

the twelve expelled spies from the PMW Union, and at the most did not include over fifteen to twenty members. On September 27, 1937, Elshoff announced that he would reopen Mine B. When the miners reported for work, Oscar Falcetti, the Mine Superintendent, refused to hire anyone except UMW Union members, stating that Elshoff had signed a closed contract with that Union on August 18, 1937. As a result it was impossible to reopen the Mine as only approximately twelve men admitted being UMW members. Thereafter the PMW Union picketed Mine B.

The National Labor Relations Board held an election at Mine B on December 15, 1937, to determine which Union the employees desired. The PMW Union won this election by a vote of 404 to 25.

On December 13, 1937, just two days prior to the NLRB election, Elshoff again unsuccessfully attempted to reopen Mine B under the same circumstances as stated above, that is, on the basis of hiring only UMW members.

On January 4, 1938, just prior to the date the NLRB certified the PMW Union as the bargaining agent for Mine B, Elshoff again attempted to reopen Mine B, and as before, Oscar Falcetti refused to hire any except UMW Union members, with the result that there were not enough workers to operate the Mine. The UMW contended that the election of December 15, 1937, was fraudulent, however, and although the majority of the miners had been interviewed during this investigation, no evidence was uncovered to indicate that this was true.

On November 6, 1939, Elshoff reopened Mine B on an open shop basis. Investigation has disclosed that although members of both Unions were hired, it appears that UMW members were hired generally and as a matter of course, while many PMW members were turned down. Both prior and subsequent to the opening of the Mine, the officials of the PMW Union made frequent contact with Elshoff in an attempt to negotiate a contract. These conferences accomplished absolutely nothing, and it does not appear that there were any specific differences claimed by either the PMW Union or Elshoff with the exception of the former's demand that the alleged spies be prohibited from working at Mine B.

Investigation has also developed considerable evidence indicating that Elshoff and Oscar Falcetti, the Mine Superintendent, allowed UMW Organizers to openly solicit union membership on the premises of Mine B during working hours; however, they denied the same privilege to PMW Union Organizers, having previously obtained a court injunction during the time the Mine was closed prohibiting the PMW from entering Elshoff's property without permission. This injunction was secured at the time Elshoff attempted to reopen Mine B in December, 1937, and the mine was picketed by PMW members. No violence took place during this picketing, however.

E. Decline of Progressive Mine Workers Union Subsequent to November 6, 1939

As indicated above, evidence has been obtained to indicate that favoritism was employed in hiring UMW members in preference to PMW members by Oscar Falcetti, Superintendent of the Mine, at the time it reopened on November 6, 1939. Also, it was indicated above that Elshoff and Falcetti allowed the UMW Union to organize on the premises during the working hours, but the same privilege was denied the PMW Union. Under these circumstances the UMW Union constantly gained in membership, and after the middle of 1940, both Elshoff and the UMW Union changed their former attitude and indicated they desired the NLRB to hold another election to determine the bargaining agency for Mine B. The NLRB held an election to determine the bargaining agency on February 21, 1941, with the result that the UMW won the collective bargaining rights by a vote of 259 to 108. On March 6, 1941, the NLRB certified the UMW as the bargaining agent at Mine B. On March 14, 1941, just eight days later, Elshoff signed a closed contract with the UMW, having accomplished in eight days with that labor union what he had refused to do with the PMW Union.

A majority of the miners employed in Mine B on May 11, 1937, have been interviewed and a substantial majority of those interviewed indicated a present preference for the PMW Union and stated that they voted for the UMW Union at the last NLRB election on February 21, 1941, because they believed, in light of past experience, that in order to be able to work they had to belong to the UMW Union, it being clear that Elshoff would not sign a contract of any sort with the PMW Union. This would indicate that a great many employees at Mine B in 1937 were aware that they had suffered a deprivation of their rights, which it will undoubtedly be necessary to show in the trial of this case.

F. Mine A Transaction

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On September 2, 1941, subject Elshoff purchased Mine A for \$60,000. It was common knowledge that this money was furnished by the UMW to Elshoff, [redacted] Mine A is adjacent to Mine B and was owned by William H. Ryan. It was temporarily shut down at the time of the sale. Prior to the opening of Mine A, rumors were prevalent that Elshoff would never reopen the Mine unless the employees changed from the PMW Union to the UMW Union. The employees did affiliate with the UMW and Elshoff immediately opened Mine A.

A majority of the employees of Mine A in 1941 have been interviewed in connection with this investigation, and a substantial majority indicated that they voted to change Union affiliation to the UMW believing that it was the only way to hold their jobs and keep Mine A in operation, in view of the fact that Elshoff had purchased the Mine with UMW money.

In this connection it is interesting to note that William H. Ryan

stated upon interview that early in 1937 subject Ray Edmundson, President of the UMW local at Springfield, approached him with a proposition to freeze the PMW Union out of Mine A, but that he turned the proposition down flatly.

At the time Elshoff purchased Mine A he announced his intention to operate the Mine through a subterranean passage connected with Mine B, which would enable him to use employees of Mine B to operate the Mine. Many miners will be able to testify that this was a substantial factor in convincing the employees of Mine A that they should affiliate with the UMW of America.

G. Panther Creek Coal Mines Transaction

In the early part of 1942 Elshoff attempted to purchase the Panther Creek Coal Mines, Springfield, Illinois, which were operating under PMW contract, for \$400,000 cash. Mr. Robert C. Solomon, President of the Panther Creek Coal Mines, stated that although the negotiations were unsuccessful, it was assumed that inasmuch as Elshoff had no money of his own, the cash would be furnished by John L. Lewis and the UMW Union. The negotiations were unsuccessful.

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H. Miscellaneous Incidents

Numerous witnesses have been developed in this case who will be able to testify to numerous other incidents bearing on the alleged unfair labor practices indulged in by Elshoff against the PMW Union during the time he received [redacted] from John L. Lewis. For example, it has been established that Lewis and a number of officials of the UMW Union are personally very friendly with Elshoff and met with him on numerous occasions. Also, during the time Mine B was shut down Elshoff bought brokerage coal from the Peabody Mines, Springfield, Illinois, at a very advantageous price arrangement. George W. Reed, Vice President of the Peabody Mines, has admitted that Ray Edmundson, President of the UMW Local at Springfield, suggested that the Peabody Company, which was organized under the UMW Union, take steps to sell brokerage coal to Elshoff in 1937; however, he denies that there was anything out of the way in the transaction. In selling brokerage coal, Elshoff had an outside source of income at the time Mine B was not in operation.

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II. APPRAISAL OF CASE

A. Favorable Aspects of the Case

Many witnesses have been developed who can testify to the facts regarding Elshoff's attempted negotiations with the PMW Union from May, 1937 until 1941. It appears that the establishment of the facts regarding these negotiations and the attempts by Elshoff to reopen Mine B, as set forth above, will of themselves show that Elshoff acted arbitrarily in favor of the UMW Union and that the result of these transactions amounted to the freezing out of the PMW Union at Mine B, Springfield, Illinois. It is the Department's intention, of course, to contend that the activities of Elshoff from 1937 to 1941, constituted unfair labor practices in that they were a violation of the NLRA, which requires employer neutrality in union elections.

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The fact that Elshoff accepted substantial payments from the UMW Union, granting what does not appear to be the case - that these payments were legitimate loans, will lead to the natural inference that Elshoff would not be unbiased in a labor dispute between the UMW and the PMW, which is required of him under the NIRA.

The fact that Elshoff purchased Mine A in 1941 with \$60,000 furnished by the UMW and attempted to purchase the Panther Creek Coal Mines in 1942 with UMW money, will lend credence to the Department's contention that Elshoff acted as a front for the UMW in an attempt by that Union to gain control of key mines organized under the PMW Union in order to freeze out that organization.

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B. Aspects Possibly Unfavorable to the Case

The payment [REDACTED] in this case took place between 1937 and May 18, 1941. Unless it is said that the conspiracy in this matter extends through the Mine A and Panther Creek Coal Mines transactions, the Statute of Limitations will run in June, 1944. It is also noted that there have been very few cases of this type prosecuted under the Civil Rights Statutes. This fact, coupled with the age of the alleged illegal activities, will undoubtedly be used by the defense to their benefit.

The defense will also undoubtedly stress the fact that from 1932 to 1937, members of the PMW Union engaged in violence with the UMW Union and the majority of the individuals convicted in Federal Court, as referred to above, during 1938, were PMW members. In this regard the defense in this case will be able to point to many instances of violence and wrong-doing on the part of the PMW members, who, the Government now alleges, have suffered a deprivation of their rights under the laws of the United States.

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It should also be noted in this regard that the Department has recently indicated [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the FBI will have to reconduct the investigation, and it is very possible that many of the individuals who talked freely [REDACTED] may claim the right to remain silent, claiming possible self-incrimination with regard to the violation in this case.

10-11-43

Date:

To: Mr. Tom C. Clark
Assistant Attorney General

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: JOHN L. LEWIS, ET AL
CIVIL RIGHTS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Reference is made to our previous correspondence in the above-entitled case.

There are transmitted herewith for your information four copies of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated October 5, 1943, of Detroit, Michigan, in the above-entitled matter.

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From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Reference is made to our previous correspondence in the above entitled case.

There are transmitted herewith for your information four copies of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated October 15, 1943, at Springfield, Illinois, in the above entitled matter.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Springfield, Illinois
October 15, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: JOHN L. LEWIS, ET AL.
CIVIL RIGHTS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the Bureau's copies of the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at Springfield, Illinois October 15, 1943.

On several recent occasions Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have conferred with United States Attorney HOWARD L. DOYLE at his request. These conferences were in the nature of informal conversations concerning general aspects of the case. On one occasion Mr. DOYLE advised that while he was in Washington, D. C. about two weeks ago the Attorney General informed him specifically, in the presence of various attorneys of the Department, that this was DOYLE's case and that he was entirely responsible for the case.

Nevertheless it appears that any action DOYLE may intend to take will be contingent upon instructions he receives from the Department. On October 11, 1943 DOYLE advised that he had received a letter over the signature of FRANK COLEMAN, Special Assistant Attorney General, advising that COLEMAN would be in Springfield on October 12th or 13th to assist DOYLE in proceeding with prosecution. However the letter indicated that COLEMAN was to have a final conference with TOM CLARK, Assistant Attorney General, before leaving Washington and DOYLE telephonically contacted CLARK on October 11th to ascertain the results of this conference. He stated CLARK informed him that the case was still under discussion in the Department and they were trying to arrive at a conclusion as to whether the evidence warranted proceeding with prosecution. DOYLE said that CLARK suggested to him that he discuss with Agents of this office the statements which had been made under oath [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A discussion was had with DOYLE concerning these statements. T26, KSC, 56103

Mr. DOYLE has not thus far requested this office to take any investigative steps in this matter but in the event he should make any requests for investigation he will be informed that instructions furnished this office require that requests for investigation be cleared through the Bureau headquarters in Washington, D. C. It is suggested

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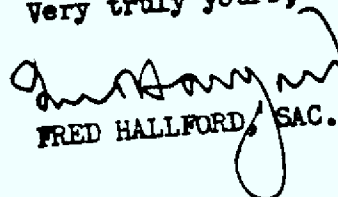
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that in the event it is the intention of the Department that Mr. DOYLE should have authority to request investigation, this office should be advised immediately to that effect.

Very truly yours,


FRED HALLFORD, SAC.

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Date: October 20, 1943

To: SAC, Springfield

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: JOHN L. LEWIS, ET AL
CIVIL RIGHTS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Reference is made to your letter dated October 15, 1943, in the above entitled matter, advising that Mr. Howard L. Doyle, United States Attorney, Springfield, Illinois, stated he was responsible for this case.

In this regard, in the event you receive a request for certain investigation from Mr. Doyle, you should accept the request for investigation; however, it is desired that you immediately inform the Bureau in order that the Bureau can promptly advise the Department of the request made and the fact that investigation will be conducted in accordance with the desires of Mr. Doyle unless advised to the contrary.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I thought you would be interested in the attached copies of newspaper articles which appeared in the Washington Times-Herald and the New York Daily Mirror on October 19, 1943. You will note that the newspaper articles allege that Ray Edmondson, President of the Illinois United Mine Workers, Springfield, Illinois, charged that someone in Washington was tapping the telephones of the United Mine Workers Union and his home telephone. The articles also indicate Edmondson stated that as a result of this practice, it was necessary to establish an "underground party express" system of communication among United Mine Workers officials. C. Elshaff

As you know, this Bureau has conducted an investigation at your request of the allegation that John L. Lewis and certain other officers of the United Mine Workers of America, and Carl E. Elshaff, owner of Mine B, Springfield, Illinois, conspired during the years 1937 to 1941 in violation of the civil rights statutes to injure and oppress Elshaff's employees in the free exercise of the rights secured to them under the National Labor Relations Act. It was also alleged that Lewis paid [redacted] to Elshaff during the years 1937 to 1941 with the intent to induce Elshaff to impose unfair labor practices upon his employees, who were at that time members of the rival union, the Progressive Mine Workers Union.

I thought the allegations made by Ray Edmondson, as set forth in the attached copies of newspaper articles, should be brought to your attention so that there would not be any misunderstanding in the matter, inasmuch as there has been no technical surveillance of any kind employed by this Bureau in the investigation of this case.

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New Deal Accused Of Tapping UMW Wires

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Oct. 18 (C. T.P.S.)—Charging that "somebody in Washington is tapping our office telephones and my home phone," Ray Edmundson, president of the Illinois United Mine Workers, said today he will establish an "underground pony express" system of communication among UMW officials.

He declined to explain the "pony express" method, but asserted that it would be used to transmit important messages.

"Washington Gestapo force" has compelled the mine workers to go back to the pony express," Edmundson charged.

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**Phones Tapped,
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 SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Oct. 1 (UP).—Illinois officials of the United Mine Workers said today they have an "underground" system of communication because "the Government has tapped our phone wires."
 Ray Edmundson, Illinois UMW president, said the "Washington gestapo has compelled the mine workers to go back to the pony express system."
 He declined to disclose details.

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The New York Daily Mirror
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

October 22, 1943

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: JOHN L. LEWIS, ET AL
CIVIL RIGHTS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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There are attached for your information articles which appeared in the Washington Times Herald and the New York Daily Mirror on October 19, 1943. These articles bear the date line Springfield, Illinois, October 18, 1943, and set forth the allegation made by Ray Edmundson, President of the United Mine Workers Union, Springfield, Illinois, that "somebody in Washington is tapping our office telephones and my home phone." Edmundson continued by stating, according to these articles, that as a result of this practice, the UMW will establish an "underground pony express" system of communication among UMW officials. The article in the Times Herald newspaper also contained the statement attributed to Edmundson that "Washington Gestapo force has compelled the mine workers to go back to the pony express."

The allegations of Edmundson, as set forth in the attached newspaper articles, are, of course, absolutely false, as there have not been any technical surveillances of any kind employed in the investigation of this case and none are contemplated. In view of the nature of the allegations made by Edmundson, I thought the Attorney General should be appropriately informed of the falsity of Edmundson's charges.

As you know, the Bureau has conducted an extensive investigation in the captioned matter at the express request of the Attorney General to determine if John L. Lewis and officials of the UMW Union, together with Carl H. Elshoff, owner of Mine B, Springfield, conspired in violation of the civil rights statutes to injure and oppress Elshoff's employees in the free exercise of the rights secured to them under the National Labor Relations Act. As you know, it was alleged that Lewis paid [redacted] to Elshoff during the years 1937 to 1941, with the intent to induce Elshoff to impose unfair labor practices upon his employees who were at that time members of the rival union, the Progressive Mine Workers of America.

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

There is attached for your approval a memorandum to the Attorney General, giving him copies of the attached newspaper articles, and informing him that absolutely no technical surveillances have been used in this case.

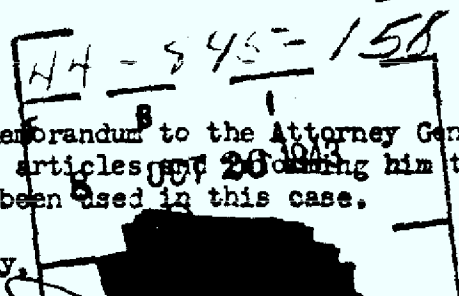


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Respectfully,

D. M. Ladd



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Date:

To: Assistant Attorney General Tom C. Clark

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: JOHN L. LEWIS, ET AL
CIVIL RIGHTS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Reference is made to the previous reports submitted to the Criminal Division in the above entitled case, your file number 144-10.

For your information, there are transmitted herewith four copies of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated October 19, 1943, at San Francisco, California, in the above entitled matter.

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Date:

To: Assistant Attorney General Tom C. Clark
From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Subject: JOHN L. LEWIS, ET AL
CIVIL RIGHTS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Reference is made to our previous correspondence in the above entitled matter, your file number 44-10.

There are transmitted herewith for your information four copies of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated October 28, 1943, at Washington, D. C., together with four copies of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated October 29, 1943, at Indianapolis, Indiana, in the captioned matter.

Investigation is continuing in this matter, according to your request, and it is anticipated that [redacted] who is mentioned in the enclosed report of Special Agent [redacted] will be interviewed in the very near future. He is reportedly at present attending a CIO Convention at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Upon the receipt of a report reflecting the interview of [redacted] a copy will be promptly forwarded to you.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SAC,
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From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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CIVIL RIGHTS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Reference is made to previous correspondence in the above-entitled matter, your file, 44-10. There are transmitted herewith for your information, four copies of the following reports:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated October 28, 1943, at Springfield, Illinois, in the above case.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated October 29, 1943, at Kansas City, Missouri, in the above case.

Investigation is continuing concerning G. Love Grant, an attorney employed by UMW, in accordance with your recent request. A report covering this matter is expected in the very near future and upon its receipt by this Bureau it will be promptly forwarded to you.

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From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
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CIVIL RIGHTS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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**MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
TOM C. CLARK**

**RE: JOHN L. LEWIS, ET AL
CIVIL RIGHTS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated October 15, 1943, at Springfield, Illinois, in the above captioned matter, copies of which were forwarded to the Department on October 18, 1943.

You will note that this report indicates that Agents of the Springfield Office of this Bureau contacted [redacted] for any information he might have regarding this case, and that he declined to answer any questions whatsoever, stating that he had been ordered by attorney Arthur Fitzgerald of Springfield to say nothing to any Agent of this Bureau. The above mentioned report indicates that [redacted] was a special deputy sheriff at the time of the strike at Mine B, Springfield, Illinois, in 1937, and was reported to have had his commission card taken away from him by his superior officer upon the receipt of complaints that [redacted] was favoring the United Mine Workers Union. The report also indicates that this allegation is apparently correct.

In view of [redacted] reluctance to give information voluntarily in this case, it is suggested that you might desire to have [redacted] subpoenaed before a grand jury in this matter in order that the information in his possession might be secured.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
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SAC, Springfield

RE: ^PJOHN L. LEWIS, ET AL
CIVIL RIGHTS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to our previous correspondence and to the reports that have been submitted in this case.

For your information the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice has submitted a memorandum to the Bureau advising that the facts involved in the above entitled matter have been thoroughly considered and no further investigation is presently necessary. In view of the opinion expressed by the Department, further investigation in this case will not be necessary and the matter should be placed in a closed status.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

Re: John L. Lewis et al
Civil Rights and
Domestic Violence

At this time SAC Hallford while talking to the Bureau on other matters also talked to Agent [redacted] in my office relative to this case and asked whether there were any new developments inasmuch as the Springfield Office had completed everything except a few very minor and inconsequential leads. SAC Hallford said he had been keeping two men special on the case.

In response to his question, I indicated to him that we could see no reason for disagreeing with him, that if he felt he could take the Agents off the case and utilize them to better advantage on other cases he should do so. They are assigned to the Springfield Office. He indicated he would probably do this.

In addition, he indicated that USA Doyle has not received any specific instructions from the Department, although he has been told that he is in complete charge of the case. Agent [redacted] indicated to Mr. Hallford that no advice had been received from the Department relative to what action would be taken by it and the case as far as the Bureau is concerned at present is in status quo.

Respectfully,

F. L. Welch
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Springfield, Illinois

FILE NO.
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REPORT MADE AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA	DATE WHEN MADE 10/29/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/23/43	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE JOHN L. LEWIS, PAY ED UNDSOF, WALTER J. JAMES, Officials of the United Mine Workers of America; CARL E. BLSEOFF, owner of mine "B", Springfield, Illinois.			CHARACTER OF CASE CIVIL RIGHTS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: JOHN L. LEWIS was president of the United Labor Bank and Trust Company, Indianapolis, Indiana. This bank was incorporated under the laws of Indiana and voluntarily liquidated in November of 1932. Articles of dissolution filed with the secretary of state 4/13/43. <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> REFERENCE: Letter from the Springfield Field Division dated 10/25/43. DETAILS: The Indianapolis Field Division was advised by reference letter that JOHN L. LEWIS appeared in Indianapolis, Indiana between August 9, and August 15, 1943 in connection with the voluntary liquidation affairs of the United Labor Bank and Trust Company of which he was president. It was requested that this office determine if instant trust company was doing business between 1937 and 1941. <p style="text-align: center;">DEFERRED RECORDING</p> AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA [REDACTED] was interviewed on October 28, 1943. He advised that the United Labor Bank and Trust Company of which JOHN L. LEWIS was president was sold to the Indianapolis Clearing House Bank on October 31, 1932 and went into			
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liquidation on November 23, 1932.

b7c [REDACTED] Clerk's Office of the Secretary of State, produced records regarding the United Labor Bank and Trust Company, incorporated under the laws of the State of Indiana.

The records reflect that on November 23, 1932, on receipt of a petition filed by more than 80% of the stock holders of the United Labor Bank and Trust Company the Directors were ordered to liquidate their affairs. One Hundred Thousand Dollars was loaned by the Indianapolis Clearing House association for this purpose. By November 30, 1932, all the liabilities of the bank except liabilities to stockholders and all depositors had been paid in full.

On October 7, 1935, the Union Trust Company, as trustee for the Clearing House notified the United Labor Bank and Trust Company that the \$100,000.00 loan had been paid in full, and returned certain unliquidated assets to the United Labor Bank and Trust Company.

On October 7, 1935, FLOYD C. BELL, 1514 Merchants Bank Building, Indianapolis, Indiana, was appointed as agent to receive unliquidated assets and to distribute them equally to stockholders. Articles of dissolution were filed with the secretary of state April 13, 1945.

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