this report.

February 16, 1914.

b7C

James L. Bruff,  
Division Superintendent,  
Box 455, Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

GENERAL GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION

Supplementing my telegram of this afternoon, I enclose herewith transcript of the testimony of [redacted] Attorney for the Western Union Telegraph Company, before the grand jury for this District, as to the search made for the supposed cablegram of January 23, 1914.

As explained in my telegram, the Western Union has a copy of the subpoena served in Chicago, which sets forth a copy of the message supposed to have been received on the 23rd of January.

We have arranged to have the person who actually conducted the search appear and testify, but I suggest that we be permitted to call their attention to the identifying marks on the wire forwarded by you, especially as [redacted] expresses the personal opinion that they received no message on that day similar to the one quoted in your subpoena.

The supposed original was not exhibited to him because of your request that this be not done.

Very truly yours,

*James M. Coffey*

Division Superintendent.

REPORT FORM NO. 1

Original

REPORT MADE BY

J. L. Bruff

PLACE WHERE MADE

Chicago, Ill.

PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE

Feb. 16, 1914

DATE WHEN MADE

Feb. 19, 1914

TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION

GENERAL GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.

At Chicago:

Conferred with United States Attorney Wilkerson relative to this matter and late in the evening received long telegram from Div. Supt. Offley as to the results of the grand jury proceedings in that city, looking to the production of alleged cablegrams between the "Chicago Examiner" and its Paris correspondent.

Received following telegram from the Chief:

"Telegram and letter fourteenth received. Advise Mr. Wilkerson report entirely unfounded. Department has no intention dismissing DeWoody. Will make public denial today."

I communicated this information to Mr. Wilkerson, and he thought it best, under the circumstances, to give same to the newspapers, which was done.

COPY OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO

Chicago office

New York, N. Y.,

February 16, 1914.

Bruff, Federal Building,

Chicago, Ills.

b7c

Eastern Union produces two cablegrams one dated fifth instant from [redacted] to New York Journal, quote, for Chamberlain Chicago, dated Paris; Jack Johnson reported to-night Examiner Correspondent all said interview cabled January twenty third, corrected error transmission former despatch, quote, I paid in all these blackmailers thirty five thousand dollars. Last payment was then thousand; [redacted] was go-between representing to me he acted for DeWoody, Parkins step. Twenty five which [redacted] returned me through my wife was repayment loan thirty thousand made him; he still owes me balance five thousand. [redacted] was straightest man that bunch. All I want say about other three is that they are robbers, and blackmailers. Ive just seen Chicago Examiner January twenty four. All testimony about joy trip New York is true, I went down Michigan Avenue with party see them off. I don't believe Wilkerson and the rest would want see me back Chicago unless thought they could impeach me. Evidence I could give wouldnt be good for them. Will go back when I'm ready, probably sooner than they would like, unquote, end quote.

second cablegram unsigned dated fifth or sixth to Madison, Paris, quote, see Jack Johnson story news. Interview Johnson truth his alleged statements, end quote. Eastern Union testified two searches failed to reveal any message ~~dated~~ January twenty-

(2)

third but this is hearsay. Have arranged for witness in charge work to appear tomorrow. They have copy Chicago subpoena quoting supposed message January twenty-third. I suggest we be authorized to give identifying marks on copy forwarded by you and ask further search. Please answer as to this.

Offley.

REPORT MADE BY

W. E. Gffley

PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE

2/17/14.

PLACE WHERE MADE

New York City

DATE WHEN MADE

2/13/14.

TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION

GENERAL GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION,  
Chicago, Ill.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.

Received the following telegram from Division  
Supt. Bruff, Chicago, Ill:

"Sunned Johnson matter. U.S. Atty. agrees with  
your suggestion."

[REDACTED] Attorney for the Western Union  
Telegraph Co., advised agent that a third search by the  
telegraph company under the direction of [REDACTED]  
as a preliminary for the appearance of the latter before  
the Grand Jury in this city, has disclosed the presence  
of the following cablegram:

"Jany. 23, 1914. CP Journal, New York. (from London)  
Ordered by Chamberlain Chicago Examiner date Paris  
found Johnson tonight boxing hall watching sport after  
his return from Hamburg, but apparently not worrying over  
wrestling defeat. Asked about his getaway from Chicago  
Johnson said Quote: I'm delighted some people ~~from~~  
Chicago beginning awake I've been shamefully treated and  
am victim blackmailing officials. That 20000 dollars to  
[REDACTED] who sent to me by man named DeWoody who re-  
presentative Henry Perkins Assistant District Attorney.  
DeWoody Perkins used frequent my saloon during early part  
my trouble Chicago. They were accommodated private room  
back my saloon in various sums I paid out them total  
25000 dollars. I'm going back see thing through when  
time ripe. I think that be soon to prove case put up  
job against me. I can tell you that one members jury I  
forget his name ran away from Chicago was arrested San  
Francisco White Slave charge unquote. Johnson jubilant.  
Chicago people awakening quote injustice done him  
unquote. Left hall immediately tell news wife. Stop  
private chamberlain Johnson gave this our Paris man  
Tewson."

Telegraphed Supt. Bruff, as follows:

"VanEvery Western Union now produces message  
January 23rd Tewson London to NY Journal. Quote. Ordered  
by Chamberlain Chicago Examiner date Paris found Johnson  
tonight boxing hall watching sport after his return from

COPY OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO:

New York City.  
Div. Supt. Bruff, Chicago, Ill.

b7c



RE Grand Jury Investigation (Continued) WFO 2/17/14.

"Hamburg but apparently not worrying over wrestling defeat asked about his getaway from Chicago Johnson said quote Im delighted some people Chicago beginning awake fact Ive been shamefully treated and am victim blackmailing officials that 20000 dollars to [REDACTED] who sent to me by man named DeWoody who representative Henry Perkins Assistant District Attorney DeWoody Perkins used frequent my saloon during early part my trouble Chicago they were accommodated private room back my saloon in various sums I paid out them total 25000 dollars Im going back see thing through when time ripe I think that be soon to prove case put up job against me I can tell you that one members jury I forget his name ran away from Chicago was arrested San Francisco White Slave Charge unquote Johnson jubilant Chicago people awakening quote injustive done him unquote left hall immediately tell news wife stop private Chamberlain Johnson gave this our Paris man [REDACTED] Tewson." end quotation. From message [REDACTED] says [REDACTED] Western Union made third search this morning as preliminary to testifying Grand Jury and found message."

b7c

Original

REPORT FORM NO. 1

REPORT MADE BY

J. L. Bruff

PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE

Feb. 17, 1914

PLACE WHERE MADE

Chicago, Ill.

DATE WHEN MADE

Feb. 18, 1914

TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION

GENERAL GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.

At Chicago:

Received telegram from Div. Supt. Offley, translated copy of which is attached hereto.

I conferred with United States Attorney Wilkerson and Assistant Charles relative to this investigation.

COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO

Chicago office

1-111

New York, February 17, 1914.

Bruff,

Federal Building,

Chicago, Illinois.

**b7c**

Western Union now produces message January twenty-third, telegram London to New York Journal, quote: Ordered by Chamberlain, Chicago Examiner, Paris, found Johnson tonight boxing hall watching sport after his return from Hamburg. Apparently not worrying over wrestling defeat. Asked about his getaway from Chicago, Johnson said, quote: I'm delighted some people Chicago beginning awake fact I've been shamefully treated and am victim blackmailing officials that city. Just before I got away Chicago I handed twenty thousand dollars to [redacted] who sent to me by man named DeWoody, who represented Henry Perkins, Assistant District Attorney. DeWoody, Perkins used frequent my saloon during early part my trouble Chicago. They were accommodated private room back my saloon in various sums twenty five thousand dollars. I'm going back see thing through when time ripe; I think that be soon, to prove case put up job against me. I can tell you that one member jury, I forget his name, ran away from Chicago, was arrested San Francisco White Slave charge, unquote. Johnson jubilant Chicago people awakening, quote, injustice done him, unquote. Left hall immediately tell news wife, stop, private, # Chamberlain, Johnson gave this our Paris man, [redacted]

Quotation from message [redacted] says [redacted], Western  
Union made third search this morning as preliminary to  
testifying grand jury and found message.

b7c

FILE  
NEW

February 18, 1914.

William J. Coffey, Esq.,  
Division Superintendent,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:

In Re GENERAL ROBERT JURY INVESTIGATION.

I received your telegram of the 16th. reading as per copy of translation attached hereto. I immediately took the matter up with the United States Attorney and after consideration it was decided that your suggestion as to marking for identification the alleged cablegram received by the "Chicago Examiner" was a good one. I therefore wired you:

"Telegram received Johnson matter  
District Attorney agrees with your suggestion."

Mr. Wilkerson and his assistants having charge of this matter have expressed their appreciation of the work done by the New York office in getting at the facts in this investigation.

Very truly yours,



Division Superintendent.

Encl.

REPORT FORM NO. 1

REPORT MADE BY

Wm H Offley

PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE

2-20-14

PLACE WHERE MADE

New York City

DATE WHEN MADE

2-22-14

TITLE OF CASE AND CHARGE OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION

**GENERAL GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION  
Chicago, Illinois.**

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.

Received letter from Division Superintendent Bruff, Chicago, advising that by direction of the United States Attorney no further action need be taken in New York City.

COPY OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO

New York office of Bureau  
Division Superintendent Bruff

1-217

REPORT FORM NO. 1

REPORT MADE BY

J. L. Bruff,

PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE

Feb. 21, 1914.

PLACE WHERE MADE

Chicago, Ill.

DATE WHEN MADE

Feb. 26, 1914.

TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGES OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION

General Grand Jury Investigation

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.

At Chicago, Ill.

Received from Division Superintendent Offley his report dated February 17th on the above matter. This report consists of a translation of a telegraphic message heretofore received by me from him.

COPY OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO:

Chicago Office.

5

7-377

[REDACTED]  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR  
1601 TITLE AND TRUST BUILDING  
CHICAGO

TELEPHONE RANDOLPH 4183

RECEIVED

FEB 24 1914 Feb. 14, 1914.

Bureau of Investigation  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

*file*  
*ASB*

*b7c*

Hon. James McReynolds,  
Attorney General,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The enclosed clipping relative to the Government's ousting of Charles De Witt from the Department of Justice appeared in this morning's Chicago papers. I take it to be authentic, and, therefore, I desire to congratulate the United States at your having removed one of its more important positions, the man who has brought disgrace upon it as well as two administrations he worked under.

In the hopes that your efforts in the housecleaning of the Federal Building in Chicago will continue with even more vigor, I remain,

Yours very truly,

[REDACTED]



A. Bruce Bielaski, Esq. ....2

Please advise me as soon as practicable whether or not the newspaper article (a copy of which is enclosed) correctly states the facts. If it does not, Mr. Wilkerson thinks that a strong denial from the Department will tend to counteract the harmful effect produced by the publication.

The Oleomargarine cases are set for trial on February 24th and it is believed that the defendants' interests will do all within their power to discredit the Government's motives, its case and its witnesses, particularly Mr. DeWoody. If for no other reason than this—that is, the interests of the Government in the approaching trials—it is desired that DeWoody's reputation be protected at this time.

Very truly yours,

*J. B.*  
Division Superintendent.

enc.

*Confidential*

February 14, 1914.

A. Bruce Bielacki, Esq.,  
Chief, Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Wilkerson called me into conference this afternoon relative to the report printed in this morning's Tribune to the effect that Mr. DeWoody is about to be removed from the Government service, as a result of alleged disclosures made in connection with the recent Grand Jury investigation.

This report has caused considerable uneasiness for the reason that DeWoody is really of vital importance to the Government in the pending Oleomargarine fraud cases. It is he who secured nearly all of the confessions of convicted moonshiners, and many of them regard him so highly that it is difficult to have them talk with anyone else. He is thoroughly familiar with the case and will be of invaluable assistance at the trial. Mr. Wilkerson assures me that the recent investigation by the Grand Jury disclosed no criminal acts on the part of Mr. DeWoody; at the worst he has been indiscreet.

The Grand Jury minutes are now being transcribed as rapidly as the stenographers can work and will be completed within two or three days. A copy will be forwarded to the Attorney General for his consideration. As you are aware, no indictments were returned nor was any report submitted to the court, other than a return of "no bill". I have just wired you as follows:

"Today's Tribune states DeWoody will be removed. Account his vital importance Oleo case, United States Attorney worried over report. If untrue, strong denial would partially counteract effect. Please wire facts."

REPORT FORM NO. 1

REPORT MADE BY

Wm M Offley

PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE

2-14-14

PLACE WHERE MADE

New York City

DATE WHEN MADE

2-16-14

TITLE OF CASE AND BRIEF CHARACTER OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION

**GENERAL GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION  
Chicago, Illinois**

*b7c*

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.

Received Special Delivery letter from Division Superintendent Bruff enclosing what purports to be a cablegram from the London correspondent of the New York Journal to that paper, January 23, 1914, and requesting that additional subpoena be issued, returnable to the grand jury, this district, and that if the original of the message referred to be not found, some officer or employee of the Western Union Telegraph Company be examined as to the search made.

Agent secured subpoena, returnable the 2.45 P.M., the 16th instant, this being the first available time which could be secured before that body. This subpoena was served by Agent [redacted]

Telegraphed Division Superintendent Bruff:

Your letter twelfth. Western Union has additional wire between fourth and sixth instant but declines information until produced before grand jury. Insist they have nothing on January twenty three. They are under subpoena to appear before grand jury and testify afternoon sixteenth instant, first available date. Will wire you result.

COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO

New York office of Bureau

JLB  
EWM

RECEIVED

February 3, 1914.

A. Bruce Bielaski, Esq.,

Chief, Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice.

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are some clippings  
from recent issues of the "Chicago Examiner."

Very truly yours,



Division Superintendent.

Enclosures.

REPORT FORM NO. 1

[REDACTED]

PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE  
2/3/14.

PLACE WHERE MADE  
New York City

DATE WHEN MADE  
2/9/14.

TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE (NAME OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION)

U. S. VS. JACK JOHNSON,  
White Slave Case.

b7c

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS EVIDENCE COLLECTED NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED ETC.

Received telegram from Div. Supt. Bruff, as follows:

"Cablegram dated Chicago, January 21, addressed [REDACTED], Paris, France, signed Chicago Examiner, requested interview Jack Johnson relative to departure from United States. Reply to same dated Jany. 23rd. Unable to find record here in offices of Postal or Western Union Telegraph Company showing transmittal or receipt of message referred to. Please investigate in New York. Purpose determining whether or not above messages were sent or received. Important."

Replied as follows:

"Sunned. Matter under investigation. Will wire you result."

Was also engaged during the day directing the work of Special Agents assigned to this Division, in the absence of Division Superintendent Offley.

COPY OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO:

New York Office.